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Ice storm damage in King Township

Tree damage was widespread across King Township following the ice storm that marred the Christmas celebration. Limbs split and fell from many mature trees, leaving a huge cleanup for residents. Here, this is what the entrance to the Humber Trails Reforestation Area off of Mill Road looked like last week.

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Ice storm mars Christmas celebration

By Mark Pavilons

This year's Christmas celebration was anything but merry for thousands of residents across York Region.

The massive ice storm that swept across Ontario left hundreds of thousands without power, downed trees and damaged homes and vehicles.

Virtually no area of King was left unscathed, as many mature trees suffered damage.

In King, the ice storm, which began Dec. 22, caused power failures and shortages that started at roughly 2 a.m. that day.

Power was still out in some isolated rural areas Dec. 26.

At the start of the ice storm, more than 600,000 customers were without power in Ontario.

King's Fire and Emergency Services have been responding effectively to all calls received. Township crews have been working steadily to maintain roads, which are in good condition allowing affected residents to travel to unaffected areas. Crews have also been checking King's water and sanitary sewer systems which are also functioning well. Sidewalk snow clearing has commenced, however, crews are experiencing delays as they continue to deal with fallen branches.

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Township facilities were open to residents looking for a place to warm up while they were without power.

"We appreciate the co-operation we have received from all residents and businesses as we work through the storm's effects and encourage everyone who is able to check on friends and neighbours," according to the Township's website. "We appreciate the significant efforts expended by our staff and Hydro One crews as they worked through challenging conditions to restore service as quickly as they did given the widespread effects of the storm."

The lights started to flicker in King City at roughly 10 p.m. Dec. 21, according to Councillor Cleve Mortelliti, who said damage to trees was widespread in his ward.

"Across the road from us the branches of a large tree began slumping over the power lines and we could see arcing beginning to occur with smoke and flames jumping off the lines and igniting the tree limb. Then Hydro One showed up with a cherry picker to try and cut some of the limbs. But before they managed to do this the sky lit up bright blue with this incredibly loud arcing and buzzing sound and the power went off up and down the street. Hydro One cut the tree branches off the line and turned the power back on."

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York approves its 2014 budget with a 1.54% tax increase

By Mark Pavilons

York Region now has bragging rights for record-low tax increases over the past term.

And that translates to a softer impact on homeowners.

York Regional Council approved its \$3 billion 2014 Business Plan and Budget, which includes \$1.2 billion in funding for capital projects and \$1.8 billion to maintain services to residents and businesses.

The 2014 budget includes a 1.54 per cent tax increase, representing an additional \$32 for an average residential property in York Region.

In King, York takes the lion's share of property at 45%, with the Township keeping 33%. The school boards absorb the remaining 22%.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said the average tax hikes over the past four years have been less than the rate of inflation.

King Township presented its draft budget and is proposing a 2.59% tax hike, but it has yet to be approved.

Pellegrini said the local budget is "secure," with no surprises and he pegs the blended tax increase (as it currently stands) at roughly 1.5%.

King will receive what the mayor calls "small dollar capital" improvements. Capital road works are allotted, and expected to take place in the next year or two. They include improvements to intersections at Highway 27 and King and Weston and King.

The mayor is pleased there's a regional commitment to maintain the bus routes (61, 22) that serve King.

Pellegrini is impressed that the region has plans for 30 more civilians for York

Regional Police, which means more officers will hit the streets. There are plans for 18 new paramedics to service the need.

And all of this is achieved at a lower cost.

The York budget makes major infrastructure investments that deliver on its mandate of sustainable growth, while ensuring the high quality programs and services needs of our residents and businesses are met in areas such as transit infrastructure, community and health services, policing, water and wastewater and roads.

The 1.54 per cent tax increase maintains York's record of low tax increases. Coupled with their sound fiscal strategy, there will be a "significant increase in its reserve levels and a significant reduction to debt levels."

Budget Highlights

The \$3 billion York Region 2014 budget is the fourth-largest municipal budget in the province of Ontario.

The 2014 operating budget includes the following new additions:

- 16 additional police officers and 30 civilian staff, resulting in deployment of 11 further officers to front-line patrol.
- 18 additional paramedics to service high-call volume areas.
- Investment in Community and Health Services Multi-Year Plan initiatives.
- Investment in housing programs, including increased contribution to non-profit housing capital repair reserve.

The 2014 Operating Budget includes:

- \$506 million for environmental services.
- \$427 million for Community and

Health Services.

- \$305 million for York Regional Police.
- \$295 million for transportation services.

The 2014 Capital Budget includes:

- \$303 million for wastewater.
- \$287 million for York Region Rapid Transit Corporation.
- \$128 million for water.
- \$117 million for Regional roads.



There was plenty of tree damage in Nobleton, as this majestic birch at the four corners lost a few large branches.

Photo by Mark Pavilons



King firefighters honoured with long service medals

By Mark Pavilons

Front-line emergency workers put public safety ahead of their own.

Looking after their fellow citizens in King Township garnered some of our finest with awards recently.

Five members of King Fire and Emergency Services received long service medals recently.

According to fire chief Jim Wall, these were first awarded in 1971 and the "Fire Services Long Service Medal" is an expression of public appreciation for the dedication and hard work of members of the Ontario Fire Services. It is officially recognized by the Province and is included in the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997.

Members of full-time and volunteer fire departments can qualify for the medal. The medal is worn on the left breast subordinate to Canadian or British decorations. Suspended from a red, white and green ribbon, the circular medal bears on the obverse the Maltese cross, with the coat of arms of Ontario superimposed and the inscription "Fire Services Ontario." The inscription "For Long Service the Fire Protection and Prevention Act" appears on the reverse.

Besides the medal, recipients are also presented with a citation, which includes their name and the signature of the Fire Marshal of Ontario.

Assistant district chief Bruce Graham was honoured for 40 years of service.

District chief Joe Huson was praised for his 25 years of service.

Firefighter Renzo Cescolini received his medal for 25 years' service.

Deputy Fire Chief James Arnold was honoured for his 25 years of service as was Fire Chief James Wall.

Storm impacted all areas of King

From Front Page

The sky lit up again he said at 2 a.m. and the power went and didn't come on again until Sunday evening. That lasted about five minutes when "something blew up again." Power did not come on until late Monday.

His home backs onto Memorial Park and Sunday morning he heard the sound of heavy branches cracking and crashing to the ground all over all over the neighborhood.

"It looks like a small tornado blew threw the area with all the broken and downed trees," he observed.

Ward 2 Councillor Peter Grandilli said residents called him "stressed out" by power outages.

He himself lost power on and off both Saturday and Sunday. Then Sunday evening, while he was enjoying a soccer game on TV, the power went off again. He was lucky in that he has a fireplace.

He too, heard the loud crashing noises of falling tree branches, some of which blocked his driveway.

He had to reschedule one of his family gatherings and they got their power back Thursday morning.

Patty Fleetwood, of the Nobleton Village Association, said there were lots of trees down in Nobleton.

She said she heard two large booms and thought a tree had come down on the roof, but didn't find anything. She then heard about the phenomenon known as "frost quakes," a rare occurrence that takes place when water seeps into the ground, freezes and expands rapidly, causing an earthquake-like effect.

"I went for a drive through town and was amazed at the tree damage," she said.

Fortunately, the weekend thaw helped save many trees that were in danger of being permanently damaged.

Annual King Township breakfast, skate

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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King, York in full gear for winter road maintenance

By Mark Pavilons

We've faced Mother Nature's wrath, and given the recent winter weather, this season will be a challenge for municipal road maintenance.

King Township has 10 trucks and two graders to handle the municipality's estimated 320 kilometres of roads. Staff are all in-house employees and King doesn't contract out.

The recent additions include two brand new single axle and one double axle dump truck, costing \$500,200. They were shown off at the recent A Main Street Christmas parade in Schomberg. The massive blades stood out on these machines.

According to Jeff Parks, King's Manager of Budgets & Accounting, the Township had a snow removal budget of \$571,000 in 2013, and the estimated budget for 2014 is \$595,000.

York Region, which handles the regional roads in King, is ready for all types of inclement weather this winter season.

As part of its winter roads maintenance program, York Region is using new

technology and initiatives to ensure motorists are able to safely move around the Region. There are five weather stations throughout the Region to help estimate a storm's time of arrival and its approaching direction. The Region has added new rear-discharge snow plows to its fleet that can spread sand/salt more efficiently on regional roads.

York Region also applies anti-icing (a salt-brine mixture) on road surfaces prior to inclement weather to prevent ice crystals from bonding with the pavement surface. During severe winter storms, York Region plows and applies sand/salt to major arterial roads (those most heavily travelled) first and all other regional roads shortly thereafter.

The region has an estimated \$16 million winter maintenance program, to deal with 1,100 kilometres (or more than 3,500 lane-kilometres) of roads.

The region had 88 plow vehicles and they use an average of 360 tonnes of sand/salt during one round. It costs an average of \$58,600 for one round of plowing, salting and sanding.



King tables 2014 budget with 2.59% tax hike

By Angela Gismondi

King is looking at increasing property taxes by 2.59 per cent in 2014.

The Township tabled the draft 2014 budget and business plan on Dec. 16. If approved, the 2.59 per cent tax rate, Township's portion of the property tax bill would translate to a property tax increase of \$61.18 over 2013 levels for an average home assessed at \$711,902, that works out to \$5.10 a month.

The Region of York approved its 2014 budget with an increase of 1.54 per cent on Dec. 19. Assuming the provincial government remains neutral on the education tax rate, the blended tax increase is estimated to be 1.56 per cent. For an average home, in King, assessed at \$711,902, this translates into a \$108.84 property tax increase or \$9.07 per month.

Councillor Peter Grandilli said that he didn't see any of his "wish list" items included in the budget.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti pointed out the Township doesn't have the money to do all the requested projects.

"I think this is reasonable considering the blended rate," said Mortelliti.

The 2014 plan includes an operating budget with gross expenditures of \$28.3 million, a capital budget of \$7.89 million and a 10-year capital plan of \$69.9 million.

The draft budget also recommends program changes in the net amount of \$273,627. Some of the proposed new initiatives and enhancements include winter snow plowing staff, parks students for special events and beautification, a coordinator for marketing, sponsorships and events, building maintenance, program expansion, a Heritage Grant Program, a part-time finance clerk, asphalt maintenance and patching, winter maintenance standby, regulatory road sign inspection, clean up day enhancement, a technical support analyst, gravel road and shoulder maintenance, a long-term financial plan, guide rails improvements, sidewalk replacement program, an economic development assistant and a preventive maintenance program for parks.

The budget includes capital projects in the amount of \$7.89 million. Some of the major capital projects (with gross expenditures of \$100,000 and greater) being proposed in 2014 are:

- Church Street Reconstruction (\$2.80M).
- Dufferin Street Bridge (\$2.02M).
- Watermain - Highway 27 at Parkview and King (\$370,000).
- Nobleton Pool Retrofit (\$320,000).
- Laurier Park - Splash Pad and various park improvements (\$310,000).
- Graham Bridge Design work (\$280,000).
- Purchase of Tandem Dump Truck and Plow (\$200,000).
- Purchase of Single Axle Dump Truck (\$200,000).
- Culvert 219 Replacement (\$200,000).
- Asset Management Program (\$130,000).
- Water Meter Replacement Program (\$120,000).
- Purchase of Backhoe (\$100,000).

Final adoption and approval of the Township's budget is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13.

MPP Helena Jaczek notes progress was made in 2013

By Mark Pavilons

While uncertainty exists in 2014, the past year was a productive one at Queen's Park, according to a local MPP.

Dr. Helena Jaczek, Oak Ridges-Markham MPP, noted Ontario's first female premier has been a solid leader and important role model to women.

Passing this year's budget was a test and the Liberals reached out to the NDP to get a few items passed.

In 2013, 13 government bills were passed, and the issues were varied. This, Jaczek said, indicates progress is being made and representatives are productive, despite the minority government.

Locally, King Township received some infrastructure fundings and the government has confirmed its support and commitment to the expansion of Seneca College. "I would have liked to have seen a shovel in the ground, but the commitment is there," she said.

Jaczek has been spending a lot of her time on several committees, noting it's not always partisan politics.

She lauded the recent announcement of making a dental program more accessible to children, something she promoted during her years in public health. The new program will cut down on administrative costs and get the services to those who need it most.

Good news for drivers is a reduction in auto insurance premiums, which came into effect Jan. 1. A reduction in the Drive Clean fees is also an attempt to make the program more revenue-neutral.

Of course, the challenges faces by the Liberals in 2013 centred around waste and civil service excesses.

The gas plant fiasco is a thorn in their side, something Jaczek admits was not appropriately addressed and the wasted money is "distressing."

While eHealth had been contentious, she noted progress has been made in creating electronic medical records for Ontarians - some 9 million to date. Hopes are the process will become "seamless."

Jaczek also sits on the ORNGE committee, and while some of the salaries and expenses are "indefensible," the service did acquire physical assets and service is being delivered. She did say the ORNGE board bears heavy responsibility and this situation could have occurred no matter who was in charge at Queen's Park.

The premier's leadership approach is well received and the Liberals will present their next budget this spring.

Jaczek is pushing for two-way, all-day GO trains, express busses and improved transit services.

The controversial gas tax to fund such transit initiatives in the GTA will be hotly debated.

The Liberals are also moving forward on an enhanced pension plan.

The government is also looking at an aging at home strategy.

The public could also face two elections in 2014. The municipal election is set for Oct. 27 and there's a possibility of a spring provincial election, should the budget be defeated.

"I hope everyone gets involved," she said.

Bolton man killed in collision

The weather is considered a contributing factor in a fatal collision on Saturday evening. Just after 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, South Simcoe Police, along with paramedics and King Fire & Emergency Services, responded to a two vehicle collision on Highway 27, about three kilometers north of Schomberg.

Police report a farm tractor pulling two fully loaded hay wagons lost control on the icy road and jack-knifed across the highway. A southbound Volkswagen Jetta stationwagon swerved to the right, but was unable to avoid the wagons, crashing into the rear of the first. A 77-year-old grandfather from Bolton was killed instantly. His two-year-old granddaughter, who was in a child safety seat, was uninjured.

Roads at the time of the crash were icy, and the continuing storm hampered investigators, who kept the road closed until the early morning hours of Sunday morning. Witnesses to the collision are asked to call the South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311 or 705-436-2141.

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New year a time to re-evaluate life's journey

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."

Douglas Adams, *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul*

Human beings constantly try to figure out this enigma known as existence.

We're all unique and strange. Some of us are these really big brains, walking around in awkward, fragile bodies, susceptible to breakdown from many sources. We may relax from time to time (some more than others), but our minds never stop working.

It's unknown just how much of our three-pound organ we use, but it's way more than the 10% reported years ago – an urban legend with unknown origins.

According to the "experts," it turns out that we use virtually every part of the brain and most of it is active almost all the time. The brain represents three per cent of the body's weight and uses 20 per cent of the body's energy.

The average human brain weighs about three pounds and comprises the hefty cerebrum, which is the largest portion and performs all higher cognitive functions; the cerebellum, responsible for motor functions, such as the coordination of movement and balance; and the brain stem, dedicated to involuntary functions like breathing. The majority of the energy consumed by the brain powers the rapid firing of millions of neurons communicating with each other.

Evidence shows that over the course of a day, you use 100% of your brain.



Mark Pavilons

And, despite our intellect, we have yet to unravel life's mysteries. Even after thousands of years, we can't adequately and completely explain love, fate, a higher power, the afterlife and whether there's intelligent life in the cosmos. We also have trouble opening a pack of deli meat.

What does this have to do with our daily lives, as we delve into 2014?

Well, this time of year often forces us to sit back, recollect, take stock and ponder all those twists and turns in our life's journey.

Did our lives turn out as we had hoped or believed?

As a young person, I never really "planned" or "laid out" my future in any detail. I think most of us just hoped for our share of love, happiness, family and a meaningful existence.

I am reminded of the Rolling Stones verse that says you don't always get what you want, but most often you get what you need.

In today's world, happiness, financial and job security may be elusive. The world can be a bitter place.

As I look at the faces of my offspring, I realized I misplaced a few years.

My eldest will soon mark her sweet 16 – something I never envisioned or prepared for.

I have forgotten about the times when our first-born learned to walk, talk and explore the world. These milestones – huge at the time – are now just swaddled in family albums. Sure, there are photos, videos and art that attest to these times – frozen moments so long ago.

She's a teen, nearing the abyss that is adulthood.

She has very strong notions and she's passionate, giving, talented, funny and assertive.

Like her father, she worries a bit too much about things beyond her control.

Lexie wants to change the world. All the power to her.

My boy child, who will become a teenager this coming spring, continues to amaze, perplex and frustrate me.

Slugs, snails and puppy dogs' tails for certain.

I'm often so wrapped up in my own little idiosyncracies that I forget how important it is to raise a loving, caring, sensitive male offspring.

He constantly asks me questions and tests my abilities. I admit my answers are not as quick or spot-on as they used to be. I over-compensate with sarcasm, which is a very handy skill if done properly.

I try to help, guide, teach and praise. I tell him I love him.

I love his curiosity and sense of adventure. But he, too, worries about the afterlife and the end of life on earth due to some cosmic catastrophe. Too much weight for small shoulders.

Our youngest can be as immovable as a brick wall. This eight-year-old ball of fire can go from an assertive know-it-all to sweet as sugar in the blink of an eye.

I have yet to figure any of them out completely.

And I have yet to get a handle on my own plight in this world, let alone be a prophetic mentor and moral compass.

But that's what I signed up for, and it's my full-time job to ensure the next generation makes the world a better place.

No pressure there.

I don't ponder how quickly time has passed – what's the point?

What matters is whether I've spent it wisely over the years.

When I look at old vacation photos of my wife and I before we had kids, I smile. I was quite a guy, when I wore a younger man's clothes.

Borrowing on a sentiment from Kierkegaard, you can sometimes understand life backwards (in hindsight), but it has to be lived forwards.

And that is uncharted territory – for everyone.

The demands of the world, and current economic realities, can kick us when we're already down. Job uncertainty, constantly rising prices and the cost of living, make wearing that smile a chore at times.

My little ones will soon become big. And they will get to understand these things all too well.

I can't arm them with wheelbarrows filled with cash. There's no trust fund or hidden vault.

What I can do is hold them, squeeze them, protect them, until it's time to let go.

Has any of this gotten me any closer to the proverbial meaning of life?

Not in the least. I'm still learning.

Editorial

Canada Post cuts 'short-sighted'

We're all too familiar with government inefficiency and waste. The problem is also rampant in arm's length organizations such as Canada Post, one of our country's cherished crown corporations.

Hot on the heels of praising itself on handling one million packages in one day at its Gateway facility, the corporation announced cuts in its workforce to stem its rather lackluster financial performance. Canada Post announced it will end door-to-door delivery and raise the price of stamps, in an effort to cut costs and improve its bottom line.

This is criticized by CUPW, calling the move "short-sighted and foolish." We tend to agree.

This massive organization may have been on a downward spiral for years, given the popularity of electronic correspondence and online everything. But none of this is surprising. The Internet has been around for 18 years now. One would think that with the explosion of Internet shopping and places like eBay, packages still need to be delivered. And the large courier services have enjoyed this added business. More people selling online still provides business for Canada Post.

So, placing the blame on external influences is a cop out. The problems with Canada Post, like its counterpart USPS, is internal inefficiencies and labour costs.

There's no question Canada Post can do better. The question is, why haven't they?

In order for Canada Post to be competitive, serious changes are necessary, and not in terms of mail delivery. Start at the top!

Letter to the Editor

King Museum looking for help to create commemorative war display

As you may be aware, 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

The museum would like to put on a display that, among many things, would highlight the veterans from our community and look at the effect of the war on King Township.

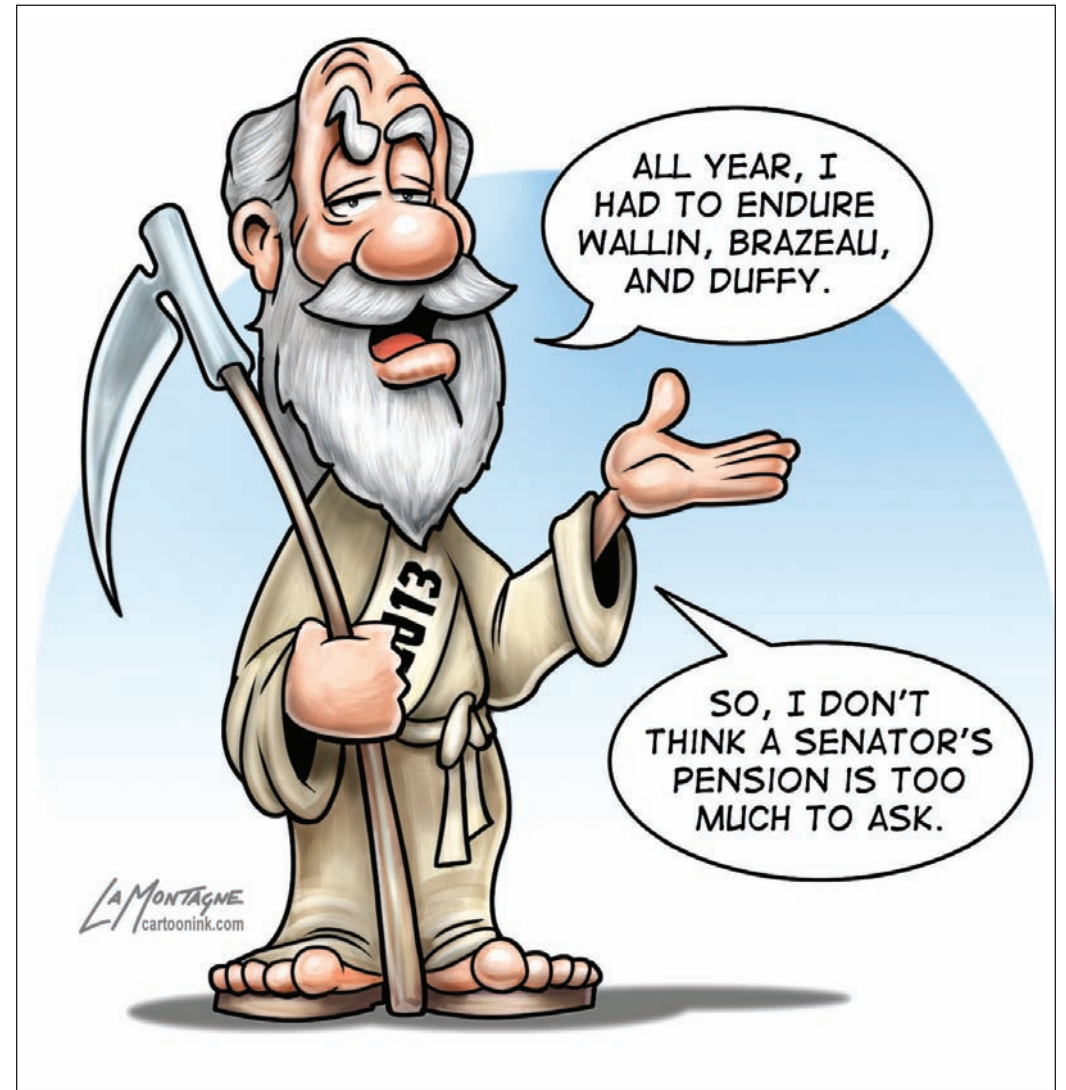
Ways we could do this include showcasing biographies of soldiers and their families; by showing the economic impact of the war on local economy and family livelihood; showing how things were before the war and how they had changed after, etc.


I am looking for group of volunteers who would be interested in assisting with this commemorative exhibit. Assistance could be provided through ideas, sharing of family photos or letters, loan of artifacts, research for text panels, and/or assembling the exhibit.

Please let me know if you might be interested in helping and I will set up a brain storming meeting in January of 2014.

The plan is for the exhibit to run from August to December 2014, so we can reach the school children and be in place during November and Remembrance Day.

Kathleen Fry
Museum Curator
Parks, Recreation and Culture Department
Township of King





Brainteaser

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Last week's answer: Three blind mice have 6 eyes combined, but cannot see!

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Results from last week's poll:
Would you support a gas tax to help fund public transit in the GTA?

a) Yes **26%**

b) No **74%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think you personally were adequately prepared for last week's storm?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!


King Trivia

Kettleby named after home in England

As J.M. Walton himself later wrote, Kettleby is not named after a village in Wales, but rather after the aristocratic Tyrwhitt's ancestral home of Kettleby in Lincolnshire, England. This home still exists to this day as Kettleby Farm, 3 kilometres east of Brigg.

This is substantiated by the document Notices and Remains of the Family of Tyrwhitt, written and printed in 1858 by Robert Tyrwhitt, eldest brother of Septimus. They are descended from the early 1500s Tyrwhitt male line of Sir Robert Tyrwhitt of Kettleby near Brigg in Lincolnshire, in turn descended from Sir Archil Tyrwhitt of Northumberland from the time of William the Conqueror in the 11th century.

Born in Shropshire, England in August 1815, Septimus was the son of Sir Richard Tyrwhitt. Sir Richard moved his family from England to Wales in May 1819 and in then in May 1823 they settled in Nantyr, Denbighshire, Wales. Canadian born nephew of Septimus, Lt. Col. Richard Tyrwhitt, M.P for South Simcoe, was instrumental in the naming of the community of Nantyr in the Town of Innisfil.



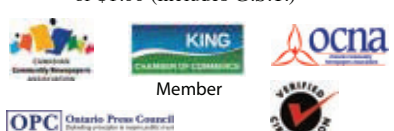
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Past year a very busy one at King Township

Happy New Year!

The past year has been extremely busy at the Township.

After developing the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan in 2012 it is now the primary reference point for our decisions. The plan speaks to key initiatives that need to be undertaken to protect our rural municipality in many different aspects. To that end we have completed:

- The first-ever Economic Development Strategy.
- The first-ever Business Retention and Expansion Program.
- An update of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan.
- A Museum Strategic Business Plan.
- A King Township Public Library Strategic Plan.
- A Green Sustainability Checklist.
- Community and street beautification efforts.

We also have currently under way:

- A Transportation Master Plan Study.
- A Development Charges Background Study.
- A Housing and Residential Intensification Study.
- An Official Plan Review.

I encourage all residents and business property owners to become involved with the Official Plan Review process. The plan will guide our economic and financial sustainability and will pave the path for our future within and beyond a 20-year horizon. It is what and where we want King to be.

In preparation for the 2015 PanAm Games, I am also pleased that King joined the Headwaters Horse Country initiative through a three-year partnership with the Hills of Headwater Tourism Association and municipal partners of Caledon, Erin and Dufferin County, in the pursuit of becoming a Centre of Excellence for all things Equine within the Province of Ontario and in Canada.

When I came into office in 2010, one of my key objectives was to ensure the long-term sustainability of our municipality and I am proud to say that all of these initiatives are getting us there.

Our financial sustainability was also a very real concern in 2010. At that time, our reserves were just over \$12 million for the entire Township. As of the end of 2013 we have more than \$37 million in reserves. These reserves are the way that we will be able to adequately fund



our infrastructure expenses now and in the future. We are steadily paying down debt and are in a much more secure financial position due to the fiscally responsible manner in which the Township staff and council operates.

Another key objective was developing strong relationships with the other levels of government and accessing the various funding available from each one.

In 2013 we received \$3,517,625 in grants ranging from bridge replacement at \$1,849,631 to a Museum grant of \$13,500. Since 2010 King Township has received just over \$27 million in grants.

I am proud to say that our council is the envy of York Region (and perhaps the GTA) because of the professional way in which it conducts itself. Council members and Township staff address all issues in a thoughtful, respectful manner and bring their wealth of knowledge and experience to every decision that is made. For this, I thank all council members and the Township staff!

On a lighter note, but equally important, is the fun stuff!

Remember that this coming Saturday, Jan. 4 from 9-11 a.m. is the Township's 2014 Pancake Breakfast Levee at the King City Community Centre and Arena. It is followed by a free skate from 11 a.m. to noon. I invite you and your

family to come out and have breakfast served by me and the rest of our council (safely prepared by the Lions) and work it off with a skate!

Also watch for the "Meet the Mayor"

dates. I would really like you to come out and share with me your concerns and your thoughts on our great Township.

May 2014 bring health, happiness and prosperity to all!

York Region made 'significant progress' in 2013, chairman says

By Mark Pavilons

The past year has been one of "significant progress" at York Region, according to its chair.

Bill Fisch said some key regional initiatives included the opening of the first 2.5 kilometres of bus rapid transit in Richmond Hill from Bayview Avenue to Highway 404.

"I am proud to say we opened this segment four months ahead of schedule, surpassing our goal and providing enhanced service to our growing ridership," he said.

In the past year, York made great strides toward enhancing safety initiatives, including the approval and activation of red light cameras at 20 intersections throughout York Region. This initiative is intended to help save lives and prevent injuries by modifying driver behavior.

In 2013, regional council approved plans for an annex, a new eight-storey office building to be built at the corner of Yonge and Eagle Streets in Newmarket. The annex will allow York Region to consolidate several office locations in leased space into a building the Region will own, saving millions of dollars over time and avoiding future costs.

This term, York approved a new development charge bylaw that increased the development charges for new retail properties. While York Region incurs debt to finance the infrastructure needed for growth, the region collects DCs to pay the principal and interest associated with debt.

One of the biggest challenges York Region will face in 2014 and beyond, is the continued implementation of infrastructure projects to manage expected growth and the debt required to finance infrastructure.

"York Region communities cannot grow without first putting in place critical infrastructure. To support our rapidly growing communities, York Region plans on issuing \$2.7 billion in debt in support of capital initiatives over the next 10 years, the majority of which will be repaid through development charges."

Much of the Region's infrastructure-related construction is occurring in some of the busiest corridors. This comes with its challenges, but will yield many future benefits that will well-serve this rapidly growing community, Fisch observed. Construction on the vivaNext rapidways in Richmond Hill continues into 2014, adding 3.9 kilometres of rapidway from Highway 404 to Warden Avenue.

The extension of Highway 404 into Keswick is currently scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2014. Originally scheduled to open to traffic in 2012, Fisch said he's eager for this critical piece of transportation infrastructure to be completed.

The province announced its plans to extend Highway 427 north through Vaughan to Major Mackenzie Drive. Construction on the 6.6-kilometre highway extension is proposed to begin in 2016/2017. The extension of the 427 would open up Vaughan's employment lands and help facilitate the expansion of business in the area.

Both the federal and provincial governments have set aside roughly \$41.5 million to improve some 26 kilometres of Highway 400, from just north of Canal Road to Innisfil Beach Road. This improvement to Highway 400 will help improve commuter travel times and into York.

Fisch said advocating for affordable mixed-use housing will continue to be a priority for York, not only in 2014 but beyond. York Region's Housing York Strategic Plan 2012-2016 will be used as the framework to guide York Region through this period of exceptional growth.

York is a large geographic region and Fisch assures that every municipality has a voice and is respectfully involved in the decision-making process.

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The word around King

If you lived in Toronto, would you vote for Rob Ford in the next election?

Sarah Smith
"No, not a chance!"

Bill Foran
"I'd have to weigh the options on who would be a good candidate. The man has fessed up and he'll be hard to beat."

Jacqui Dobson
"No. I think he's been embarrassing for Toronto and all in the political arena."

Christin Lorisotto
"Yes, I would. What he's done as a politician for Torontonians outweighs the negativity in his life."



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Mon. January 13, 2014
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Mon. January 27, 2014
5:00pm - Working Session
Update on Facility Structural and Accessibility Audit and Energy Management Plan
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

BUDGET 2014

NOTICE - UPCOMING MEETINGS
2014 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers @ 2075 King Road, King City

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

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

The above noted planning application has been submitted to the Township of King under Section 34(15) of the Planning Act. The application concerns a parcel of land in the Schomberg Industrial Park which is situated at the end of Proctor Road on the north side. The property is regular in shape and measures 0.42 hectares (1.04 acres) with 60 metres (197ft.) of frontage and 70 metres (230ft.) of depth. The development proposal is for a multi-tenant industrial building which includes mezzanine levels and measuring a total gross floor area of 1772 square metres (19,000 sq.ft.). The building has been shown to facilitate up to 11 individual units ranging in size from 130 square metres to 213 square metres and is intended to become a condominium form of ownership.

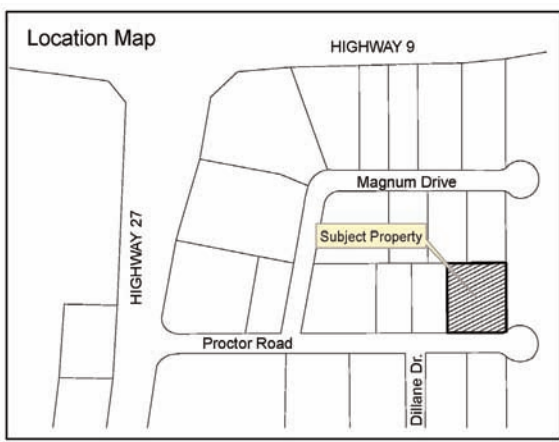
The subject property is zoned Restricted Industrial (M1) - Exception Section 16.9 by Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended. The zoning amendment proposes to change the development provisions of the by-law as they relate to the front yard setback, the area of a parking stall and the amount of required parking. The owner has also submitted a Site Plan Development application to be reviewed concurrently with the zoning amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of King Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the site, is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Numbers Z-2013-13 at (905) 833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013.



DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

KING IS SEEKING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

The Township is currently seeking interested individuals to become active Committee members on certain Committees, as recent resignations have created vacancies on the following Committees:

- * Committee of Adjustment
- * Heritage Advisory Committee
- * Accessibility Advisory Committee

Applications will be accepted at the Township offices, to the attention of Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk, up to January 17th, 2014.

Visit our website, www.king.ca, to obtain information on these Committees, and the recruitment and submission process for applications.

You can make a difference in your community!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KING IS HIRING!

King Township is seeking applications from qualified individuals for the position(s) of:

- * Summer Camp Staff**
 - Travelling Camp Director
 - Inclusion Coordinator
 - Skateboard/Mountain Biking Program Coordinator
 - Museum Camp Program Coordinator
 - General Camp Program Coordinator(s)
 - Camp Counselor(s)
- * Seasonal Aquatics Staff**
 - Pool Supervisor
 - Aquatics Instructors
 - Lifeguards
- * Parks Staff**
 - Parks Operator (Summer Student)

For a detailed description of all employment opportunities visit www.king.ca



During the holiday season, we need to show some extra care for the environment. With a little effort and imagination, we can reduce the environmental impact of this festive time of year! For some sustainable gift and wrapping ideas visit: www.sustainableking.com

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes for a Happy & Sustainable New Year!

Contact sustainability@king.ca for more information.

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29 PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 AS AMENDED

On Monday, December 16, 2013 Township of King Council resolved to pass a By-law to designate 5010 18th Sideroad, King Township (Pt Lt 26, Conc 7, R-Plan 65M-3808, between 7th and 8th Concessions on north side of 18th Sideroad) under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

The Second King Baptist Church has architectural, historical and contextual value for its 19th century rural church. The property is historically associated with the Second King Baptist congregation who formed an integral part of the local community. The full By-law can be obtained from the Township.

Any inquires may be directed to:
Chelsey Tyers, Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator
905-833-4061 or ctyers@king.ca

NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED
Application for Draft Plan of Common Element Condominium File Number 19CDM-13-K03
Part Lot 13, Plan 19 & Part of Block C, Plan M-777
13092, 13098, 13104 Highway 27 & 25 Wilsen Road
Owner: Cal-Wilsen Developments Inc.
Agent: Ryan Virtanen, KLM Planning

The Corporation of the Township of King has received the above noted application and will consider the proposed Condominium Application under Section 51 of the Planning Act. This notice shall serve such purpose to inform that the Township has determined that the above noted Draft Plan of Condominium application is considered complete and that the Planning Department has commenced processing.

The proposed Draft Plan of Condominium application, submitted by Cal-Wilsen Developments Inc. under Planning File 19CDM-13K03, concerns four (4) parcels of land, assembled west of Highway 27 and south of Wilsen Road, in Nobleton, as shown in the map below. The lands are legally described as Part of Lot 13, Plan 19 & Part of Block C, Plan M-777, Township of King, and municipally known as 13092, 13098, 13104 and 25 Wilsen Road.

The application for Draft Plan of Condominium proposes to create a Common Elements Condominium consisting of private roads, visitor parking and some landscaping areas serving thirty-four (34) proposed freehold townhouse units, six of which are live/work mixed use units.

The lands were the subject of recently approved Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Development applications under planning files Z-2011-09 and SPD-13-04.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King has deemed the above noted application complete and will consider the proposed Draft Plan of Condominium under Section 51 of the Planning Act, 1990, as amended. At such time as a statutory Public Meeting has been scheduled in accordance with the Planning Act, the Township of King will provide further notice specifying the date and time of the meeting.

Additional information relating to the proposal is available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Planning Department, 2075 King Road, King City, Ontario, L7B 1A1, or by calling the Planning Department at (905) 833-5321



DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 19TH OF December, 2013

NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2013-143 on the 16th day of December, 2013 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

The subject lands are described as part of Lots 8 and 9, Concession 8 as well as Blocks 190, 194, 205 and 207 of registered plan 65M-4169. Specifically, the lands subject to this application are five locations within draft plan approved plan of subdivision 19T-03K01.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law and a key map showing the location of the lands affected by the By-law are available on our website at www.king.ca.

DATED at the Township of King this 20th day of December, 2013.

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.

2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ARE YOU CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN KING?



Anyone thinking about running as a candidate for Mayor or Ward Councillor within the Township of King can file nomination papers at the Clerks Department.

The Nomination Period begins January 2, 2014 and ends September 12, 2014.

Contact the Clerk's Department for more details. Information is also posted and updated at www.kingvotes.ca throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

REMINDER!

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Separate school board is meeting its challenges

By Mark Pavilons

Staffing and funding issues continue to challenge the York Catholic District School Board.

Despite the challenges, the board is working on a strategic plan that will outline a four-year direction.

Board chair Elizabeth Crowe said some of the top issues and challenges include implementation of the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with all of their employee groups. As different groups reach, agreements often the details of implementation change.

Balancing the budget is an ongoing chore. While the government has invested in some programs such as full-day kindergarten, funding to other areas was cut and the board had to make cuts to central staffing by not replacing certain positions when a retirement occurred.

"High pockets of growth and decline in other parts of the board lead to challenges in staffing," she said.

A "disproportionate" increase in the number of students who receive special education support, but since the board's overall enrolment did not grow, the funding to special education remained constant even though needs increased.

Finding teachers to teach French immersion as the board continues to expand

the program is also proving difficult.

And many of these challenges will continue into 2014, she said.

However, the board is embarking on a strategic planning initiative and is looking for input from stakeholders. There will be a survey online at ycdsb.ca starting in mid-January.

This year is a "bargaining year" and it will be done under a newly legislated framework whereby all major monetary issues will be negotiated at the provincial level and local working conditions will be negotiated locally.

All elementary schools implemented a standardized dress code this school year. In King, Crowe noted that steady growth continues at all three schools and the schools will fill up despite their new additions/buildings.

The strategic planning process, once complete, will outline a four-year plan to address these challenges.

"We will continue to be focused on our Catholicity and the achievement of our students. We will do this by providing safe school environments, professional development for staff particularly in the area of 21st century learning, and working with our schools to increase parent engagement in our schools and in their children's learning."

King Township will pass its budget Jan. 12, input encouraged

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is poised to pass its 2014 budget and business plan Jan. 12, and it's not too late to have your say.

Residents are encouraged to attend and offer their input at the meeting, which starts at 6 p.m. at the Township offices in King City.

The draft will be available on the Township website (www.king.ca) starting Jan. 9.

You can contact the Township if you'd like more information on the budget and the process. You can also contact the finance department.

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%.

As it stands, King is looking at a 2.59% tax increase, with York Region passing its budget that includes a 1.54% hike. This would amount to a blended tax rate of 1.56%, amounting to an average increase of \$108 per year (based on a \$711,902 assessment).

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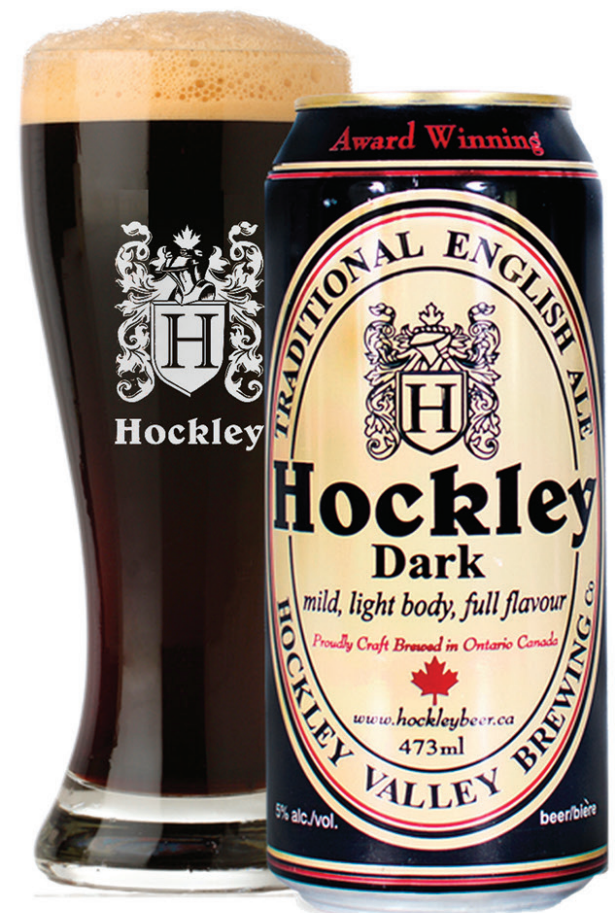


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Cougars' rise to the top a welcome surprise

By JEFF DONER

With so many new faces on this year's version of the Junior A Schomberg Cougars, head coach Jim Egerton said he isn't surprised that his team is fighting for a top spot, but he wasn't so sure it would happen this quickly.

With less than 10 games left in the regular season, the Cougars are battling with the Alliston Hornets for second place in the Georgian Mid-Ontario Junior C division standings.

They currently sit one point behind the Hornets and eight behind the first place Penetang Kings with a sparkling 21-6-2-2 record.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a bit surprised where we are, but I always knew that the team had a lot of potential; it was just if we could put it all together. We're still getting better," Egerton said.

After a short Christmas break, the Cougars skated out to a 4-3 shootout win against Erin on Saturday to start off the final stretch to the playoffs in winning fashion.

This season, the Cougars have been scoring machines, netting the second highest goals in their division with 160. On the other end of the spectrum, the defence and the goaltending have come up strong in allowing only 95 goals thus far.

Taylor Ewart has really stepped into his own this season as Schomberg's veteran netminder.

"He's been really important," Egerton said. "He's not a rah rah type of guy. He's very quiet, but he goes about his work ethic and his preparation for games. He's pretty serious when he's got a start; he works extremely hard in practice and off ice, so I think that he leads by example."

The rookie blueline tandem of Justin Formenton and Nick Chaykowsky has been

formidable for the Cougars, with the pair boasting puck moving skills, scoring prowess, with Chaykowsky also bringing some size.

Chaykowsky's shot from the point has made him the team's highest power play scorer with eight goals and he is the team's fifth highest point-getter with 28.

The Cougars have been getting scoring from many different sources, with 15 players reaching double digits.

Blake Culley (17 goals and 49 points), John Gage (15 and 39), captain Christian Muenz (14 and 34) and JP Crescenzi (14 and 30) have been consistent scoring threats for the Cougars.

"I think our depth has been one of our major strengths," Egerton said. "If you look at the league as a whole, most teams rely on five or six of their top players and maybe one goalie who plays most of the games, where I think our team it's up and down the whole lineup. There are contributions right from the top down."

One thing he wants to see is to have penalty minutes come down for his club. The Cougars currently have served 893 penalty minutes, putting them third in their division in that category.

"Our penalty kill has been good, but when it comes to the playoffs in a short series, you can't really be spending an awful lot of time in the box."

Rookie stay-at-home defenceman Derek Nielly said it has been fun watching his team come together this season and offered his coaches some credit for how the group has grown this season.

"I think it's honestly the coaching. In my personal experience, the head coach and assistants from Jim (Egerton), Doug (Taylor) and Lee (Umansky), they're the best coaches I've ever had. They're really knowledgeable; they know how to put systems in and make good calls. For instance in the Huntsville game recently, (Egerton) called a play

and said, 'if you do this play properly, it will work' and it worked."

From minor hockey to Junior C this year, Nielly said his role has changed from more of an offensive defenceman to a stay-at-home type player, but he said he's willing to do whatever it takes for the team to be successful for the stretch and into the playoffs.

"It's important for people to know their roles and knowing where they have to be on the ice and doing the simple things," he said. "If everybody does the things that they're supposed to do, winning should be no problem."

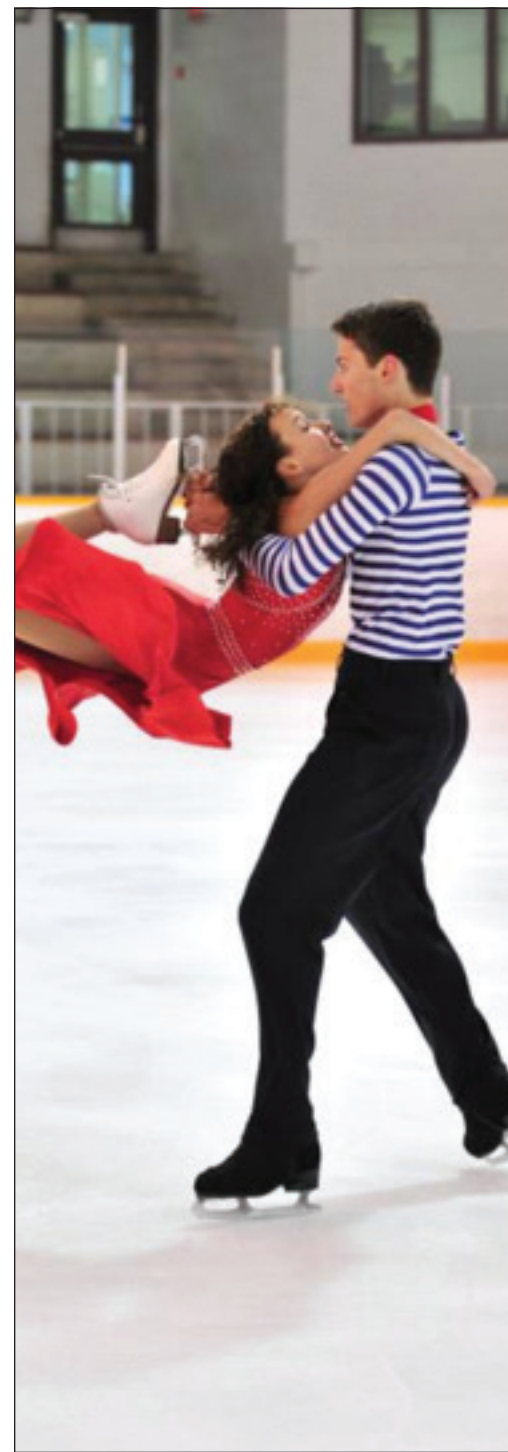
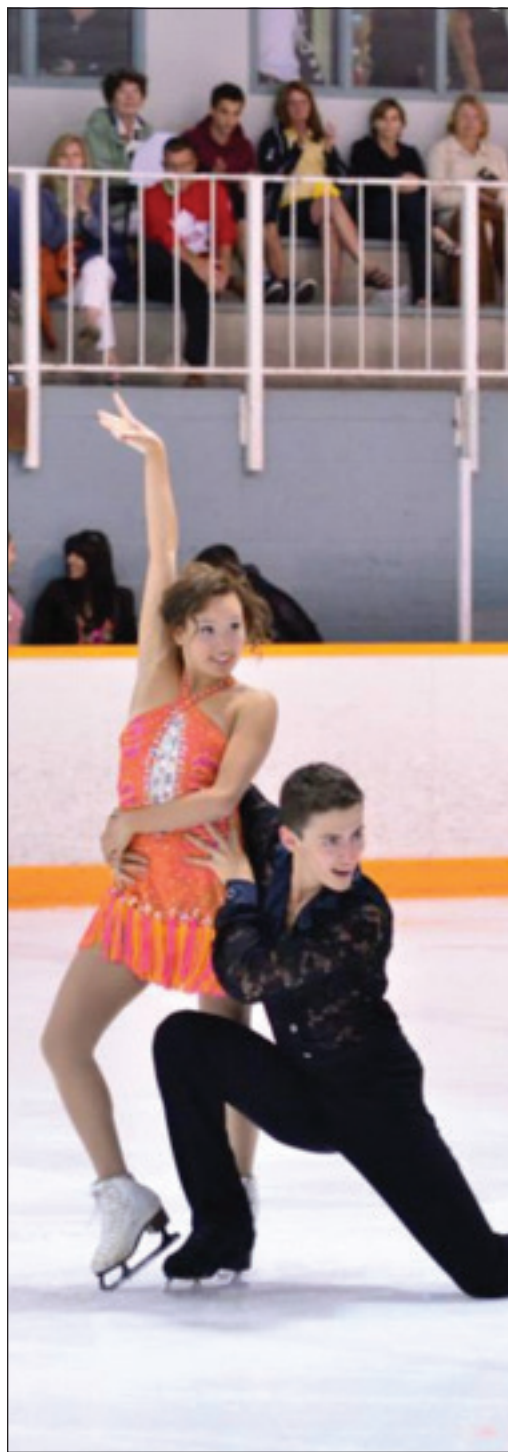
The Cougars face some stiff competition on the final portion of their schedule, but Egerton said that's not really a bad thing.

"You don't mind playing better teams down the stretch because it gets you playoff ready, but in this league right now, the way it has been the last month, it's anybody's game out there ... you can't take any team lightly, but I think when you play the top teams going into the playoffs, that gets you pretty sharp."

In their last eight games, the Cougars will play games against the Penetang Kings, Alliston Hornets and Caledon Golden Hawks, teams that happen to surround the Cougars in the standings.

Their next home game will be on Thursday night against the Stayner Siskins at 8:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

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



Skating duo finish 3rd

The King City Skating Club is proud to congratulate Lucas Kitteridge (KCSC club) and his partner Ceduna Magee, who placed 3rd in Novice Dance at the 2014 Skate Canada Challenge, held in Regina Dec. 4-8. The pair will move on to the National Figure Skating Championships on January 9-15, 2014 in Ottawa.

Equestrian Eric Lamaze has a newly designed website

Canadian Olympic champion Eric Lamaze has launched his newly-designed website - www.torreyepinesstable.com.

Created and designed by Starting Gate Communications Inc., the site features a clean, modern aesthetic and bold, bright artwork and photos. Visitors can read the latest news about Lamaze and his Torrey Pines Stable right on the home page, as well as connect directly with his sponsors by clicking on their logos.

News archives date back to 2008, the year that Lamaze won the individual gold and team silver medals for Canada in dramatic fashion with the great Hickstead.

In addition to a full biography, Lamaze's competition record since 1993 is also available for reference.

Meet Lamaze's current competition horses, and take a tour of the media gallery, where everything from grand prix victories to memorable moments are captured.

Not to be missed is a special interview with the Rolex Testimonee, as fans are guaranteed to learn something new about the 2008 Olympic champion.

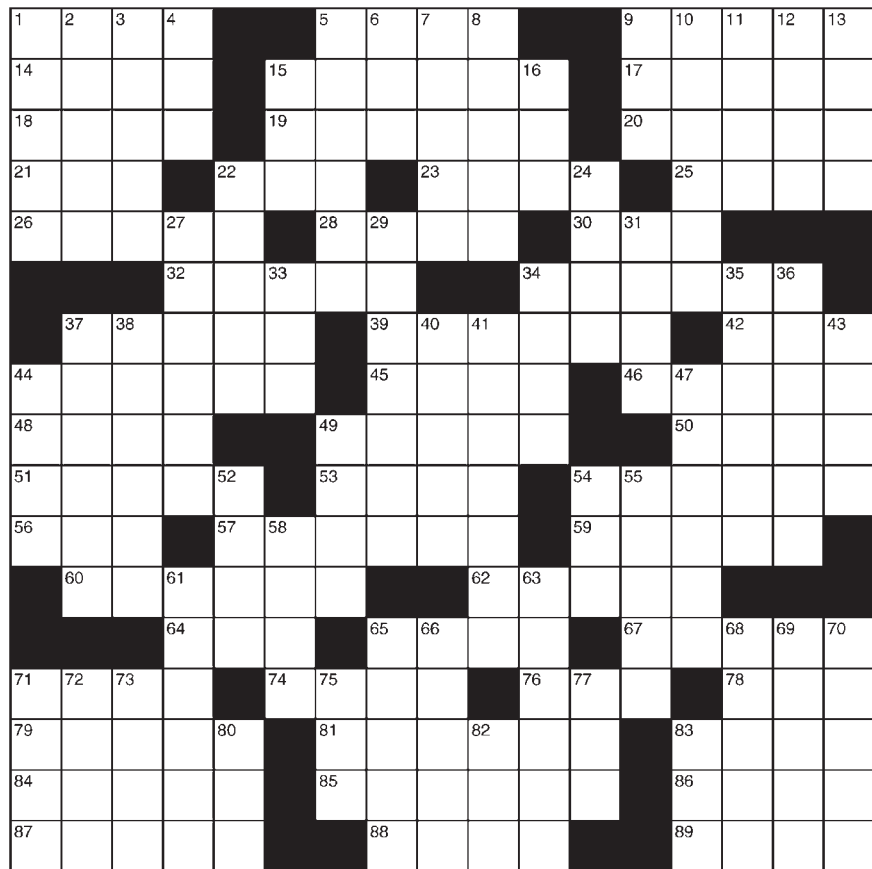
"Our goal was to create an attractive yet straightforward site that allows people to easily access information about Eric, from competition results to personal interviews," said Jennifer Ward, president of Starting Gate Communications Inc. "For Eric, who is one of the most recognizable figures in the sport of show jumping, it was important to have an on-line presence that reflects his image and personality, and also engages the public by being enlightening and user-friendly."

For those who want to know even more about Lamaze's day to day life, a link to his official Facebook page is provided directly on the homepage.

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ACROSS

1. Bird's bill
5. Goopy substance
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14. Wheel shaft
15. Soccer team
17. Freightage
18. Portico
19. Spin
20. Unexpected pleasure
21. Electron-deficient atom
22. Marvy
23. Wedding-cake part
25. Simple
26. Transparent
28. Assist in crime
30. Muslim leader
32. Ma's instrument
34. Uproar
37. Tropical eel
39. Worker at an inn
42. Sable or mink
44. Cancel
45. Green fruit
46. "___ of the Ball"
48. March date
49. Dogma
50. Short message
51. Winner's position

DOWN

1. "___ Instinct"
2. Praise
3. Unattended
4. New Zealand parrot
5. Worldwide
6. ___ off steam
7. Egglike
8. Small
9. Pretend
10. Runway
11. Cypress, e.g.
12. Seaweed gel
13. Learning method
15. Geologic division
16. Borna's
22. Oddity of nature
24. Isolated
27. Transversely
29. Shelf item
31. Attire
33. Drain-opener ingredient
34. Dart about
35. At sea
36. Sweltering
37. Situated in the middle
38. Carry to excess
40. From that moment
41. Make high-pitched sounds
43. Hollow stalk
44. Break in friendship
47. Envelop
49. Mood
52. In this way
54. "___ Lazy River"
55. Flower
58. "The Sun ___ Rises"
61. Plan
63. Baby
65. Darkness
66. Harpoon
68. Cosmetic
69. "Peter, Peter, pumpkin ___"
70. Chopin work
71. Fable, e.g.
72. Egg cell
73. Reasonable
75. JFK follower
77. Jar's cover
80. Conducted
82. Litigate
83. Game marble

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NobleKing Knights at Silver Stick tournament

The NobleKing Knights minor bantam hockey team travelled south to Vaughan for the Silver Stick tournament last weekend. The team didn't fare as well as they had liked, but they played hard against some formidable opponents.

On Friday the Knights were shut out 5-0 by the Toronto Aces, which made their two games on Saturday all the more important. They stuck with the Willowdale Blackhawks for the first period, which ended with a 1-1 tie, but the Blackhawks would take over to hand the Knights a 6-2 loss. Later in the afternoon, the Knights squared off against the Erindale Spitfires. This was a close game throughout, but the Knights fell just short, dropping the decision 3-2. For more information on the NobleKing Knights, visit www.noblekinghockey.com.

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Point guard Spagnuolo is athlete of the week

This week the honour goes to Grade 12 student Gene Spagnuolo, the starting point guard for the Villanova Knights senior basketball team.

The team opened up their season at a tournament in Hamilton. The boys post-



ed a 3-1 record, with Gene leading the team in scoring in all four games. He had a tournament high 40 points in the quarter-final loss, and was named a second team all-star for the weekend.

The Knights opened up league play week at home with a tough overtime loss to UCC, and through the first five games of the season Gene is averaging an impressive 25.2 points per game. He is the catalyst on offence and his ball handling ability makes him extremely difficult to guard.

Gene was battling injuries on and off last season, but is healthy now and looking to lead the team through CISAA league play and into the playoffs.

The Villanova Knights also have their eyes on another OFSAA medal in March. The team will travel to Welland this weekend to compete in another tournament and hopefully bring home the gold.

Gene has aspirations of playing basketball at the post-secondary level. He is unsure if he will remain in Ontario, or Canada even, as an opportunity may present itself south of the border.

His father, Enzo Spagnuolo, had an illustrious career as a point guard for

York University. Regardless of where he ends up there is no doubt Gene will be successful at the next level. The future is bright for this young athlete and Villanova wishes him health and luck as he continues to work hard through this season.

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708 DEATHS

CARTER: Thomas Walter. Suddenly, yet peacefully, on Saturday December 28th, 2013. Thomas Carter, age 87 years, beloved husband of Evelyn (nee Smith). Loving father of Andrew (Doreen), Betty Anne Haynes (Stephen), and Irene Chadwick (Shawn). Remembered with love by his grandchildren; Mackenzie, Brittany, Harrison, Connor, Brayden, Bria, and Zoeen. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the Doctors, Nurses, and staff of Southlake Regional Cardiac Care Unit, especially nurse Thurga and Dr. Weingarten. Additionally, to Dr. David Fell and nurse Mel of the emergency unit. Respecting Thomas' wishes cremation has taken place. A family service will be held at a later date. For those who wish, donations to the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation, Cardiac Care Unit, 304-615 Davis Drive, Newmarket, On., L3Y 9Z9 would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. www.rodabrams-funeralhome.com B01

708 DEATHS

DUKE: Hugh David. With support surrounding him from his family, close friends and caregivers Hugh Duke passed away in his home after a brief battle with cancer on December 27th, 2013. Loving father of Colleen and Kelly and her partner Daryl. Pre deceased by his wife Shirley and his son Stephen. Remembered with love from his grandchildren, Amber, Eric and Michelle. Survived by his sister Donna, his brother Thomas and wife Shirley. Missed by nephew Kevin, his wife Shannin and their son Shayne and niece Julie and her daughter Caitlyn. Cremation has taken place. A memorial for Hugh will take place at a future date. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. www.rodabrams-funeralhome.com B01

FLEMING: Beryl Isabella. Peacefully with her family by her side at Simcoe Manor, Beeton on Saturday December 21, 2013. Beryl Coultter at the age of 89 years, beloved wife of the late William "Bill" Fleming. Loving mother of Bill and Debbie, Lois and Richard, Joan, Gladys and Paul, and the late Jim, and John. Remembered with love by her grandchildren Stacy, Jenna, Tonia, Jake, and her great-grandchildren Taylor, Kylie, Dawson, and Allison. Predeceased by her sister Viola, and her brothers Tom, Roy, Howard, and Blake. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham on Sunday December 22, 2013 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service was held in Tottenham United Church, 26 Mill Street East, Tottenham, 11 am on Monday December 23, 2013. Family interment in Mt. Tegart Cemetery. Respecting Beryl's wishes, donations may be made to Tottenham United Church (Box 448, Tottenham, L0G 1W0). www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B01

COPLEY: Richard "Rich" Thomas. 1938-2013. With great sadness the family wishes to let friends know of Rich's passing on December 25, 2013. Survived by wife of 45 years, June; children Ross of North Vancouver, Jill Ritacca of Thornhill, Heather Laine of Halifax, and Stephen of Toronto; daughter-in-law Heidi Copley, son-in-laws Mauro Ritacca and Joshua Laine; grandchildren, Ryan, Scott, Carina, Tyler, Thomas and Briar. He was never shy in expressing his strong and extremely well informed opinions on everything from politics to science, and always respected those who didn't shy away from debating those topics with him. He was driven by a thirst for knowledge and a desire to excel, which he did in his long career as a professional engineer. He had a fascinating mind full of information, which he loved to dispense. There was never a crossword puzzle that didn't meet its match in him. He was as skillful with his hands as he was with his mind. He was a uniquely gifted piano player, and will always be remembered for his spontaneous after dinner compositions. Those same hands were as skilled at woodworking, and he spent many enjoyable hours crafting furnishings, and toys for his children and grandchildren. He was also exceptional in the kitchen, and always made it a priority to ensure that his family started the day together with breakfast. Most memorably, his Christmas morning breakfasts will be sorely missed. He enjoyed all sports and was an avid skier and wind surfer. He loved the outdoors and instilled that same love into his children with countless family camping trips. He was a man of the world and loved to travel and experience different cultures, which he did both during his career and in his retirement. A celebration of his life will be held February 22, 2014, 2-4, at the King City Seniors Centre, 30 Fisher Street, King City, Ontario. Arrangements entrusted to Marshall Funeral Home. B01

HILL: Annie (nee Mizuik). Passed away peacefully on Friday December 20, 2013 at Brampton Civic Hospital in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Adrian Hill. Survived by her son Ray and predeceased by her children Ronald, Bernny, Grant and Wayne. She will be sadly missed by her daughter-in-laws Thelma and Norma; grandchildren Brenda, Bonnie, the late Dougie, Donna, Janet, Paul, Carin, Connie, Jacob; great-grandchildren Anastasia, Gennafer, Zack, Makayla and Ashley. Predeceased by her siblings John, Michael, Anthony, Steve, Mary and Alec. Annie will be missed by many family and friends. Visitation was held at the Thompson Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, 905-727-5421 on Monday December 30 from 11:00 am until the time of the service at 1:00 pm. Interment Kettleby Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.thompsonfh-aurora.com C01

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For information please contact Susan Iacoucci 905.936.3424 or email info@btbia.ca



705 ENGAGEMENTS

Engagement

Magic was in the air once again on December 7th, 2013 at Schomberg's Main Street Christmas. That magic intensified as the parade of lights came through town at 8 p.m. With the smell of chestnut roasting, Christmas music playing in the background, Santa's sleigh bells ringing in the distance and fireworks exploding overhead, **Chad Rowlands** (son of Ernie and Cyndy Rowlands) stepped out onto the street, got down on one knee and proposed marriage to **Inci Mehmet** (daughter of Metin and Gillian Mehmet, Newmarket). With both families watching from the sidelines and best wishes from the cheering crowds on Main Street, she said "YES". The magic continues as the wedding plans develop for the future.

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CARR: David Ross. 1927 - 2013 With great sadness, we announce the passing of David "Dave" Carr on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at the age of 86 years, at his home in Nobleton. He was predeceased by his wife Lorna (nee McClay), granddaughter Nicole, great grandsons Colin and Paul. He will be greatly missed by his children Alan, Dana and his wife Lynda, and Cathy. Cherished by his grandchildren Adam and his wife Vanessa, Amy and her husband Mark, Victoria and Crystal-Lee and great-grandchildren Darren, Conner, Liam, Chelsea, Kaitie and Haylee. Born in Granby, Quebec, Dave moved to Toronto with his young family and in 1964 began the Futuri Company with his very dear friend Shirley, where they worked together for over 48 years. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by family, friends and colleagues. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Friday, December 27 from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 o'clock. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com C01

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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Join us Sunday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. Jeff's message this week - "There's Only One."

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.

The Ladies Who Serve Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 7 for a morning of quilting starting at 9:30 a.m. They are always looking for extra helping hands so please come join them.

For more information about any of our activities or events, please contact the church office at 905-859-0843 or visit our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Nobleton Seniors

We held the last get together for the year on Tuesday evening. The winners of the euchre were Iva Hilliard, Mary Bullock, Carol Burbridge and Ethel Ireland. We had a tie for most lone hands between Mary Lostchuck and Mary Bullock. The bid euchre winners were Colleen Coulter, Herb Workman, Iva Rhind, Mary Steed and Louise DiCecco. The lucky draw winners were Bob Fleury, Herb Workman, Ethel Ireland and Mary Bullock.

The next afternoon euchre and evening Bid Euchre will be Jan 7. Evening euchre will be Jan. 14. Happy New Year everyone!

Nobleton Skating Club

The Nobleton Skating Club offers 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. The Nobleton Skating Club has been keeping the sport of skating alive in our community since 1958.

Horticulture

By John Arnott

Here in Tecumseth Pines where I live, the freezing rain of a week ago cruelly treated trees and shrubs. Many have lost large limbs leaving gaping wounds on their trunks while the trunks of other trees have snapped altogether.

Three big old Manitoba maples and one large pine in my area came crashing to the ground when the weight of ice on their branches completely uprooted them. Thankfully now most of the ice that coated trees and shrubs through the Christmas holidays has fallen off. However, when I was once again able to go walking with my little Boston terrier Victory in the nearby Simcoe County forest, I saw first-hand the damage. Fallen branches littered the icy trails and many young trees are bent right over their tops trapped in ice at ground level.

Manitoba and silver maples, Siberian and Chinese elms, poplars, birch and willows, all fast growing trees and popular with homeowners particularly new ones, have brittle wood and develop weak V crotches which cause them to fall victim to breaking during ice storms.

If you have a damaged tree remove the broken limbs. If a large limb has not split

away from the trunk but has sustained a break along its length cut off the damaged end flush at the place on the undamaged part of the limb where the next smaller branching occurs. If the branch is damaged near the trunk cut it off flush with the trunk, Be careful not to leave short stubs as these dry and rot while harbouring disease and pests which may well spread the remaining healthy part of the tree.

Most tree experts discourage the use of any type of paint or wound spray to cover places where a branch has been removed. The plant's natural defences will seal the wound. This especially true of evergreens where a sticky fragrant sap oozing out over the wound will soon be noticed.

If tops or major limbs have been broken off the tree will most likely be permanently misshapen. In the case of missing tops, especially with evergreens, the tree will cause two or three of the topmost surviving branches to become leaders, that is grow upward instead of outward thus becoming top-like. Keep in mind even misshapen trees are good for the environment.

It's difficult for someone to have to have a mature tree cut down but if a big branch has broken off at the trunk ripping away much bark and causing the trunk to splinter this is probably the only thing to do as the tree is unlikely to survive. That being said depending on the size of the rip and the amount and depth of the splintering you may be able to save the tree by removing the broken branch and binding the splintered area with a heavy duty tape really well.

Never for any reason attempt to remove large damaged or undamaged branches on your own. If you have such branches get professional help from an experienced arbourist or forester.

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New year brings with it many 'possibilities'

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

The last Sunday of December John Kell led us in worship, as our Rev. Evelyn enjoyed some time of renewal.

We heard about the history of the very first Canadian Christmas Carol - "Twas In The Moon of Wintertime." Remember our history of Father Brebeuf, the Jesuit missionaries, and St. Marie Among The Hurons. It was Father Brebeuf who did the translation from French to English for us to enjoy this purely Canadian Carol.

Next we enjoyed "Christmas Is A Warm Thing," ending with "Christmas is everything, poorest or bare, richly ornate, embraced with care, a vision for all or one hope, set apart, the tree thing, the real thing, that lives in my heart."

We heard the story of "Pippin, The Christmas Pig," who found a reason for pigs, too. We sang carols throughout all.

Next came a very dramatic story "A Stubborn Sweetness." Only one person in our congregation can present a story in this way - of a bah, humbug type of father who didn't want to attend the Christmas Eve service, stayed home to open the door to a perfect stranger. This turned out to be imagined as a visit by an angel. It was funny, tearful and heart-warming.

The last reading was called "January's Song." It began "There is a rumour on the streets that Christmas is over. Decorations are packed away. Trees half bare of needles lie at the curb. People are back to business as usual, There is no more party mode. The Humbugging is back in Vogue. This is January."

How can Christmas be over? The baby

has just been born. The story of the gospel is just beginning. Christmas is not over. We begin the new year with hearts full of the Christmas Story, and what it means to us, and we believe. We begin the year with hearts full of hope, for peace, for love, for good health.

Christmas is not over. It's just the beginning.

Our heartfelt prayers go out to friends and members of our church family who have not enjoyed the Christmas season because of illness, hospitalization, medical tests, ice storms, and heartbreak. May the new year bring good health and tidings of great joy, whatever your wishes may be.

We missed our Rev. Evelyn, but we managed to have a very enjoyable service. Thanks to all who arranged it and participated in it. We know she is busy planning all kinds of exciting surprises for the new year. She will be in the office Dec. 31.

Confirmation 2014 - Jan. 12 after worship is an open session for confirmands (Grade 9 and up). They get to choose their own mentor, someone from the congregation who will walk with them through faith, scripture, struggles, God, laughter and joy. Call Rev. Evelyn with any questions or email her: kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

Tuesday, Jan. 21, Prayer Shawl will resume 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Send your church news and pictures to Fred fjesty@hotmail.com for posting to our website. Check it out at www.kcuc.ca. Our office may be reached at 905-833-5181.

We meet at 10 a.m. for Sunday service with Sunday school. For any information call our office 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bellnet.ca Rev. Evelyn McLachlan - kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

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, at which time the 2014 board of management will be installed. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the proceedings.

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to experience the New Year with us!

This Sunday, Jan. 5, the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be leading us in worship at 10:30 a.m. Kids' Time with Sunday school runs concurrently and nursery care is available during the service. Join us afterwards for coffee.

Although the hydro was off for the 4th Sunday in Advent, the warmth during the service was evident! The Christmas Candlelight Service was also beautiful with many participating in readings, the lighting of the Christ Candle and in providing special musical selections. Thank you to all! It was especially heart-warming having so many friends and family visiting with us.

Thank you to Peter Leyland from St. Andrew's, Newmarket for leading us in worship the last Sunday in December. His sermon was entitled "From Christmas Joy to New Year Hope."

During the Time for Youth, Lynn Vissers pointed out to the children that there was still a large wrapped box under the tree and the envelope was addressed to St. Andrew's Church. Lynn opened the box while the children looked on, and to everyone's surprise, it was empty! But not really. As Lynn unfolded the box itself, the shape was of a cross, reminding us that

the best-ever gift was that God gave us His son, Jesus, who died for our sins on the cross, so that we could have eternal life.

The Ladies prayer time is at 9 a.m. each Tuesday, meeting in the narthex of the church.

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.

All Saints
By Nicola Skinner

The community at All Saints wishes you God's blessings and promises our prayers for you in 2014. For the past few years we have steered away from the notion of New Year's resolutions, which seem so impossible to keep, but instead towards New Year's possibilities. Possibilities leave room for hope, for continued attempts, for new twists and turns that God may have in store for us and that we did not foresee. We wish you a year in which good things are possible and every obstacle can be defeated.

The greatest hurdle for many will have been the ice storm and power outages. We hope that all have now been restored and that your families and animals, homes and businesses are safe and warm. Sadly, we also had to cancel our Christmas Eve services due to lack of power. This will be a Christmas that many will never forget!

This coming Sunday, we will celebrate the Epiphany, or the arrival of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. We will also compensate for Christmas Eve by performing our Children's Pageant during the 10.30 a.m. service and ending the Christmas season on a high note.

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