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Residents pleased with OMB decision

By Mark Pavilons

King residents opposing a bid for a rural banquet hall and wedding facility are pleased that the appeal was dismissed by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

OMB hearing officer Sylvia Sutherland dismissed the appeal by Peter Eliopolous, who wanted to change land use designations in King's official plan to permit his outdoor banquet facility and children's camp on a 49-hectare (121-acre) parcel of land located at 3550 18th Sideroad.

In her decision, she agreed that a banquet hall doesn't belong on the Oak Ridges Moraine and that it's not considered a recreational use.

The report was released Jan. 27 and not only refused the bid, but eliminated any further need for phase two of the hearing.

"There were many residents who participated and I would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts. This is a huge win for all of us and illustrates that the system can work," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

The decision came as good news to George Puccia, president of Stewards of the Moraine, the application's main opponents.

"It's good news. We hope that's the end of it," he said. "If this is the end, we're excited."

The group is very pleased the hearing officer responded in favour of their arguments made at the hearing.

As a group, they spent a great deal of time and money at the OMB, with peer reviews, etc. Evidence presented by Robert Lehman was "instrumental," he said.

Sutherland noted in the end, the hearing turned to a large extent on whether a wedding can be considered a major recreational use.

Sutherland noted she found the expert opinions of King planning director Stephen Kitchen and Lehman "convincing."

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King Winterfest draws families to Cold Creek

Milder temperatures and snow flurries created a winter wonderland at Cold Creek Conservation Area Saturday, for King's annual Winterfest. The event drew a large crowd of visitors who had a chance to try cross-country skiing, snowshoes, toboggans and many tasty treats. This youngster gets ready to bite into his freshly toasted marshmallows. Turn inside for more photos.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

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Input gathered for King's transportation master plan

By Mark Pavilons

Residents had the chance to provide input last week into King's future with regards to transportation issues.

Three public information drop-in sessions were held to explain the purpose of the study and garner public insights and suggestions.

The Township's consultant (WSP Canada Inc.) and engineering and planning staff were on hand to field questions from residents.

According to Rob Flindall, director of engineering and public works, at this point they are presenting the first stages of the Master Plan process, as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Master Plans, where they present the existing conditions and seek input from the public regarding the future state of transportation in the Township before proceeding to recommendations.

A second public meeting will then be held to seek further input on the future state and recommendations.

The TMP study will guide the development of King's long-term transportation vision for the next 20 years. It reflects the Township's desire to develop a sustainable transportation system with a strong focus on efficient use of existing infrastructure, transit, active transportation.

King is pegged to grow by roughly 14,600 residents and 4,800 jobs by 2031, under targets set out in the provincial Growth Plan. Planning for this growth is essential to ensure future residents enjoy the quality of life that is evident in King. This study will establish a transportation planning framework

and requirements to accommodate the growth and contribute to the update of transportation policies in the official plan, a review of which is currently under way.

During a special council meeting in November to collect input into King's official plan review, some transportation issues emerged. It was generally recommended that new provincial transportation corridors be located outside of King. Comments received opposite the GTA West Corridor or any additional Highway 400 interchanges within the municipality.

Traffic calming and King's street network design should consider the volume of traffic through King.

Mike Cole, manager of engineering at the Township, said roughly three dozen residents attended the three public sessions, providing comments. The main concerns expressed by citizens include traffic volumes, speed, sidewalks, bike lanes and truck traffic along King Road.

WSP Canada Inc. is gathering information and feedback, looking at transit options and traffic flow to help develop a sustainable transportation network.

The consultants will then come up with potential solutions and ideas to meet the objectives of the plan. Cole said this will likely happen by spring, followed by another series of public sessions. A report back to staff is anticipated by June.

Residents can still submit their comments. You can send them to Mehemed Delibasic with WSP, 905-465-8727, ext. 18329 or Mehemed.Delibasic@wsp-group.com. You can also send them to Cole at mcole@king.ca.

Proposal submitted for Schomberg industrial plaza

By Angela Gismondi

A new industrial plaza is being proposed for Schomberg.

A public meeting was held Jan. 27 to hear about a zoning bylaw amendment application submitted by Proctor Business Park Inc. The owner is proposing to amend the zoning bylaw to facilitate an industrial development in the employment area of the village. The developer is proposing a two-storey, multi-unit building for light industrial and professional office uses. The owner has also submitted an application for site plan approval.

The applications propose the construction of an 11-unit industrial plaza in the Schomberg Industrial Park, explained Stephen Kitchen, director of planning for the Township of King. The site, which is currently undeveloped, is located at the end of Proctor Road on the north side and is just over an acre in size. The proposed industrial plaza includes a ground floor area of 14,410 square feet with second floor mezzanine space. Should the development be approved, the applicant has indicated the individual units are intended to be converted to condominium units for purchase.

The purpose of the application is to request a reduced front yard minimum requirement, a reduction in the parking stall size and establishing a reduced parking rate to facilitate the construction of the development.

This is not the first time an application has been submitted for this particular property. Council previously granted site plan approval for the site in September 2009. The previous proposal, submitted by a different owner, was for the construction of a warehouse and attached office. The development never proceeded to the site plan agreement stage and the owner sold the property.

Councillor Peter Grandilli asked if the owner would consider adding more parking spaces as businesses usually have more than one employee. The Township's parking space requirement for a development of this size is 66 spaces and the developer is proposing 46.

Agent Claudio Brutto, of Brutto Consulting, responded that the number of parking spaces is standard for this type of development and he would rather see more green initiatives added instead of parking spaces.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini requested that the applicant make the building look good all the way around, especially in the back, which he said could be visible from Highway 9.

According to the report, planning staff is generally supportive of the application but further discussions are required with the applicant to determine an appropriate range of permitted uses given the amendments requested and the form of development proposed. The application was received and referred back to staff for a further recommendation report.

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CCKT says the OMB 'got it right' with this decision

From Front Page

"The Board concurs with the contention of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Kitchen that the definitions of 'recreation' found in both ORMCP and the PPS suggest a certain amount of physical activity with accompanying health benefits, sports participation and skill development. Even most camp grounds, the most ambiguous of the uses listed in s. 38 (1) of the ORMCP, most frequently include areas for such activities as well," Sutherland wrote.

While pleased, Puccia said they will be vigilant in keeping an eye on the area. He hopes this decision will act as an example of what should be permitted on the moraine, as a review on the ORM Plan is slated for 2015.

The Stewards extended a well earned thanks for the excellent representation by Donnelly Law (David Donnelly, Anne Sabourin and Daniela Cortese).

Greg Locke, chair of the Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), said this decision was the right one to make.

"We are relieved. This was a crafty attempt to disguise a commercial banquet facility as a 'recreational' use to get around the environmental protections afforded to us by the ORMCP," he said. "The Plan is about protection and conservation: to have ruled otherwise would have been to open up the Moraine to all sorts of commercial construction hiding as some sort of 'recreation.' Just about anything could be classified as such and the Plan would

be reduced to a joke. We're not champions for the OMB, but in this case they got it right."

The CCKT, he pointed out, is focusing its efforts behind the upcoming 2015 reviews of the Moraine, Greenbelt and Niagara Escarpment plans. The Eliopolous case is, for many reasons, a "bell weather" why it's so critical to King, plus the regions these plans encompass, to ensure they remain in effect, stronger and more clearly defined.

Locke stressed there is so much more to this development application that "offends just about every value we hold dear to us at CCKT."

"It is a beacon for why we must defend and strengthen the legislation and plans that protect our valuable Greenbelt and Moraine lands in the upcoming 2015 reviews."

In essence, if there is a case that shows the importance of protecting Moraine (and Greenbelt and Niagara Escarpment) lands from damage in these regards, this is it, he said.

"The case failed for good reason because the development was rightly considered a commercial use, not recreational. But let's not kid ourselves: we got lucky with this one. It could have gone the other way, in which case developers would have been gifted a formula for building large commercial enterprises on the Moraine, disguised as 'recreation.'

"The definition of 'recreational use' needs to be significantly narrowed and

further defined in the Moraine Plan to be sure.

CCKT will be working hard leading up

to and including the 2015 reviews to ensure "our voices are heard so that our valuable lands will continue to be protected."



St. Patrick food drive

St. Patrick School held a food drive recently for the King Township Food Bank. They collected more than 1,800 kilograms of food. It was picked up by members of the King Township Fire and Emergency Services to distribute.

Veteran councillor Linda Pabst runs for another term

By Mark Pavilons

The most veteran King politician wants to continue to serve this municipality.

Ward 3 Councillor Linda Pabst is seeking another term on council.

Pabst pointed out that prior to the last election, her husband Burt and I decided that this would be my last term. However, two days before the election Burt passed away "changing so many plans. Over the past three years I have struggled with this decision."

After much thought and careful consideration, she has decided to seek the opportunity to once again work on behalf of the residents of Ward 3.

She's backed by the current term's success.

Over the term, council has worked well together for the betterment of all of King Township.

"I'm proud to have been the voice of Ward 3, a community rich in rolling landscapes and farmland.

"I'm running because King Township is my home, my children's and grandchildren's home and I would like to continue to keep the character of Ward 3 as a great place to live and thrive."

Pabst pointed out that elections are a great time to hear from our residents on the issues that are important to them. "I look forward to the opportunity of speaking with my neighbours during the 2014 election (campaign)."

Pabst has served King for 20 years, and her ward is home to engaged citizens.

"I've always found that Ward 3 residents are engaged in and care about their community," she said. "They really are great and for most part contribute to solutions instead of highlighting problems."

Her residents consistently mention the rural road system. Residents are keen on maintaining this beautiful part of rural King.

Looking at 2013, one of the issues she's worked on, in collaboration with her council colleagues, was improvements to our telecommunications service. Council sent Bell a resolution requesting better service. "It's frustrating as well as a safety concern when lines are down for four and five days," she said. "We will continue to lobby for service improvements."

Council approved King's first Economic Development Strategy and King Township Public Library Strategic Plan - both will serve as great planning tools.

She lauded King Township Fire and Emergency Services for developing a door-to-door smoke alarm program, "working and continuing to keep our residents as safe as possible."

Budget pressures are a constant challenge, and council is committed to "providing the best services while keeping costs down," she said.

"I have seen many changes in King," she observed. "We have experienced some growth and although some may have preferred not to have grown, I think it's important that as a council and community we are able to work with developers to ensure that our quality of life and the landscapes we hold so dear in King remain intact.

"Looking ahead, I feel we need to focus on building our industrial and commercial tax base to allow us the money to make infrastructure improvements that are critical to our future sustainability."



Witnesses sought in King accidents

By Mark Pavilons

Two serious collisions in King Township last week have police investigators searching for witnesses.

Officers with the York Regional Police Collision Investigation Unit are seeking witnesses following a serious collision Jan. 29 on King Road.

Police responded to the accident at 6:25 a.m., on King Road near the 7th Concession. Investigators believe that a Dodge Avenger, being operated by a lone male, collided head on with a Honda Accord, which was also being operated by a lone male.

The driver of the Honda Accord was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Dodge Avenger was transported to hospital with serious injuries.

Both drivers remain in hospital in stable but critical condition.

The investigation is ongoing and witnesses are asked to come forward.

Just the day before, on Jan. 28, police responded to a serious motor vehicle collision on Highway 9, east of Keele Street, at 7 a.m.

Investigators believe that an eastbound Volvo had crossed over the centre lane into oncoming traffic, striking a westbound Acura, causing it to spin out into a GMC pickup which was also travelling westbound. The Volvo then struck a westbound Volkswagen head-on.

The driver of the Volkswagen was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries. The drivers of the Acura, and Volvo were both transported to hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the GMC pickup truck was released from the scene without injury.

The driver of the Volkswagen is in hospital in stable condition.

York Regional Police is asking anyone with information on either of these collisions to contact the Collision Investigation Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704, or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com, or text your tip by sending TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK. Inquires or questions are always welcome at traffic@yrp.ca.

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The extremes of too much and not enough

We all know there's a vast inequity of wealth spread across the globe.

We see the TV commercials and images on the news about the poor, destitute, starving and displaced.

And, back home, we all know about the tycoons, entrepreneurs and CEOs pulling in comfy salaries while average Canadians struggle to make ends meet, pay their utility bills and ensure there's a roof over their heads.

There are homeless, right here in York Region. There are shelters and well used food banks.

Thankfully, there are many who work together to help and try to lessen the burdens of others.

Just to toss out some totally wild figures, let's look at Bill Gates, arguably one of the riches men in the world.

His estimated worth in the neighbourhood of \$72 billion. For sake of argument, if this was money in the bank with a 6% interest rate, he'd pull in about \$114 per second. If he dropped a \$100 bill on the sidewalk, it wouldn't be worth his time to stop and pick it up!

If he were a country, he'd be the 37th richest country on the planet!

Again, for sake of argument, if he lives another 33 years, he would have to spend \$6 million per day to use up all that wealth.

We're all too familiar with government waste and enormous civil servant salaries.

The Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee (TO2015) and its former chief executive officer, Ian Troop, reached a severance agreement last week.

The settlement, which follows the terms laid out in Troop's 2011 employment contract, will provide him with a cash payment of \$478,200. Other settlement costs include legal fees of \$3,500; outplacement payments of \$10,000; deferred retirement benefits including an RRSP of \$27,300; and medical and health benefits through the severance period of \$15,800.

These amounts would make most of hard-working stiff sick to our stomachs.

To put things in perspective, let's get back down to earth and closer to reality.



Mark Pavilons

More than 80 per cent of humans on earth live on less than \$10 per day. More than half the world's population (3 billion) lives on less than \$2.50 per day. That's a coffee and donut for most of us in the morning.

According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. Worldwide, 10.6 million died in 2003 before they reached the age of 5 (same as the child population in France, Germany, Greece and Italy).

Also, 1.4 million die each year from lack of access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation.

In our very own backyards, an estimated \$27 billion in Canadian food annually finds its way to the dump and composting, creating unnecessarily high levels of carbon and methane.

This equates to approximately 40% of all the food we produce and 2% of Canada's GDP (Statistics Canada, 2010; Macdonald, 2009).

To put things in perspective, \$27 billion is:

- More than Canadians spent on food purchased from restaurants in 2009.
- Slightly below the value of all Canadian agricultural and agri-food exports

in 2007.

- Greater than the value of all Canada's agricultural and agri-food imports in 2007.

- Higher than the combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the 32 poorest countries (World Bank 2009).

The pricier TV commercial spots in this weekend's Super Bowl, cost roughly \$4 million each.

The litany of money tossed around in what could be deemed trivial avenues, is mind-boggling.

My daughter Lexie just returned from a week in the Dominican Republic, helping Dominicans and Haitian sugar cane workers with life's necessities.

They made half a dozen trips to the working communities and dished out food, clothing and a few playthings for the children. They were overjoyed at the most meager of offerings – a pair of shorts, new socks or t-shirt made them smile from ear to ear.

Lexie recalled some tales for us around the dinner table, with an almost angelic look on her face. She was overcome with a sense of peace, love and appreciation of life.

"Seeing the people's faces light up when we handed out donations in the Bateys was the greatest joy I had today. To put it simply, it is amazing how something that seems so little to one can be a huge treasure to another," one of the students wrote.

All came home with a new-found

sense of humility, faith, hope, charity and the importance of family. Hopefully lessons they learned during this year's mission will serve them well for their entire lives.

It's too bad each and every one us can't enjoy the revelations that such perspective brings. Sure, we read about the plight of others in developing nations and witness tragedies on the nightly news. Some of us donate and support children in such places.

Many of us volunteer our time in our community or at our local church.

Many of us try to give back and "pay it forward."

I'm not sure how we are perceived by those who are struggling in the sugar cane fields. Do they see us as wealthy do-gooders?

My daughter said they were very welcoming and enjoyed their company as much as they relied on their donations. Kids are kids the world over, whether they have shoes or not. They love companionship and they enjoy simply having fun.

Perhaps just letting them know that total strangers care about their fellow human beings is enough.

As global disparity continues to grow, it won't be long before many "developed" countries are reduced to rich and poor.

When that time comes, I hope my fellow citizens will show similar compassion.

Letter to the Editor

No need for tree permits

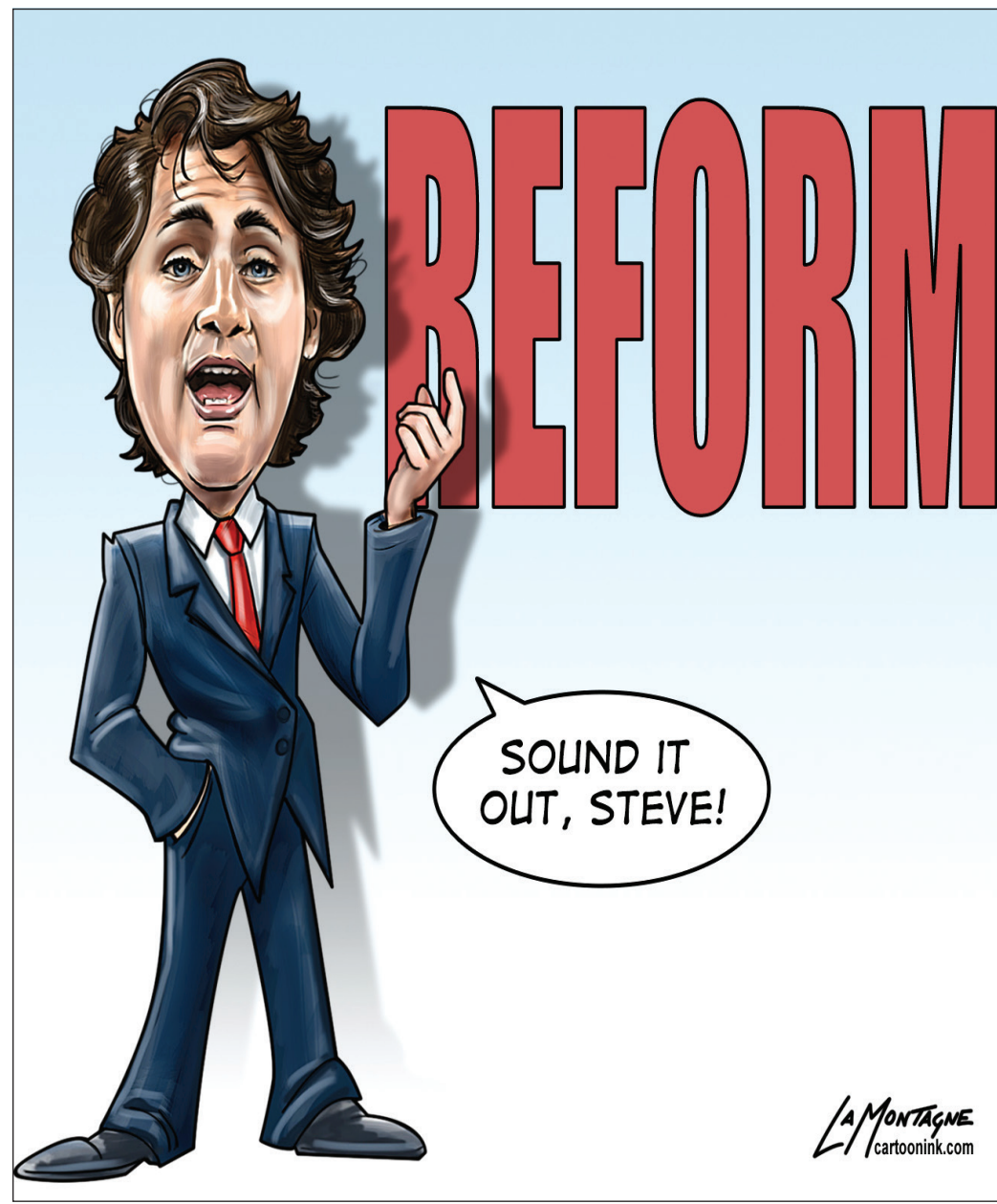
I agree with Fred Jesty (Jan. 23, King Township drafts a new tree preservation by-law) in that I see no compelling reason to instigate a permit system for tree removal on private property.

Although I have only lived in King Township a short while, I have not witnessed any mass destruction of our trees by property owners that would justify a permit system. Trees have been damaged on a large scale by the recent ice storm and emerald ash borer, neither of which would have been prevented by a permit system.

Instead of creating more costly government bureaucracy, I would rather see the Township provide education and guidance on maintaining and planting trees. We need information on what types of trees to plant as replacements for damaged trees. Get the schools involved and have a yearly event where citizens and students could obtain seedlings at a reasonable cost for planting.

Being proactive in this way would be much more useful than forcing citizens to buy permits they don't need and struggle through yet more layers of government micro-management.

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King Township Trivia

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:
Have you noticed more cases of bad driving this winter than in previous winters?

a) Yes

b) No

55%

45%

What are your thoughts on this year's winter weather?

a) Love it

b) Hate it

c) Can't wait for spring!

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Sustainable King – why save our wetlands?

The first of the Sustainability Committee's community information sessions, Sustainable Sundays, held Jan. 26 at the King City Library, was a great success and was well attended by rural and all three village residents alike. Featuring Mike Williams from Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and Coreena Smith from the Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA), the group learned about the roles of both organizations and how important it is for all of us in King to maintain and improve the wetlands that we are so privileged to have in our community.

Ducks Unlimited Canada has been conserving, restoring and managing wetlands for the benefit of waterfowl, wildlife and people for more than 75 years. With 1,400 projects in Ontario, the group oversees more than 1 million acres across the province. Thirteen of those projects are in King, ranging from full management and helping landowners to restore wetlands to simply installing nest boxes. DUC is very interested in expanding its activities to care for more areas in King.

In 1999 a comprehensive Mallard Study was conducted across King Township. Results showed that the breeding was very successful with lots of ducklings hatching. However, due to predation by cats, dogs and coyotes, a large percentage of the new brood was killed. These discouraging results show us all how important it is not to let our pets roam freely.

Did you know that wetlands in Ontario are home to 142 species of birds, 53 types of fish and some 20 different mammals? Or that the difference between a swamp and a marsh is the presence of trees or shrubs? Swamps are wet areas with 25% or more trees or shrubs while marshes are not treed.

So why are wetlands so important to all of us? First of all they act as the "kidneys" of the landscape. That is to say that they remove impurities from the water such as phosphorus, heavy metals and toxins. Cattails are particularly good at this. Wetlands enable groundwater recharge, control flooding and erosion, act like sponges and provide opportunities for recreation, research and "critter dipping."

Remember the fun you had as a child exploring pond edges, catching frogs, minnows and tadpoles?

It is very important that those of us near wetlands not harm them by disturbing the vegetation or the soil within at least 10 metres of the edges. This includes not dumping leaves or grass clippings that fill them in, restrict flow and produce excess algae. Fertilizers from crop fields and



nearby lawns also contribute to unhealthy wetlands.

People are often worried that wetlands are breeding grounds for massive clouds of mosquitoes ... some spreading West Nile. This is not actually the case. If a wetland is kept healthy and free of debris then it also is home to many hungry predators such as frogs, toads, salamanders, snakes, birds, spiders, bats and dragonflies. The sources of the pesky mosquitos are more likely to be in our villages and subdivisions in the stagnant still water in old tires, gutters and birdbaths.

While we may think that King is relatively well off concerning its wetlands, we should remember that King has lost more than the provincial average since 1982 – losing some 75% (compared to 72% across the province)!

The message for all of us is that we should protect what wetlands are left, enhance them where possible, restore where degraded and create new ones where possible. There is funding available to help landowners restore their wetlands. If you are interested in more information or require advice about your wetland please call 1-705-721-4444 ext. 247 or visit <http://www.ducks.ca/>

If you wish to see if your property is part of the areas protected by TRCA, then visit the website www.trca.on.ca and look under the Planning and Development section for the maps. The office number for assistance is 416-661-6600. Site visits are available.

The policies of the TRCA are presently under review. A new draft document, "The Living City Policies," is now available online for public input. You can find it at <http://www.trca.on.ca/the-living-city/public-consultations/the-living-city-policies.dot>.

It includes useful checklists for planting native trees, shrubs and plants. Have a look and help keep King green! Our next community information session is Feb. 23 and the topic is stewardship activities in King. Watch the local papers and King's social media networks for more news.

MP lauds economic plan

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, announced that the Harper government's Economic Action Plan 2014 will be tabled Feb. 11.

After meeting with Canada's leading private sector economists to discuss economic prospects for the country and receiving thousands of views from Canadians through pre-budget consultations, some areas of the 2014 budget will;

- Help Canadians with the cost of living and raising a family.
- Ensure Canadians are obtaining the skills and knowledge necessary for the jobs of tomorrow.
- Further help businesses grow and encourage the hiring of new employees, supporting a stable environment in which investment and trade flourish.
- Find additional savings and demonstrate continued respect for taxpayers' dollars.


Ongoing global uncertainty and recent examples of the consequences of significant deficits in other countries make it even more important for Canada to remain focused on achieving a balanced budget by 2015.

Paul Calandra, Oak Ridges-Markham MP who moderated a pre-budget consultation in Richmond Hill, said: "We are right on track, after the pre-budget consultations we know exactly what Canadians want, and that's what we are going to fight for every day in this new parliamentary session."

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The word around King

What's your favourite Olympic Games moment?



Christian Milani
"The (Canadian) men's hockey team winning gold in 2010. That was amazing."



Josh Trevellin
"When (U.S. swimmer) Michael Phelps got busted for smoking marijuana."

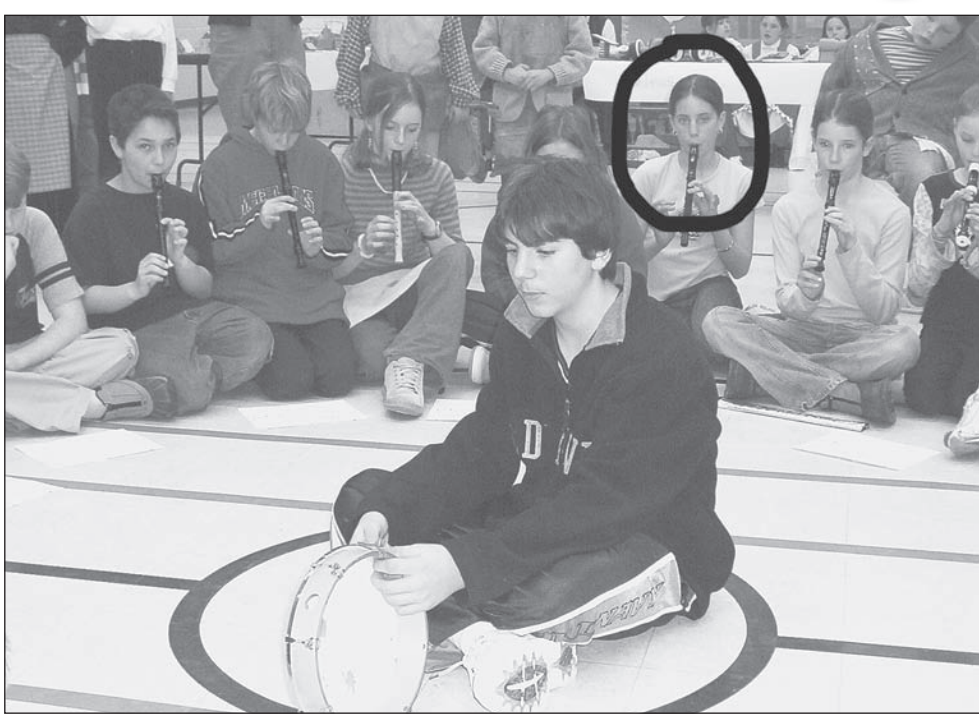


Margaret Evans
"I think when they raised the flag and played the national anthem when the women's and men's hockey teams won gold in Vancouver."



Chris Vienneau
"In 2002 when the Canadian men and women both won gold medals. We got pulled out of class to watch the games. It was awesome."

Faces from King



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Mon. February 10, 2014

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole
Public Meeting Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2013-06,
King Township Museum

Mon. February 24, 2014

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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.

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.

A public meeting will be held by the Council of the Township of King on the following date to inform the public and receive comments on the Condominium Application:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014; 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS; TOWNSHIP OF KING
2075 KING ROAD, KING CITY, ONTARIO L7B 1A1

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 approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of condominium, the person or public body:

- i) is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of King Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- ii) 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.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of King in respect of the proposed Draft Plan of Condominium, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King.

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, on our website at www.king.ca, or by calling the Planning Department at (905) 833-5321



DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 30TH OF JANUARY, 2014

2014 INTERIM TAX BILLS

Tax bills for 2014 have been mailed with due dates of February 25th and April 25th. The interim tax bill will reflect the 2013 assessment and 50% of the 2013 tax rates. The final tax bills will be issued in June 2014 using the 2014 assessment. Please visit www.king.ca for complete tax flyer.



WATER BILLS



Water bills for the billing period October to December 2013 have been mailed. If you have been left a card to provide a meter reading, please call the Finance Department with the reading.

FREE SKATING ON FAMILY DAY

Nobleton Arena

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KING IS HIRING!

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

- * Data Entry Technician (Contract)
- * Recreation Coordinator - Special Events and Marketing (Contract)

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



www.sustainableking.com

We must do our best to be as sustainable as possible while contending with the harsh winter weather. For tips on how to have a safe, healthy and sustainable winter, visit www.sustainableking.com.

Contact sustainability@king.ca for more information about King's Community Sustainability Plan.

Our next Community Information Session is February 23rd Topic: **Stewardship Activities in King**

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Nobleton Sanitary Sewer Project Update and Safety Reminder

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Construction of Contract Area 6 & 7B has been awarded to Tectonic Infrastructure Ltd. and construction works are scheduled to commence during the week of January 27th, 2014. The contract area includes Ellis Avenue from Wellington Street to the west end of Ellis Avenue, Wilkie Avenue, and Robinson Road. The construction works include installation of sanitary sewer with services installed to property line, as well as removal and replacement of curb and asphalt.



Due to the depth of the construction activities, it is recommended that residents avoid construction equipment and open trenches. It is also recommended that residents refrain from using the intersection of Ellis Avenue and Robinson Road during jack and bore activities. Jack and bore activities require installation of a temporary construction shaft that will limit the size of the passable roadway during construction. This localized work, for the installation of sanitary sewer under the watercourse crossing, is anticipated to commence the week of January 27th, 2014 and is expected to take 6 to 8 weeks to complete. All efforts will be made to limit the amount of time and area required to complete the work safely.

The Senior Field Services Coordinator is Nathan Dempster of Ainley Group. Nathan will be available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have throughout construction. He can be reached via cell phone at (905) 751-8636 or (705) 441-6160 and by email at dempster@ainleygroup.com.

We thank you very much for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact the Township or the Consultant below.

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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.



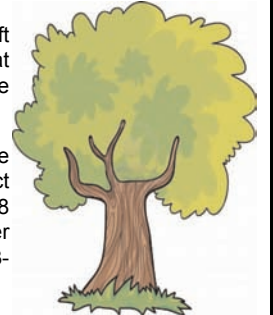
NOTICE OF TREE BY-LAW REVIEW

NOTICE OF UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT

Council of the Township of King will be reviewing and considering a proposed Tree Preservation By-law at its meeting on February 24th, 2014, at the Municipal Offices, at 6 pm. **A by-law such as this is intended to preserve the tree population of King** by regulating the removal and replacement of trees on private property. Due to public interest and desire for King to have such a by-law, Council asked that staff prepare a preliminary draft version of a by-law to review, which was first presented to Council on December 16th, 2013 to solicit input and feedback to the proposal.

To review the report and preliminary draft for comment, please visit our website at www.king.ca under "What's New?". We welcome your thoughts and ideas!

Staff welcome your feedback - if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathryn Smyth, Clerk, at 905-833-4018 (e-mail ksmyth@king.ca), or Alexander Harras, Acting Deputy Clerk, at 905-833-4082 (e-mail aharras@king.ca).



ROAD CLOSURE

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE - CONTRACT 6 & 7B ELLIS AVENUE WEST OF WELLINGTON STREET, WILKIE AVENUE AND ROBINSON ROAD

Please be advised that the installation of sanitary sewers is anticipated to commence the week of January 27, 2014. This work requires Ellis Avenue west of Wellington Street, Wilkie Avenue and Robinson Road to be closed and open to local traffic only. Construction is expected to carry on over several months.

The Contractor will commence work at the intersection of Ellis Avenue and Wellington Street moving west and at Robinson Road south of Ellis Avenue. Please note that these areas may require full road closure and alternative access routes, such as Henry Gate, should be considered.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

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

We thank you very much for your cooperation.

BID OPPORTUNITIES

Request for Proposal 2014-P02 "Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Development"; closing "February 27th, 2014 at 3:00pm local time.

This Proposal can be picked up electronically at www.biddingo.com or with reception at the Township offices located at 2075 King Road, King City Ontario, L7B 1A1.

Questions can be addressed in writing by contacting the Purchasing Coordinator at purchasing@king.ca or via fax at 905-833-2300.

YOUTH DANCE

Nobleton Arena
February 14, 2014
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Now in Effect November 1st to April 15th



Parking is prohibited on all streets between 2 am - 6 am to provide for effective snow removal



MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Informal Meet & Greet - Discuss Ward/Township Issues

Thursday, February 6 King City Library Councillors Cleva Morletti & Debbie Schaefer	Wednesday, February 19 Nobleton Library Councillors Peter Grandilli & Linda Pabst	Wednesday, March 19 Schomberg Library Councillor Bill Cober	Thursday, April 17 Ansnerveldt Library Councillor Asia Eek
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All Welcome

Calling all King Township and surrounding areas! Help your local firefighters help YOU with **Operation Adopt A Hydrant**. After a snowfall, check your neighbouring hydrants for a 3 foot radius of clearance. Where is your nearest hydrant?

Start looking, bring a shovel

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a) When seconds count, which would you feel more safe with? a or b?

b)

MAPLE SYRUP FEST

March 1, 2014; 10am - 2pm

Visit COLD CREEK.CA for details.

Author brings Canadian military history to life

By Mark Pavilons

It's not easy to make Canadian history come alive. A King City author lives and breathes it, passing on his insights and extensive research to readers interested in Canada's military past of the late 1700s.

Gavin K. Watt, well respected in his field, recently released "Poisoned by Lies and Hypocrisy, America's First Attempt to Bring Liberty to Canada, 1775-1776," shedding new light on the impact of the Revolutionary war on Canadians.

An avid re-enactor for decades, Watt knows just Watt knows just how to fire a British "Brown Bess" musket - what it feels like and smells like. He's worn the uniform of the day, and experienced the mock battlefield.

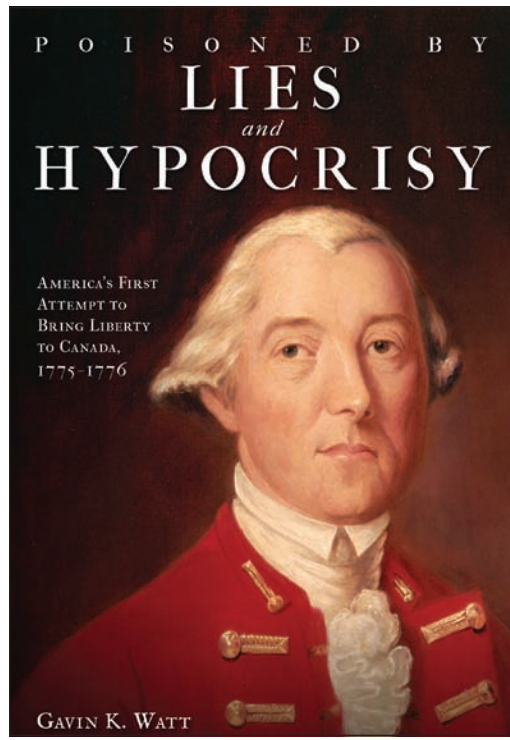
And that's how his stories of the men and their regiments come to life in his books.

Poisoned by Lies and Hypocrisy, Watt chronicles the first two campaigns of the American Revolution through their impact on Canada. He goes in-depth retelling the story of Governor Guy Carleton, charged with defending Quebec with British regulars, Natives, American loyalists and a motley group of militia.

While the War of 1812 predominates Canada's early battles and conflict with the United States, the campaigns of 1775-1776 were integral in Canada's history and evolution. Were it not for the combined valiant efforts of all who served, our very existence today would be quite different.

Watt spent roughly 18 months poring through and compiling the pertinent information regarding the loyalist regiments and its soldiers of the time. These early conflicts and actions of the soldiers really founded Ontario, Watt pointed out, noting his research was a real "eye-opener."

American accounts of the history of the day tend to be quite different from our perspective and Watt sheds some light on these Canadian founding fathers. Pulling from his wide network of historians both here and south of the border, his "gigantic" personal library and collection of documents, Watt put the pieces together nicely in this easy-to-read account of those early campaigns.



Some fascinating tidbits came to light, including the creation of the Quebec Act of 1774 which basically restored French civil law and accepted French Roman Catholicism. This helped stir up our American brethren, and is quite possibly a cause of the Revolution. Another factor that caused American opposition was a discussion of releasing slaves in the United States. Watt said the stamp acts and tea duties were really "minor stuff" in the bigger picture. Some saw the Quebec Act as punishment for the Boston Tea Party and other protests.

The Americans had repeatedly promised not to invade, with an attitude, Watt observed, that's very similar to today's "your with us or against us" approach. As tensions grew, it seemed armed conflict was inevitable.

Watt said another fascinating aspect he uncovered as the willing participation of members of the Seven Nations of Canada as well as the Canadiens.

The major campaigns of the time were the occupation of Montreal and the siege of Quebec City. European troops, British regulars, loyalists and French Canadiens fought together to successfully defend our country. These failed attempts by commander Montgomery, Benedict Arnold and Morgan make for interesting military reading.

Watt concentrates on the individual stories of the Canadian officers, French Canadiens and aboriginals, and the roles they all played.

Using master rolls, a limited number of post-war records and building on his previous book, The British Campaign of 1777 Volume Two: The Burgoyne Expedition, Watt presents a fair, balanced account.

His books appeal to those interested in Canadian history and those who "get the bug." Anyone with loyalist ties would also enjoy the historic tales.

Watt's interest primarily centres around The Seven Years War and the Revolutionary period. From his re-enactment involvement, he can verify that the conditions of the day were "awful." Soldiers at the time had to battle sickness, disease and the cold.

He has been involved in re-enactment since the 1970s and has been involved in parades, military events and celebrations both in Ontario and in the U.S. He's been active in three 18th Century recreated units - the 1st and 2nd battalions, King's Royal Regiment of New York

and the 1758 New York Provincial Regiment.

"The Colonel's" Company of the 1st battalion Royal Yorkers was founded in 1775 in preparation for the American bicentennial celebrations and was likely the first recreation in Canada of an historic regiment, with the exception of those at government-run historic sites, which at the time portrayed only British and French soldiers. In contrast, the KRR's founding members chose a United Empire Loyalist regiment whose disbanded veterans were amongst Ontario's first English-speaking settlers, (Canadian unit).

In 1984, while heading a shooting club and a reenactment regiment, he republished Ernest Cruikshank's regimental history of the King's Royal Regiment of New York, adding a master roll of the 1,500 men who had served and several images of related artifacts.

A benefit of reenacting was his growing friendship with American historians who were every bit as passionate about their Revolution as he was about their rebellion.

Members take this quite seriously, and the hobby typically involves collections of both authentic period weapons and reproductions. Actually holding a piece of history in one's hand makes it real.

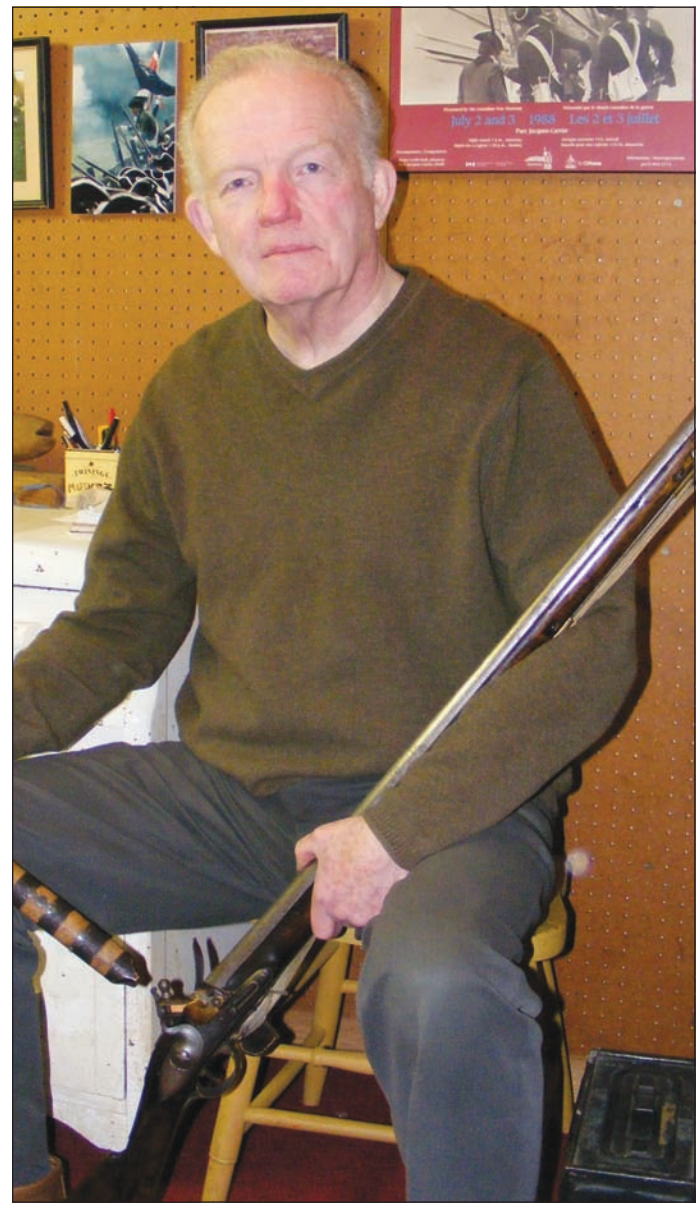
While trying to obtain historic records is a constant challenge, Watt finds the hunt and end result rewarding. His interest hasn't waned one iota.

Currently, he is researching the subject of non-military refugees who came to Canada during the Revolutionary War - their names, relationships and how and where they were housed and provisioned.

The interest and participation in recreations is a family affair, with Watt's two daughters, son, son-in-law and grand-daughter all taking part. The Watts' family album looks more like a historic text than typical modern vacation photos.

For Watt, history is never dead, but simply waiting to be re-explored.

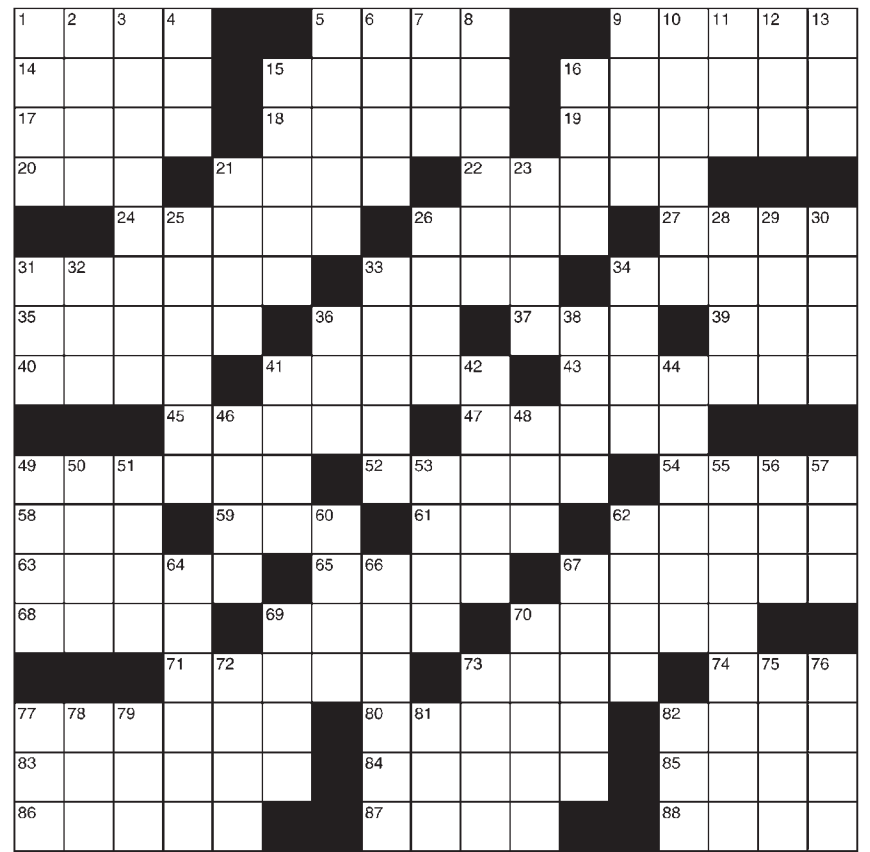
If you'd like to find out more about his books or his research, visit www.gavinwatt.ca or email him at gk.watt@sympatico.ca.



Author Gavin Watt not only writes about history, he lives it.

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- 1. Thus
- 5. Better late _____ never
- 9. Underwater worker
- 14. Frog's cousin
- 15. Witchy old woman
- 16. Soil with mud
- 17. Heal
- 18. Lariat
- 19. Do again
- 20. "Take _____, She's Mine"
- 21. Partridge's tree?
- 22. Brownish gray
- 24. Bit of land
- 26. Waist accessory
- 27. Plate
- 31. Revolver
- 33. Storm
- 34. Therefore
- 35. Bypass
- 36. Young grizzly
- 37. Unclose, poetically
- 39. Salt
- 40. Harmony
- 41. Violin's kin
- 43. Nut variety
- 45. Prepare to pray
- 47. Soul
- 49. Gulch
- 52. Chemical compound
- 54. Liquid measure
- 58. Small banknote
- 59. Utmost
- 61. Cut with an axe
- 62. Summary of beliefs
- 63. Market
- 65. Remote
- 67. Capital of Angola
- 68. Antler prong
- 69. Stratagem
- 70. Search party
- 71. Advertising leaflet
- 73. Goopy stuff
- 74. Belly
- 77. _____ photograph
- 80. Foreigner
- 82. Mama's spouse
- 83. Heir to the throne
- 84. Actor Hayes
- 85. Pedestal occupier
- 86. Indian's abode
- 87. Fencer's blade
- 88. Heredity unit
- 3. Military post
- 4. Sonnet's kin
- 5. Trick or _____!
- 6. Frost
- 7. Tiny crawler
- 8. Put in order
- 9. Vertically long
- 10. Hinder
- 11. Scramble (for)
- 12. Time division
- 13. Steep hemp
- 15. Fish basket
- 16. Wine type
- 21. Trudge
- 23. Singing part
- 25. Goopy
- 26. Newborn
- 28. _____ thin air
- 29. Scrutinize
- 30. Grazing group
- 31. Ballet step
- 32. Wall clinger
- 33. Spend it in Moscow
- 34. Ship's wheel
- 36. Bee's follower
- 38. Twosome
- 41. Landlord's income
- 42. Provide food for
- 44. Plaid cloth
- 46. Naught
- 48. Not used
- 49. Asking price
- 50. Not pro
- 51. Modern gaslight
- 53. Light carriage
- 55. Traitor
- 56. Remark further
- 57. Extinct bird
- 60. Hearty's partner
- 62. Tooth point
- 64. Purify
- 66. Graze
- 67. Daft
- 69. Mound
- 70. First-year cadet
- 72. Decorative fabric
- 73. Mock
- 75. Once _____ a time . . .
- 76. "A Bronx _____"
- 77. Ordinarily disposed
- 78. Before, to Browning
- 79. Shred
- 81. Pool circuit
- 82. Porky, for example

Solution on page 14

Winter astronomy nights coming to Cold Creek

Residents can take in the wonders of the night sky at two coming astronomy nights.

They take place Saturday, Feb. 15 and March 8 at Cold Creek Conservation Area.

At these sessions, you can take a hands-on approach to learning about planets, galaxies, nebulas and other objects. All are welcome to participate in the sessions, presented by New Eyes Old Skies, who will supply the telescopes.

For more, call 905-883-9191 or visit neweyesoldskies.com.



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Janet Mior, Denny Starritt, Councillor Linda Pabst, King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Locale owners Frank Facciponte and Lilly Vona, Councillors Debbie Schaefer, Avia Eek, Locale manager Anthony Lamacchia and featured artist Ann Clifford celebrate the launch of Winter Bites.

Photo by Jeff Doner

ASK presents a new winter culinary arts experience

Arts Society King (ASK) proudly presents its newest program, Winter Bites, in collaborations with artists, performers and local eateries.

This first annual program features six restaurants located in King and the surrounding area – Arbour Pub & Grill, Hogan's Inn, Locale, Port Soiree, The Schomberg Pub and the 1812 Grillhouse. A set menu is available for lunch or dinner at a set price starting Feb. 24 and running until March 9.

Enjoy visual art provided by ASK artists at most locations, and on scheduled days/times performing artists help to chase "the Blues" away! Hogan's Inn in King City is hosting a special art exhibit that includes all the ASK artists participating in the program. The art component runs from Feb. 10 to March 16.

ASK is grateful for the support of the Township of King, specifically with respect to the new Township Street Banner Program, and to The Ontario Trillium Foundation for grant support.

Also new this year at ASK is a music program for Youth, featuring guitar level 1 and 2.

ASK annual highlights are the Studio Tour of King Artists (April 2014), the ASK Festival (July 2014) featuring workshops, tours/events, and the Schomberg Street Gallery (September 2014), and on-going art exhibits at the King Mu-

seum, and other locations in the Township.

ASK is in the second year of a three-year grant from The Ontario Trillium Foundation, to continue to strengthen its infrastructure, and enhance and expand its unique local programming.

A leading grant maker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. For

more information, please visit: www.otf.ca.

For more information about upcoming programming, exhibits, workshops and events for the entire family, please visit the ASK's website www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca. For Winter Bites' menus, visit the websites of the participating restaurants.

Premier's Award encourages agricultural innovation

King agri-food producers should consider a program that rewards innovation. The Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program encourages the development of rural communities, farms, agri-food processors and agri-food organizations by adding value to existing products, creating jobs and driving economic growth.

The program recognizes up to 45 regional award recipients across the province who receive \$5,000, a plaque, wordmark and a gate sign. As well, three Leaders in Innovation Awards (\$25,000); a Minister's Award (\$50,000); and a Premier's Award (\$75,000) will be handed out.

Eligible applicants include farmers, food processors or agri-food organizations. Examples of innovation areas include but are not limited to improved business practices; response to consumer demands (e.g. new product development; value added, marketing, strategic alliances, local food) environmental stewardship; energy and bio-economy health and safety; food safety and traceability education and marketing of the agriculture and food industry to society.

Application intake for the 2014 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence is now open. The application deadline is Feb. 28. Applications can be submitted online. Applications are available on the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence website.

If you would like additional information, please contact Jamie Smyth at King Township, jsmyth@king.ca or kathysimpson@ontario.ca or Darlene Harrietha, Program Coordinator at darlene.harrietha@ontario.ca, or 519-826-4847.

Public encouraged to meet mayor, councillors

By Mark Pavilons

Residents are encouraged to be engaged in their community. And local politicians are giving them an informal, up-close opportunity to do just that.

The meet and greet sessions to discuss ward or Township issues run February, March and April.

"It's an opportunity to connect with your local councillor and the mayor," observed Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "You can talk about whatever you want."

The first session will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at the King City Library. Meet Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillors Cleve Mortelliti and Debbie Schaefer. It runs 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The next one takes place Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Nobleton Library on Sheardown Drive. The mayor, along with Councillors Peter Grandilli and Linda Pabst will be on hand to field questions. It also runs 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The mayor and Councillor Bill Cober will greet visitors Wednesday, March 19 at the Schomberg Library on Main Street. It runs 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The final meeting will be hosted by Councillor Avia Eek Thursday, April 17 at the Asnorveldt Library at 18997 Dufferin Street. This session runs 7-9 p.m.

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Families enjoy the activities at annual Winterfest



By Mark Pavilons

The milder temperatures enticed residents and visitors to flock to Cold Creek Conservation Area Saturday for the annual King Township Winterfest event.

Roughly 220 visitors attended the event, making it one of the best in years. More than 100 visitors tried out the snowshoes and cross-country ski equipment.

Shirly Girot, Cold Creek coordinator, said the equipment belongs to the Township and can be rented out by visitors Monday through Saturday in the Education Centre. You're asked to call ahead for availability. Visit coldcreek.ca for more information.

The fun-filled family event featured horse-drawn sleigh rides, tobogganing, pond skating, roasting marshmallows over a bonfire, broom ball and a bean bag toss!

There were plenty of treats such as hot chocolate, chili and potato leek soup.

Organizers would like to thank the contributions of Nobleton Tim Hortons, Cold Creek Stewardship, King staff and volunteers and members of New Eyes Old Skies.

Mark your calendar for the Maple Syrupfest March 1 at Cold Creek from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Photos by Mark Pavilons



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Lace Up to Dust Off Classic Tourney

The snow was falling, the sticks were taped, the skates laced, and the puck was dropped last Friday for the 2014 2K4 Kids Invitational Hockey Tournament.

THE EVENT WAS HOSTED by the Karabin family and various sponsors and contributors like Karabin Design and Build, Lace-Ace, Country Day School, among many others. It was the first time since 2012 that the day of hockey fun had taken place, as last year's warmer winter weather did not agree with the outdoor ice conditions.

King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini was in attendance to drop the ceremonial puck at 8:45am. The successful event kicked off with Team Karabin taking on Team Adair, with some beautiful light snow falling and a happy bunch of hockey enthusiasts taking to the ice.

Games were played throughout the day, with teams playing two ten-minute periods, with shoveling and flooding in between games. Face-offs took place all the way to 4:30pm with the top two teams playing for the 2K4 Cup.

Walter and Julie Karabin's goal with the 2K4 Kids Tournament, is to contribute to local families and children that would not otherwise be able to afford participation in sport. The event has been a success each year, and this time around there was money raised from all six teams' entry fees and raffle items. Participants included local players like the Hampton family, former NHL players such as goalie Kay Whitmore and ex-Leaf Kris King who now acts as the NHL's Senior VP of Hockey Operations in Toronto.

The Invitational Tournament provided participants with not only an early morning Tim Horton's coffee, but also food and beverages throughout the day. The Karabins had built an amazing wood cabin suited especially for the occasion with a wood stove oven for fresh pizza and wood burning fireplace. Throughout the day there was coffee and doughnuts, fresh pizza, beverages, and pork-ovens for freshly made pork sandwiches. There were also large trailers brought in for players to get prepared and dressed for their games. Participants and spectators were also provided with event t-shirts and water bottles.

What was jokingly referred to as the "Not-So Winter Classic," The 2K4 Kids Invitational was once again a great success. The weather made for excellent conditions on and off the ice. All participants had a great time eating, drinking, playing and watching hockey, and contributing to a great cause for their local community.





SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Cougars drop opener to Caledon rivals

By JEFF DONER

The Schomberg Cougars Junior A hockey club ended the regular season on a winning note, but stumbled into game one of their first round series against the Caledon Golden Hawks on Sunday night.

After suffering three straight losses to Alliston and Stayner, the Cougars rebounded last Thursday night at home with a solid 5-2 win over Orillia.

Bobby Quinn started the Cougars off on the right foot with the first goal of the game, while Blake Culley added two goals of his own. New recruits Arran Macdonald and Joel Wright also scored for the Cougars in the win.

After the game optimism was high among the players, as they hoped to carry that momentum over into game one against Caledon on Sunday.

"I thought we played good and it was a good way to wrap up the season even though we had a couple rough games coming towards the end there," said forward Declan Lampe. "We came together at the

end there and I think we're going to go into the playoffs looking pretty good."

Lampe, one of the team's few veterans, said the late season swoon was a product of distraction and that it in a way might have been good for the young Cougars team.

"It was kind of us an eye-opener, which made us feel like we're not going to roll into playoffs just sweeping series, we have to work for our wins," he said. "We stopped playing as team and started playing individual hockey. We're a team, we play as a team and we win as a team."

Caledon takes opener

There wasn't much of a break for the Cougars in between the conclusion of the regular season and the playoffs, as they were right back at it on Sunday night for game one in Caledon.

Things started off well for the Cougars, as Kiefer McIntosh landed a shot in the back of the net to give Schomberg a 1-0 lead in the final 40 seconds of the period. JP Crescenzi received the only assist on the goal.



The Schomberg Cougars wrapped up their regular season with a solid 5-2 over Orillia last Thursday night at home.

Photo by Jeff Doner

However, Caledon's special teams woke up in the second period and took advantage of some untimely Cougar penalties, scoring two goals just two minutes apart to snatch away the Cougar lead.

Defenceman Justin Formerton knotted things up at 2-2 with a power play goal of his own nine minutes in, but Caledon took back the lead with a late goal.

The Cougars didn't give much in the third period, as Caledon ran away with the game scoring three more goals on route to a 6-2 win.

"They're fast and they play a lot like us, so we'll match up against them, but I think we've got a lot more heart and drive than them and our special teams have been better than theirs," Lampe said earlier in the week.

The Cougars will be back at practice this week and will look to rebound when the series returns

home on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre.

Defenceman Kevin Sarrazin said his team knows exactly what it will take to be successful in the series.

"We're just going to play Cougar hockey and it doesn't really matter who we play in the first round. We're going to come out and it doesn't really matter who is in our way."

Game two: Thursday, Feb. 6, 8:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

Game three: Sunday, Feb. 9 in Caledon.

Game four: Monday, Feb. 10, 7:30 at the Trisan Centre.

Game five: Thursday, Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

Game six: Sunday, Feb. 16 in Caledon.

Game seven: Monday, Feb. 17, 8:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.



Peewee Knights kick off their playoff action

By JEFF DONER

The NobleKing Knights peewee A team kicked off their round-robin play last week with a four-game series against Richmond Hill and Innisfil.

In a bid to secure a good seed for the playoffs, the Knights hoped to win both games in the week.

They lost their first game against Richmond Hill, but bounced back against the Innisfil Winterhawks with a 4-1 win on Saturday afternoon at the Nobleton arena.

"We've had a good series with these guys through the season with some really close games," said head coach Curtis Vickers.

"I thought it was probably one of our best games of the whole year. I asked them, 'who here blocked a shot today?' and pretty well all of them put up their hand and it's a tough game and tough to get in front of those shots, but they did great, committed to defence, worked hard the whole game and capitalized on our opportunities."

The Knights started the game down 4-1 after the Winterhawks scored early in the first, but the Knights buckled down and picked up the pace for the final two periods.

Right off the bat in the second, the Knights were trying desperately to tie the game.

Eventually, with four minutes remaining in the second, captain Anthony Arnone finally potted the equalizer.

Minutes later, Carson Moyer saw an opening while killing a penalty and scored a short-handed goal to give the Knights a 2-1 lead.

The third period saw plenty of back and forth action, but it was again the Knights who capitalized on chances to score.

After some hard work around the net, Moyer made it 3-1 for the Knights with three minutes left.

Moyer also added an empty netter in the final seconds of the game to give him a hat trick and deliver the Knights a 4-1 win.

"I think it was really good. We played our hearts out, played good defence and blocked a lot of shots. Our goalie was amazing, so that was great too," he said. "The key was blocking shots; we got it out of our zone a lot of the time. We struggled there a little bit, but overall we got the puck out."

Heading into game two on Thursday night up in Innisfil, Moyer said it feels good to have the momentum.

"That was a huge game we won," he said. "In the regular season they were pretty good, but that game, even when we were down one, we still got up and we now we are pumped for the rest of the games."

The Knights will take to the road for game two against the Winterhawks on Thursday night. For more information, visit www.noblekinghockey.com.



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Some of the higher profile graduates to benefit from these accommodations include Elvis Stojko '91, two-time Canadian Olympic Silver Medalist (1994 and 1998) and three-time World Champion; Michael Cammalleri '99; left winger for the Calgary Flames; and more recently, Alexandra Paul '09, member of Canada's 2014 Olympic figure skating team for Ice Dance, and Adriana Leon '10, member of the 2012 FIFA U-20 Canadian Women's World Cup Team and the Canada National Women's Soccer Team.

In recent years, CDS has given this individualized scheduling for nationally ranked athletes a name, the High Performance Phys-Ed Program (HPPP).

"For those competitive athletes who are training 12 hours or more outside of

school each week, CDS offers individualized scheduling accommodations and customized course work to help balance their busy schedules," explained Denise Steadman, head of Physical and Health Education.

This year there are 10 students enrolled in the program. Three of these students are in Grade 10 and are teammates on the Toronto Jr. Canadiens AAA minor midget team. Two are currently ranked in the OHL minor midget draft top 10.

Victor Mete is the only CDS veteran of the three and is in his ninth year at the school. A defenceman, he has played at the AAA level for seven seasons and is currently ranked 4th in the OHL minor midget draft. Last summer, he was invited to participate in the Allstate All-Canadians National Mentorship Camp run by the NHL-PA for the top 40 Canadian prospects in his age group. While Victor has played outside hockey since arriving at CDS, he is also homegrown, having played for school teams from Grade 5 until last year, when his outside commitments became too demanding.

His CDS hockey coach, Mark Burleigh, says Victor is one of the most gifted and respectful athletes he has ever had the privilege of coaching.

"While he has been immersed in a high-pressure, high-performance hockey environment for much of his minor hockey career, he fully embraces the philosophies of school sport and the expectations



Victor Mete, Jakob Chychrun and Justin Cmunt are rising hockey stars and students at King's CDS.

Photo by Jen Wells



Red Wings force game 5

The Schomberg Red Wings novice rep team continued to battle the Wasaga Beach Stars in their first round playoff series at the Trisan Centre on Sunday. After winning the first two games of the series, the Red Wings dropped the next two and will be heading back to Wasaga Beach for game five this week. Game four action took place on Sunday afternoon, with Wasaga Beach pulling out a close 3-2 win to force game five.

Photo by Brock Weir

that come with being a student athlete at a school like CDS. Victor is a selfless player with a rare ability to make everyone on the team feel valued. More often than not, he would prefer a great passing play to an end-to-end rush."

According to his mother, Mary, Victor has always worked hard to balance his time between school, hockey and social life. "Although his hockey takes up most of his time, he still manages to keep up with his school work and maintain his grades. He realizes the importance of this as you never know what road you will follow with hockey."

Through Victor's extensive GTHL travel to tournaments throughout the U.S. and Europe, he and his parents have befriended players and families from around the world, including two high-level players from south of the border: Jakob Chychrun and Justin Cmunt; both new to CDS this year.

Jakob and Victor first met at a tournament in Chicago four years ago, and then one year later at the World Selects Invitational in Europe, where they represented North America on the same team as Justin.

Not yet 16 (his birthday is in March), Jakob is one of hockey's rising stars and currently ranks 1st in the upcoming OHL minor midget draft. He is built like a defenceman, standing at 6'2" and weighing 195 pounds. Jakob is a dual-citizen from Boca Raton, Florida, and the son of NHL veteran and Quebec native, Jeff Chychrun. Jeff played eight seasons for four different NHL teams, winning the Stanley Cup with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1992.

"My father taught me everything I know," says Jakob who was drafted last year to the USHL (the premier junior hockey league in the U.S.), but was then denied exceptional status because he was underage. About the same time, the Jr. Canadiens gave him a call and his father decided to accept a trans-

fer to Toronto for business. The timing was perfect and Victor's family suggested that Jakob explore CDS for schooling, primarily because of the flexible schedule and academic support the HPPP affords.

Over the Christmas break, Jakob played one year up for Team Ontario in the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Nova Scotia. Ontario finished 5th overall, losing to Russia in a shootout. Jakob had one goal and three assists in five games during the tournament.

He remains modest and philosophical about the OHL draft in April. Whether it is the USHL or the OHL or a college program, such as University of Michigan, Notre Dame or a university in Minnesota, Jakob would ultimately love to play in the NHL.

The Jr. Canadiens discovered Justin Cmunt a bit closer to home last February. Justin has played AAA hockey in New York for the past 11 years as a forward and hopes to make the USA National U-17 Team next year. Players are invited to try out and invitations are sent in early February. If selected, it would be a two year commitment, which Justin is prepared to make and live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Beyond that, Justin plans to weigh his options. His goal is to make the USA National Team or see where he is drafted in the USHL and OHL. He is currently being approached by NCAA Division 1 schools such as Yale, Harvard and Boston University. He too, dreams of playing in the NHL, or professionally in the AHL or Europe.

Victor envisions a similar path. He hopes to play wherever he can and would consider the OHL, USHL and NCAA route for a university such as BU, Notre Dame or Michigan. Time will tell. But for now, these 15-year-olds potentially have some exciting decisions to make in the not too distant future.

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Anna Cappuccitti, a Grade 10 student at The Country Day School, has been skating since she was three years old.

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The Nexxice Senior Synchronized Figure Skating Team in Burlington invited Anna to audition in 2013 for their senior team, which is made up of 21 skaters: 20 women and one man.

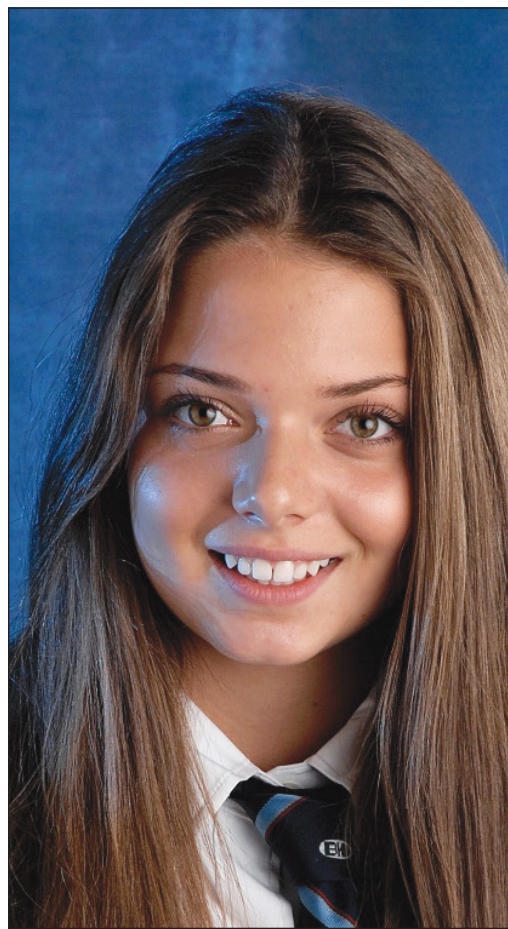
Over the weekend of Jan. 24-26, the team competed internationally for the Mozart Cup in Salzburg, Austria. Each participating country was able to send one or two teams to the competition, and Nexxice sent both their senior and junior teams. The senior team placed 3rd in the

short program (Cinderella story), as well as the free skating program (West Side Story), for a successful 3rd place win overall.

Anna's rigorous skating schedule causes her to miss the occasional class and test at CDS, but since she is training more than 12 hours outside of school each week, she is eligible for individualized scheduling and accommodations through CDS' High Performance Phys-Ed Program.

"My teachers are willing to meet with me before or after school, and on their breaks, to make sure I get caught up," she says. "I wouldn't be able to skate at this level if they weren't so accommodating."

This coming April, Anna's team will compete at the World championships. Her dream is to keep skating into the professional level one day.



Dufferin Marsh hosts its 10th annual community skate

The Dufferin Marsh Committee is holding their 10th annual Community Skate and Bonfire on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 3 to 6 p.m. on the marsh in Schomberg off Dr. Kay Drive. Come out and enjoy a fun family time with hotdogs, marshmallows and hot chocolate. Donations accepted to support their work. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

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King Curling Club pits juniors and bantams against adults

By SHELEE MORNING

Football may have the Super Bowl, but King Curling has their own All-Star Champs, as was very much displayed this past week.

The hurry hard calls were slightly altered with more of a football cheer, but the takeouts, doubles and draws were all delivered quarter-back style.

Linebacker John Zaina was facing 3 opposition rocks with only one of his own all of which were crowding the 4-foot ring.

The Skip yelled down for a triple hit loud enough for the entire field to hear. The word "triple" is scary enough and catches everyone's attention, so when Zaina's rock left his hand time stood still. The thunderous crack of granite upon granite made connection. Rocks were flying in every direction and when the gravel settled, whooping cheers erupted! Zaina removed the 3 opposition stones and managed to leave his own in the counting mark. His execution was a bull's eye hit with a crisp accuracy and a skill that Peyton Manning (evidently) could have used.

But the all-star wasn't finished yet. In his next end he executed a tough double that was nearly another ground-breaking triple to once again helping his teammates out. Zaina, clearly having the game of his life still had one more big shot to add to his menu. With

staggered guards wrapped around the front of the house in the last end, Zaina threw perfect weight to come around the guards and place his stone directly on the pin of the button! It was an electrifying night for Zaina in which members continued to congratulate him on his great game. Zaina later said "its games like this that makes you want to come back for more."

In football, a touch down is worth 6 points, add a perfect conversion and make it 7 to complete the end. Collecting 7 points in a curling game requires all of your teams rocks in the house while the opposition has none of their rocks (counting) in the house. This task is not only hard to do, but it is also rare to see. Team Petersen was playing a routine game until their 6th end when the turnovers and interceptions began. Wayne Rhind, Sue DiFebo and spares George and Ann Gerrits had neatly scrambled 7 of their rocks (all) counting in the rings. They're 8th stone was also in play, sitting strategically as a guard. A total team effort was made for this milestone achievement and definitely puts them in the record books.

All-star youth

The King Curling Club has some bright and talented youth curlers working their way up through the ranks with a strong contingent amongst the junior and bantam teams.

A challenge game between them and some of the club's seasoned curlers took place this past weekend to give the youngsters some valuable "game" time experience.

The junior team was led by Ashley Mills and Juliet Harris while Garyck Morton and Martin Beausoliel completed the front end. The bantam boys team consisted of Nick Caradonna, Chris Dywanski, Brent Mills, and William Gates-Crease. Luke Taylor was asked to step in and play Lead for the adults and complete the visitor's team.



King Curling Club's junior and bantam teams participated in a fun 4-ender challenge game this past weekend against some of the club's veteran curlers. Pictured are Ashley Mills, Juliet Harris, Nick Caradonna, Chris Dywanski, Brent Mills, William Gates-Crease, Luke Taylor, Garyck Morton and Martin Beausoliel.

Nerves were trickling throughout the kids as they began their first ends against their opponents, but once the game got under way, there was no looking back. The score board on both sheets displayed a point for the youngsters after end number one.

The bantams kept it close going rock for rock in their match, keeping their opponents at bay. Taylor played solid for the visitors setting up the guards, but it would be the Bantams that found the winners circle in their final end claiming victory over the "adults."

The junior team played smart setting up the house, keeping their opponents "in the chase" after each of their 4 ender game. With steals in the last 2 ends, the juniors won the game earning themselves well-deserved high fives. It was later heard amongst the adults that a re-match would like to held, with redemption as the main ingredient.

Earlier in the week, Nicole Serra rose to the task after her skip called for a double in one of their practice games leaving coaches and fellow curlers in awe. Skip Ben Harbridge confidently placed the broom and Nicole delivered her rock with precise take-out weight. The rock hit the first opposition stone perfectly then bounced into the second rock taking both out of play, effectively leaving her shooter in the house. The degree of difficulty on this shot was high and would easily have made the TSN top 10 highlights.

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708 DEATHS

EDWARD TADEUSZ DYBCZAK
June 15, 1960 - January 28, 2014

Our precious Eddy passed away peacefully after a brief illness at his home in King City. Born in Toronto, Eddy enjoyed living in King City with his sister Grace and Bernie for the past 4 years. He was the adored son of the late Tadeusz Dybczak and Krystyna Kaczmarek and most cherished brother of Grace (and Bernie Trippel), Alicia (and Andrew George) and Theresa (and James Lott). He was the beloved uncle of Julia, Steven and Sandy and was a beloved cousin and nephew. Recently Eddy enjoyed working with his many work companions at Osrarn Sylvania. Eddy will be forever remembered as a kind and gentle spirit and we will miss him dearly. Cremation has taken place. Friends are invited to join the family for a celebration of Eddy's life on February 8 at a Memorial Mass to be held at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 14485 Jane St., King City and a reception to follow at noon at the Kingbridge Centre, 12760 Jane St., King City.

708 DEATHS

KING: Thomas Nelson. It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Tom King on January 29, 2014 in North Okanagan Hospice Society, after a hard fought battle with cancer. Tom was born in Alliston, Ontario March 25, 1939. Tottenham, Ontario is where he spent his childhood and into his twenties. It was also in Tottenham where he met the "love of his life" Dianna Woodward and they wed August 5, 1960. The went on to have 4 children before moving to Canoe, BC in 1973. After four more moves between BC & ON, they finally decided in 1991 on Vernon, BC as their place to stay. Tom loved music and playing guitar, but nothing came close to the love he had for his family and spending time with his 5 precious grandchildren. Tom will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 53 years, Dianna, his daughter April (Brian), son Darrell (Carla), son Darren, and daughter Alison (Dave). His grandchildren Amanda (Nic), Jesse, Grant, Derek and Chantel. Further cherishing his memory are his sisters Winnifred & Pearl and brother Alfred. Tom was predeceased by his father Daniel, mother Gladys, brothers Dan, Don, Henry, Dave, Jim, & John and sister Peggy. A funeral service will be held Saturday February 8, 2014 at 11:00 am at Bethel Funeral Chapel Ltd., 5605 27th Street, Vernon, BC, V1T 8Z5 with reception to follow. Reverend Colleen Rempel officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Cancer Society or charity of your choice. Tom will be missed & lovingly remembered by the Woodwards & their families. B06

708 DEATHS

LALIBERTE: Henry Noel. Passed away suddenly at home in Innisfil on Wednesday, January 29th, 2014 and is now in the hands of the Lord. Henry was the son of Alma (Lebel) and Lionel Laliberté (deceased), born December 21st, 1936 in St. Hermenegilde, Quebec. Predeceased by his first wife Ardithe Harris (1978). Loving husband of Barbara (nee Taylor). Father of Kimberlee Tear (Denis). Stepfather of Scott, Mason and Suzanne Hiles. Loving Papa of Christopher, Matthew, Stephen, Ethan, Anne Marie, Shunelle, Melanie, Steven and Lauren. Predeceased by siblings Solange and Lorraine. Survived by siblings Clair, George and Dyane. Friends may call at the Innisfil Funeral Home, 7910 Yonge Street (Stroud) on Saturday, February 22nd from 10 a.m. until the time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow. Cremation has taken place. Interment of ashes will take place at St. Paul's Cemetery in the spring. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.innisfilfuneralhome.ca B06

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N-KCHS installs new executive at AGM

By John Arnott

Assistant director of District 15 of the Ontario Horticultural Association (OMA) Barbara Downey, long-time member of the Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society, conducted the installation of the society's 55th executive at the Nobleton Community Hall Nov. 25.

Downey has served as the society's president and past-president and the ceremony was joined by out-going president Deborah Socol, King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini and King Councillor Debbie Schaffer.

The new president for a two-year term is Lorraine Feast of Bolton, who has served as president of the Bolton Horticultural Society. John Bott (King City) remains 2nd vice-president with the position of 1st vice-president still open. Directors finishing the second year of a two-year term are Dennis Ball, Kathy Ball and Susan Bearriell (all Nobleton). Directors starting their first year of a two-year term are John Arnott (Tecumseth Pines-Tottenham), Barbara Downey, Ingrid Elliott (King City) and Jules Maule-finch (Caledon). Deborah Socol takes on the role as past-president while Gordon Berry remains treasurer and Serena Edmunds is newly appointed as secretary (both King City).

Highlight of this annual general meeting was the presentation of awards. The coveted Olive Nelson Cup for the novice earning the most points over the year was won by new member Margery Hunt (King City), who also received a commemorative piece of crystal. Well done Margery!

With a total of 318 points over the year, John Arnott, the only remaining charter member of the society, won the prestigious Women's Institute Cup awarded to the member winning the most points in the open class over the year. He earned most points in every flower show of 2013 season and won most points in any one show by

having more points than all other competitors combined in the August show.

The society owes much thanks to Nancy Hopkinson (Nobleton), the flower show convenor who so capably ran the flower shows with the help of Kathy Ball and Arlene Heaps (King City) and organized all the awards. Her photos of this year's event were in last week's King Weekly Sentinel. Nancy and Robert Field (King City) Nancy a act as auditors for the society.

President's awards presented by out going president Deborah Socol were given to retiring directors Blair Day, Maria Pedersen, retiring secretary Sheila Middleton (all King City) and out-going past-president Barbara Downey.

Special thanks go to Anita Pulla, membership convenor and Rosalind Elson, who is retiring from her post as convenor of our garden tour. All, including Deborah, are much appreciated and much loved for their service above and beyond the call of duty to our society. And happily all will continue to be active members.

Of course the meeting's much anticipated pot luck supper was once again superb. We were delighted to welcome Mayor Pellegrini for the first time in several years. The township's chief magistrate has been able to attend along with Councillor Schaffer as head table guests. They were joined by long-time society friends Bert Card, past director of District 15, as well as past president of the OHA and his wife Joan (Richmond Hill). Bert, as always, led us in the singing of "O Canada;" Barb Downey who proposed the Toast to the Queen; Robert Downey, Deborah and Scott Socol, John Arnott who said grace; Darlene Jones (Nobleton) and Kathy Ball representing the Nobleton Women's Institute.

We were also delighted to welcome former society director Tina Stone formerly of King City and now resident in the Gravenhurst area and one time society president

Kate Agosta and husband Terry Bidleman, formerly of Bolton now living in Sweden.

The gala evening ended with a demonstration of Christmas wreath making with master designer the talented Marcia Bond of Glen Echo Garden Centre (Caledon East). A draw was then held for all the

beautiful wreath she made and those she brought with her. Thank you, Marcia and Glen Echo.

Many thanks to all who set up tables and decorated them and to those who stayed to clean up afterwards including the mayor.



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King artist Marianne Broome is the featured artist at Southlake's Art Gallery. She's presenting "Facets of Nature" through March 9 at Southlake Regional Health Centre. Broome is a full-time artist and sought-after art instructor for both watercolours and acrylics. Her work can be found in private and corporate collections in many countries. For more on Broome and her work, visit www.naturesdgestudio.ca.

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St. Paul's hosts 'winter picnic' at Skyview Lanes

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

The St. Paul's Community Youth Group will meet at the church Friday, Feb. 7 starting at 7:30 p.m. Interested in a summer mission trip? We will be having an information meeting this evening with all the details. Come check us out!

Join us Saturday, Feb. 8 at Skyview Lanes in Bolton at 2 p.m. St. Paul's will be hosting its Family Winter Picnic on this day. Cost is \$7 per person. Come out for an afternoon of bowling fun! Then join us at the church at 5 p.m. for a pot luck supper, games and tobogganing fun! Or come for just part of the day. Call the church office at 905-859-0843 to let us know you are planning to attend.

On Sunday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. Jeff will continue his series entitled "Forgotten God." His message this week - Why Do I Want The Holy Spirit? 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.

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

Immanuel Reformed Church

Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton meets for worship service every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we meet in the United Church building at 6076 King Road, Nobleton. www.immanuelreformed.ca. For more, contact Pastor Maurice Luimes, 905-859-8581.

There is a ladies coffee break at the church (same as address above), Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Any ladies interested in studying the Bible are welcome to join. Call Mary at 905-729-2728 for more information or email immanuelcoffeebreak@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Mother's Day Dinner is scheduled for May 3 at the parish hall. It's a fundraiser for the mortgage fund.

There will be a blessing for those celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year at the 5 p.m. mass on May 3 followed by a festive dinner. Those celebrating a wedding anniversary, please contact the parish office for a registration form so that our jubilarians may be acknowledged. Deadline for registration will be March 21. More information will be provided at a later date.

If you have been blessed with the talent of playing the organ, please contact the parish office at 905-939-2256.

Horticulture By John Arnott

I've heard it said that you can't wish for a more beautiful winter scene than seeing, if only for an instant, a red cardinal perched on a branch of a birch tree against a background of white snow and blue sky.

Here in Tecumseth Pines near Tottenham a few people have mature paperbark birches on their property and although I've seen them against snow and cerulean sky the necessary cardinal has always been missing.

Unfortunately that pre-Christmas ice storm damaged one of these beautiful trees causing a large branch to break off spoiling its eye-pleasing symmetry.

Wild birches in the nearby bush and

there aren't many less than a dozen that I've seen, fared better. They are younger and their confined growing space hasn't allowed their branches to spread as widely as the lawn trees but the ice cover did cause 3 of them to bend over considerably.

I understand, however, from the online Ontario Forestry page that most trees bent over 60% or less by the ice cover will eventually straighten themselves so I hope that is the case with these adolescent birches.

There are about 50 species of birches worldwide, the vast majority found in the Northern Hemisphere, with some 14 of them native to North America.

Betula, the botanical name for birches, is what the Romans called this tree and the species of betula most popular with gardeners and landscapers in our area is carries the additional moniker papyrifera Latin for paper bearing. Shrubby clump growing birches with their several slender trunks are also popular as ornamentals.

Bill Casselman in his book "Canadian Garden Words" writes that the word birch came to us through the German "birke" from an ancient Indo European tree word "bherja" meaning bright or shining in reference to the trees' white bark.

Here in Ontario various species of this deciduous hardwood tree are found throughout the province except where it borders Hudson Bay. And although they prefer light well drained acidic soil these trees will grow happily in most soils. They will grow in full sun or light shade and most are drought and heat tolerant. Unlike many trees some species of tall growing birch will send up two, three even four main trunks from ground level. Single trunked trees can reach a height of 97 ft./30 m.

Birch saplings from seed produced by parent trees will quickly colonize nearby open ground thus birches are often the first trees to reappear in burnt over areas. I suspect the few young trees I see on my walks

through the bush and the solitary one along the fence row behind my house are the result of seeds from the 20-year-old lawn specimens in the Pines.

Birch wood is close grained with a satiny texture and takes a fine polish. I read that it has a long been difficult to shape with hand tools but with the advent of power tools its wood is being much more used. Because of its natural resonance strips of birch wood moulded by soaking has been a favourite in the making of drums, guitars and speaker cabinets.

Despite its name the wood in the Howard Hughes famous "Spruce Goose" is mainly birch!

Birch oil is an important item used to waterproof Russia leather while birch ingredients were used for culinary and medicinal purposes. Birch sap is still a popular drink in northern Europe and northern China. And who can forget birch canes once commonly used to keep unruly students in order!

Birch of course is best known for its bark. The oil this bark contains makes it durable and waterproof. In the past it was used extensively in northern India and Russia as writing paper. Many ancient Indian texts were written on birch bark and Russian documents nearly 1,000 years old written on birch bark have also been discovered.

For centuries several First Nations here in North America used this tough, water-resistant bark to make dwellings, containers such as bowls and baskets and most famously canoes. I have several birch bark and quill ornamental boxes made by modern Ojibwa artisans. Such items are now rare and very expensive.

The bark on a birch sapling and young tree is a deep burgundy red with light tan markings which grow and darken taking on the appearance of eyes on the white bark of the maturing tree giving it, in some places, the name "the Watchful Tree."

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