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## Family skate draws a crowd

The Nobleton Arena was a hive of activity on Family Day, as residents hit the ice for a Family Day skate. The event was sponsored by Oak-Ridges Markham MPP Dr. Helena Jazcek and it was her 7th annual event. Here, Heather, Jack and John were having fun on the ice. Turn to Page 18 for more photos of the event.

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## Snow removal demands won't impact budget

By Mark Pavilons

Despite the rather harsh winter weather we're experiencing, it won't have much of an impact on King Township's budget. Mayor Steve Pellegrini said they have a budget of \$595,188 set aside for snow removal and related costs for the winter that spans 2013/2014. The Township budgets for its full-time staff and estimates supplies and materials. While we may think it's been a bad winter, it's relatively normal in the big picture. The last two winters have been quite tame in terms of snowfall. In fact, the

winter of 2012 suffered from a noticeable lack of snow. Pellegrini noted in the light years, they've had surpluses. During the ice storm, the Township had to call in extra manpower, but there's a budget for overtime, the mayor pointed out. One of the main costs is fuel for the vehicles. A bad year could see an extra \$50,000 eaten up in snow removal costs. The mayor pointed out the Township has become "smarter on how we spend money." Regardless of what this season has left to dish out, it won't cause any budget woes.

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# King reps participate in Southlake fundraiser

By Angela Gismondi

The Run or Walk for Southlake will be held on Sunday, April 27 and organizers are hoping this year will be bigger and better than ever.

Cortney Cassidy, event specialist at Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation was at the King council meeting on Feb. 10 to raise awareness for the event.

A popular community event, the Run or Walk For Southlake attracts over 1,400 participants in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. The event raises funds to help bring the best in health care close to home for family, friends and neighbours. With a 10, five and two-and-a-half kilometre route, a kids mini mile and kids zone, the event is fun for the whole family and features something for everybody.

The event will start at the Aurora Community Centre, located at 1 Community Centre Drive (just west of Yonge Street and Aurora Heights). Participant registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m.. The 10-kilometre run begins at 9 a.m. and the five and two-and-a-half kilometre walk or run begin at 9:15 a.m. The Kids Mini Mile takes off at 10 a.m.

Cassidy explained that the Run or Walk for Southlake benefits a lot of people including Sal Polito and his family.

"An avid runner and participant in the annual Run or Walk for Southlake since 2010, Sal is the last person you'd expect to be a cardiac patient at Southlake," stated Cassidy.

But on July 18, 2012, as he was filling water bottles for the family to head out to his daughters' soccer game, Polito went into cardiac arrest and collapsed in his kitchen, Cassidy explained. His wife performed CPR under the guidance of a 9-1-1 dispatcher. Paramedics rushed him to Southlake and the staff there saved his life as he went into a second cardiac arrest in the emergency department.

"After 10 days at Southlake, and a battery of tests, physicians implanted a defibrillator under Polito's clavicle," Cassidy continued. "The defibrillator is wired into his heart to monitor the rhythm and deliver a shock if he is in danger, allowing him to reclaim his life as a husband, father and avid runner. In 2013, Sal ran the five 'K' with his wife and their kids did the mini mile."

King Township has already put together a team for this year's event. Councillor Avia Eek is the captain of the King Marsh Muckers, who will once again be participating in the walk.

"I was born at Southlake back when it was called York County Hospital, in 1963, so too, were my children," stated Eek in an email. "As our communities in York Region grew, so too, did our hospital. What started as a small community hospital has grown into a healthcare facility comparable to a downtown teaching hospital - something we should be very proud of."

She added that Southlake is number one in Ontario for shortest waiting times in the emergency department (90,000 visits in 2013 alone) and the third largest cardiac program in the Province. The Stronach Regional Cancer Centre makes it possible for cancer treatments to take place close to home, rather than having patients travel to Toronto for necessary treatments.

"Another reason to help raise funds for our hospital is that it is only through donations and fundraising for Southlake that we are able to purchase equipment to further reduce waiting times for other medical procedures. Money provided by the Province really only covers the day-to-day operating expenses of the hospital, not the purchase of equipment," explained Eek.

Eek is hoping the King Marsh Muckers raise enough in donations to bring the trophy back to King Township.

"We need to bring that trophy back home," she concluded.



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## Rules during election period reiterated to council

By Mark Pavilonis

Township staff are reminding King's elected officials about the use of corporate resources in this election year.

Council recently received an information report from Clerk Kathryn Smyth, pointing to the policies that restrict the use of Township resources for election purposes.

She noted council adopted the policy prior to the 2010 election, which was based on a review of similar policies from other municipalities. The previous policy, created in 2002, needed to be updated because it did not include provisions regarding today's technology.

The Municipal Elections Act prohibits a municipality from contributing to a candidate's campaign. Since contributions can take many forms, any use of Township resources would be a violation of the act.

Some key elements of the policy include restriction of Township resources for any election related activities. Permits issued to candidates or councillors to use facilities for election purposes go through the usual rental process. Election material is prohibited from being displayed at any municipal facility at any time.

The Township's website will not contain any election material. Councillor biographies will be removed from the website on nomination day (July 31).

Any equipment provided to council members (electronic devices) cannot be used for campaign purposes and they are prohibited from using Township logos on their material.

"This policy strengthens the Township's dedication and commitment to openness, transparency and accountability, as well as providing a guiding document for the electoral practices in King," Smyth said.

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# King residents honoured with 'Caring Awards'

By Mark Pavilons

Two King residents were honoured along with their peers at a special presentation in Toronto last week.

Their Excellencies the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston were in Toronto, promoting the arts and non-profit sectors.

They were treated to a black light theatrical performance by Famous PEOPLE Players. His Excellency presented the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award to five members of the organization for their contributions to its sustainability.

And that group included two King residents.

Robert Angeloni of King City is the president and CEO of CVC Communications Agency. He has volunteered his time and resources to Famous PEOPLE Players for more than 15 years. From hosting impromptu recording sessions and designing promotional material, to developing and maintaining the group's website, Angeloni has been engaged in many aspects of the organization.

He has also shaped the board of directors into what it is today, having recruited many other talented volunteers who advocate for persons with developmental and physical disabilities.

Angeloni was unable to attend the ceremony.

Manuel DaCosta is the president of Viana Roofing and has volunteered with Famous PEOPLE Players for the past five years, helping with the upkeep and maintenance of the facility. He has contributed extensively to Toronto's Portuguese community as the founder of the Camões House for the Aged and co-founder of the Gallery of the Portuguese Pioneers, a museum that preserves the stories of early Portuguese immigrants. DaCosta also created the Portuguese-Canadian Walk of Fame, to recognize those who have enhanced Portuguese culture in Canada.

The governor general addressed senior leaders and volunteers from the not-for-profit sector at the Association of Fundraising Professionals D3 Leadership Conference.

Created in 1995, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award recognizes living Canadians and permanent residents who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad. Often working behind the scenes, these individuals volunteer their time and efforts to help their fellow citizens.

The award also brings to light the example set by volunteers, whose compassion and engagement are a part of our Canadian character. For more information about this

award, visit [www.gg.ca/caring](http://www.gg.ca/caring).

Celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2014, the internationally renowned Famous PEOPLE Players company was founded by Diane Lynn Dupuy, and has become a Canadian national treasure. Dedicated to helping those who are developmentally challenged,

the performances include exceptional achievements from those who have dared to believe in themselves. Governors general have been patrons of the Famous PEOPLE Players since 2006.

For more information, please visit [www.FamousPeoplePlayers.com](http://www.FamousPeoplePlayers.com).



Governor General of Canada David Johnston and his wife Sharon presented King's Manuel DaCosta with the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award last week for his volunteer work.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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## Quebec tackles difficult end-of-life care issue

One characteristic that's unique to the human condition is dignity.

It's really hard to put into words, but we all know exactly what it is and what it feels like.

If you've ever had to care for a sick, elderly or disabled family member, you will know full well what this means.

My sister Angela passed away in her mid-40s, after suffering kidney failure and having to endure years of dialysis and blindness.

My father had lymphoma and spent his last days at home with family at this side.

My mom had a debilitating stroke and spent her last days in a nursing home.

So I am well versed on the subject of end-of-life care, currently being debated and legislated in Quebec.

That province is dealing with Bill 52, an Act that is attempting to deal with the controversial issue of medical euthanasia, or doctor-assisted suicide.

The issue is not new at all.

European countries allow the practise of doctor-assisted suicides.

Jack Kevorkian, known as "Dr. Death," was arrested in 1999 and tried for his direct role in a case of voluntary euthanasia. He was convicted of second-degree murder and served eight years of a 10-to-25-year prison sentence. He was released on parole on June 1, 2007, on condition he would not offer suicide advice to any other person.

He was an American pathologist, euthanasia activist, painter, author, composer and instrumentalist. He is best known for publicly championing a terminal patient's right to die via physician-assisted suicide. He claimed to have assisted at least 130 patients to that end.

If you remember him, you likely remember, and perhaps engaged in some lively discussions on the topic.

For anyone who's had to take care of a terminally ill relative, it cuts deep.

The Quebec act is intended to ensure that end-of-life patients are provided



Mark Pavilons

care that is respectful of their dignity and their autonomy. The Act establishes the rights of such patients as well as the organization of and a framework for end-of-life care so that everyone may have access, throughout the continuum of care, to quality care that is appropriate to their needs, including prevention and relief of suffering.

In addition, the Act recognizes the primacy of freely and clearly expressed wishes with respect to care, in particular by establishing an advance medical directives regime.

The provision of end-of-life care is to be guided by the following principles:

- Respect for end-of-life patients and recognition of their rights and freedoms must inspire every act performed in their regard.
- End-of-life patients must be treated, at all times, with understanding, com-

passion, courtesy and fairness, and with respect for their dignity, autonomy, needs and safety.

The healthcare team providing care to end-of-life patients must establish and maintain open and transparent communication with them.

The act requires that every institution has end-of-life care policies, a code of ethics, etc.

In the final stages of my mother's life, she was in tremendous pain, suffering from both lung and pancreatic cancer. She was paralyzed on her left side from a stroke and was never really the same.

My youngest daughter calls the day she had the stroke the "day oma died."

She was right, in many ways.

It's hard enough dealing with an elderly family member. Add an illness to the mix, and it often becomes too much to bear.

No one wants to put their aging parent in a home. And very few want to end up in these places, as necessary as they are.

I visited her almost every day and that in itself became increasingly difficult. If you've ever been in this situation, you know full well what I'm talking about.

Some days she was as sharp as a tack, others, she barely remembered me or my last visit. She often complained about the surroundings, the care she received and the pain.

My wife and I spoke to the nurses several times about pain management. They were surprised that my mom was constantly complaining about the level of pain she was in.

Had they known about the stage of her cancer, it would have all been obvious.

Again, at that point in a person's life, what quality do they enjoy? They can't fend for themselves and likely can't even ask for a perch next to a window in the lounge.

I hated myself for having to put her in such a place and that her final days were filled with pain and sorrow.

If she had the chance, would she have opted for assisted suicide? Yes. There's no question in my mind. And I would have supported her decision.

How often have we said of deceased relatives that they are "better off" without the pain and suffering here on earth?

There are many who oppose this practise and yet one of our largest provinces is poised to enact legislation.

Will Ontario follow suit?

It's difficult to say.

Perhaps a referendum on the matter would help shed some light regarding public opinion.

This is not an easy topic to debate.

It's also not easy to watch a loved one wither and pass away.



### Letter to the Editor

## Information on gunner from King City is sought

I was wondering if it would be possible for you to run an appeal for any family relatives of Sgt. Gordon Victor Walker RCAF who was an air gunner in a Lancaster S/N LM756 of 619 Squadron RAF.

This was one of two Lancasters shot down, out of a force of 359, who, on April 25, 1945 carried out a daylight attack on Hitler's "Eagles Nest" at Berchtesgaden.

The four who died in LM756 were the last casualties on operations in Bomber Command in the Second World War. Three of the four were Canadians. The pilot was Wilfred T. DeMarco of Timmins, Ontario; the navigator, Norman Hubert Johnston, of Calgary, Alberta, and the rear gunner was Gordon Victor Walker of King City. His mother and father were Cecil and Annie May Walker of King City.

The mayor of the Austrian village of Adnet is organizing a memorial to be dedicated on the 70th anniversary of the crash near their village, next April. He was hoping that if we could find any relatives of the crew they would be able if they so wished to attend the event.

I was asked to help him find the families. I have accounted for six families so locating the Walkers will accomplish my task.

My name is David Young and I took up researching Bomber Command records to help anyone who needs it.

I am situated in Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England.

You can contact me at daveyoung45@aol.com.

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### Brainteaser

I love to dance, twist, prance and shake my tail. I fly, wingless, high in the sky. What am I?

**Last week's answer:** Peahens lay eggs, not peacocks.

### King Township Trivia

There are 7 golf courses within the boundaries of the Township of King.

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# Councillor Avia Eek on CanAgPlus board

By Mark Pavilons

A King councillor continues to be the local cheerleader for agricultural endeavours.

Councillor Avia Eek joined the board of directors of CanAgPlus – CanadaGAP, national food safety program for fresh fruits and vegetables.

“I am absolutely thrilled and honoured to have the opportunity to represent the Holland Marsh farmers and packers as a director on the board for CanAgPlus,” she said. “This is a national board comprised of leaders in the food industry from across Canada with a view to maintaining consistency of food safety for fruits and vegetables across our nation.”

Eek pointed out the Holland Marsh is a unique growing area, and the needs of farmers are often generalized.

“I will be working with our farmers and packers, and take their concerns and solutions to this national board with a view to maintaining the levels of on-farm food safety, which is an assurance to consumers, here and abroad, that when they purchase and consume Canadian fruits and vegetables, they are doing so with the knowledge that we have some of the highest food safety standards in the world.”

At the same time, they have to create a balance, and ensure these food safety requirements do not place onerous restrictions on our farmers and packers.

CanadaGAP is designed to help implement effective food safety procedures within fresh produce operations. Two manuals, one specific to Greenhouse operations, the second for other fruit and vegetable operations, have been developed by the horticultural industry and reviewed for technical soundness by Canadian government officials. The manuals are designed for companies implementing Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and maintaining an effective food safety program.

CanadaGAP is a user-friendly, “made-in-Canada” food safety program, based and founded on a preventive approach.

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the first Canadian food safety program to achieve international recognition by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI).

For more, visit [www.canadagap.ca](http://www.canadagap.ca).



## Letter to the Editor

### Resident finds tree bylaw an ‘intrusion’

The following is an open letter to King council regarding the proposed Township Tree Preservation By-law.

I question the need for such a bylaw that requires the setting up of another new level of bureaucracy. I have frequent occasion to view King Township from the air and I have yet to notice any decimation of the tree canopy, other than in areas of development that have become rampant around King City. I also wonder how you propose to police this bylaw consistently, fairly and without burdening taxpayers unnecessarily with policing costs.

The timing for introduction of this bylaw is extremely poor. Property owners now face years of very costly tree cleanup from the recent ice storm and they certainly do not need any further red tape hurdles impeding this work, and punitive permit and arborist consultation fees on top of it.

I find this bylaw an unprecedented intrusion into the management of private property.

I surmise that the majority of King Township property owners take great pride in their possession and exercise great care in maintaining tree and plant life. Just in the past three years, we have planted some 20 new evergreens at great cost to us. I also find it somewhat hypocritical when the Township tries to don the cloak of environmental stewardship, while at the same time, allowing the conversion of hundreds of acres of prime farm land into development lots.

If your only motive truly is the preservation of the tree canopy rather than introducing another revenue stream, why not use a positive approach as an astute contributor to the King Weekly Sentinel already suggested. Encourage property owners to grow more trees with an incentive program instead.

There are several serious flaws with the bylaw itself. It simply singles out trees of a minimum size (20 centimeters diameter at a height of 1.37 metres from the ground), regardless of species. It also makes no distinction between different life spans for hardwoods and softwoods. There are several softwood tree species that grow wild, particularly aspen (poplar) as just one example. They are an attractive, fast growing deciduous tree which we encourage to grow on our property. Unfortunately, they have a rather short lifespan, but they can easily grow to within the by-law size limit in their lifetime.

Why would I have to consult an arborist and pay punitive fees on top of removal costs when this tree has reached its end of a relatively short life? Its root system has meanwhile already sprouted dozens of new saplings.

The blanket stipulation that the Township can order the replacement of a removed tree, and furthermore dictate the species and location of the new tree is beyond preposterous. The bylaw does not even provide a credit system for property owners who have planted trees by their own volition within a certain time frame preceding a tree removal.

There are especially valuable trees due to age or rarity that may require protection from undue demise. There are mechanisms available to do this without this ill-conceived bylaw.

I encourage you to review the introduction of this bylaw, particularly at this time. If you still feel that such a bylaw is required at some future time, I would hope that it undergoes a serious revision to remove at least the most offending flaws. Thank you.

Uli Rentsch

## Students encouraged to enter York essay contest

The Region of York invites high school students to inspire others through words of nature.

York Region Forest History Essay Contest a natural break from the virtual world.

High school students are invited to embrace nature and inspire others to connect with the forest in 1,000 words or less by entering the essay contest. The contest is a partnership between The Regional Municipality of York, The Forest History Society of Ontario and Trees Ontario.

Open to all York Region high school students under age 19, the contest focuses on the natural, social and/or economic history of Ontario forests or a favourite forest in York Region.

Winning essays will be published in the Forest History Society of Ontario journal *Forestry and Tree's Ontario* newsletter *Our Forest*. Winners will receive cash prizes and be invited to a recognition ceremony on April 26 at the York Regional Forest Spring Forest Festival.

The contest is now open and submissions will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014. Essays may be submitted by email or mail.

Full contest details, rules and regulations can be found at [www.york.ca/forestessay](http://www.york.ca/forestessay).



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## The word around King

*Are we putting too much pressure on our athletes?*



**Julie Oakley**

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**Lisa Liew**


“I think it depends on the sport. I have seen some people who see their kids as elite and I think those parents have to stop living through their children.”



**Heidi Beck**

“I think that sport should be fun, but that there should be some encouragement. I do speed skating and curling because I want to love and do it, not because someone pressures me.”

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Municipal Office, Council Chambers**

**Mon. February 24, 2014**

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole  
Public Meeting Draft Plan of  
Common Element Condominium  
Cal-Wilsen Developments  
File No. 19CDM-13-K03

**Mon. March 17, 2014**

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

**2014 INTERIM TAX BILLS**

In accordance with Section 317 of the Municipal Act, 2001, municipalities are authorized to levy on all rateable property, an interim tax levy prior to the adoption of final budgets/estimates for the current year of up to 50% of the amount of taxes for municipal and education purposes levied on the property from the previous year.

With the implementation of the Township's new Financial Software the tax billing allows Residential and Commercial/Industrial classes to be billed together. On this 2014 Interim Tax Bill, you will see the mixed classes billed together.

The Township through By-law 2013-147 is authorized to proceed with our interim billing and as a result the first two installments of the 2014 property taxes are due and payable on 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.

**PENALTY/INTEREST**

Late payment of taxes will be subject to a penalty/interest charge of 1.25% per month which will be charged on the first day of each month and every month during which default continues. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from the responsibility for payment of taxes nor relieve the assessed owner of liability for penalty/interest charges due to late payment.

To avoid late payment the Township will accept post-dated cheques to the installment date(s). Payments can be made by mail, at most chartered banks and financial institutions in Canada, in person at the Municipal Office between Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and through on-line banking. If paying on-line, please ensure that you enter all 15 digits of the roll number in order for your tax payment to be applied correctly. Please allow 3 working days for your payment to arrive in our office. The property owner is responsible for making sure your tax payment is received in our office on or before the due date. We will not be responsible for late payments.

All cheques are to be made payable to the "Township of King". Credit cards are not accepted for the payment of property taxes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TAXES FOR NEW HOMES**

Owners will receive a tax bill for the value of the vacant lot only until the home is assessed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Then you will receive a supplementary tax bill for the value of your new home. This process can take up to 2 to 3 years depending on when the information is provided to us by MPAC and the tax bill will be retroactive to the date of your closing. During the first year of a new subdivision you can expect to receive several bills, for land and buildings separately.

**ASSESSMENT**

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) determines the taxable assessment for your property. If you have any questions/concerns about the assessed value of your property, please contact MPAC at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) or www.mpac.ca

**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.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**KING IS HIRING!**

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

- \* IT Desktop Support
- \* Planner II/Heritage Coordinator
- \* Summer Students:
  - Roads (2),
  - Planning
  - Clerks -Admin Assistant
  - Clerks- By-law Assistant

For a detailed description of all employment opportunities visit [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)

**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.bidding.com](http://www.bidding.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](mailto:purchasing@king.ca) or via fax at 905-833-2300.

**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](http://www.kingvotes.ca) throughout the year.



**New Hours at Ansnorveldt Branch!**

Starting Tuesday, March 4th 2014, the King Township Public Library has changed the Ansnorveldt Branch hours to better serve you!

Days	New Hours
Tues	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thurs	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sat	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



**Join us on Sunday, February 23rd for a Community Information Session on Stewardship Activities in King**

Where: King City Library, 1970 King Road at 1:30 p.m.

Hear about local stewardship projects and find out about volunteer opportunities from a number of organizations including: Nature Conservancy of Canada, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, Cold Creek Stewardship Committee, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Ducks Unlimited and others.

Our next Community Information Session is March 23rd Topic: Community Groups Growing in King

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**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](http://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](mailto:ksmyth@king.ca)), or Alexander Harras, Acting Deputy Clerk, at 905-833-4082 (e-mail [aharras@king.ca](mailto:aharras@king.ca)).

**SPRING & SUMMER COMMUNITY GUIDE**

The 2014 Spring & Summer Community Guide is now available online. Be sure to check it out and get ready to register for great spring programs and a ton of summer camps or swimming lessons.

Remember, if you book from March 1-31 you can save 10% off the cost of camps and swimming lessons.

The guide will also be mailed directly to your home before the end of the month.

**KING**

On Behalf of Council  
**Congratulations Alex Pietrangelo**  
for representing KING on the Canadian Men's Hockey Team at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

Best Wishes to all 221 Athletes Representing our Country!

**Nobleton Sanitary Sewer Project Update and Safety Reminder**

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

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

Road closures will continue while sewer construction is underway in **Contract Area 6 (Wilkie Avenue, Robinson Road); Contract Area 7A (Parkview Drive, Crestview Road) and Contract Area 7B (Ellis Avenue).** We apologize for any inconvenience and ask everyone to drive safely on the alternate routes.

Anyone with special transportation or medical needs, such as those receiving home-based care, should notify the Township by calling our **Project Phone Line at 905-833-4073.**

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



**WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?**

The Township has joined with other affected municipalities and has requested financial assistance from the province. King Township is providing cleanup of damaged trees and debris from the ice storm on a priority basis. This is expected to take up to 8-10 weeks.

Township staff and contractors are currently cleaning up damaged trees on municipal boulevards that are posing a danger, or blocking roads and sidewalks. This work is nearing completion.

Final removal of all debris will take place in the spring (April - May). Residents are permitted to place broken branches; up to 6-inch diameter on the boulevard for disposal. Branches should be cut to 5-foot lengths.

**All wood is being chipped for use as mulch by the Township, or will be composted at the Region's facility.**

Residents are advised to contact a private contractor for removal and pruning of damaged trees on private property. The contractor is responsible to remove this waste. Residents can also drop off any amount of yard waste at the Miller Bloomington Rd. Yard Waste facility Monday to Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at no charge.

**WILL THE TOWNSHIP REPLACE THE BOULEVARD TREES?**

The Township recognizes the value of street trees and the environmental benefits. If a boulevard tree is removed by the Township it may not be replaced immediately. The Township will prepare a boulevard tree replacement plan to restore the damaged tree canopy.

**EMERALD ASH BORER CONCERNS**

Residents are reminded NOT to remove any wood from ash tree species to locations outside the Region.

The larvae of Emerald Ash Borer and other insects can travel in firewood, nursery stock and wood waste such as cut-up branches and stumps. Do not move firewood and wood waste outside the Region.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience in this matter.

**Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards**

(Closing Friday, March 14, 2014)

**Volunteer Appreciation Night**  
Thursday, April 24, 2014

**Dealing with Snow Removal**

Check [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for tips on dealing with snow removal

**MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS**

Informal Meet & Greet - Discuss Ward/Township Issues

Thursday, February 6 King City Library	Wednesday, February 19 Nobleton Library	Wednesday, March 19 Schomberg Library	Thursday, April 17 Ansnorveldt Library
Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer	Councillors Peter Grandilli & Linda Pabst	Councillor Bill Cober	Councillor Avia Eek

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## Talking About My Generation

With a sombre face, I, along with many other Ukrainians and Ukrainian-Canadians, am watching the events in Kyiv unfold. The situation is drastic and anyone who has seen pictures or videos will understand how heart-breaking the scene on Hrushevskoho St. is.

But among the fighting and the many wounded, there is a silver lining.

Once considered a nation with a weak civil society, Ukraine has been able to assemble itself and demand a democratic and fair government in the spotlight on the world stage. Furthermore, one of the most uplifting facts remains that the spirit and drive of this movement rests in and was initiated under: students. It's interesting how those with the shortest voting records are the ones with the loudest voices in the protest. Ukraine is a testament to the power of youth, and the revolutionary force of a bright new generation.

In fact, the largest demographic in the world at 43%, is youth – meaning that now, we have more potential than ever. But sadly, when looking over to Canada, it seems that this youth-driven spirit for progress is lost. We live in one of the greatest democracies in the world and harbor one of the lowest voter turnout rates at roughly 61%. The trend has been moving downwards over the past 4 elections, and is exacerbated particularly amongst our young adults, of which 37% go out to vote.

The culprit behind this declining voter turnout is subject to debate. Some advocate for politicians to exclusively court the vote of young adults. Critics call this sensationalism. Some believe that politics is too divisive to be attractive.

Still, others say that the issues discussed are irrelevant to young adults. It is likely the case that taxes, pipeline agreements, Senate scandals may at face value be perceived as peripheral to the focuses of students, young professionals, and so on but I refuse to admit that they truly are. The future path of our nation is everyone's responsibility.

I will also admit that there are still many issues that are not brought up in public discourse. Many young people champion various causes, but due to low voter turnouts, these issues rarely gain much traction in government.

We need to use our numbers and potential to keep our politicians on their toes and to ensure that our interests are represented. It is time to modernize our approach to politics and assert ourselves as a coveted demographic group. We need to see that with each new generation our government's priorities change in tune with those of our young voters.

If we want our future to truly belong to youth, we need to begin exercising our democratic duties. As we know, there are many others around the world who would change places in a heartbeat. And so, it was ultimately a country without democracy that showed the rest of us the privilege that we all have. It's finally time that we take a couple of lessons from the heroes in Kyiv.

# VILLANOVA IS BRINGING A BIT OF WARMTH

## to the OUT OF THE COLD Program

IT HAS BEEN a very cold winter in York Region, one that most of us would like to see over, but as much as we complain can you imagine how cold it would be for the homeless? This winter Villanova College students have learned a bit about this and have helped as well.

The students have become involved with the Out of the Cold program, which offers homeless people a hot meal and a warm safe place to sleep such as in church basements and other public buildings across Toronto. The program runs from November 1st until April 1st and was developed because the big shelters are considered to be unsafe and overcrowded and a lot of



the homeless just won't sleep there even when it is severely cold.

Out of the Cold is supported by volunteers or organizations that provide the food and shelter. All church denominations are involved, it is not denomination specific. The locations work on a rotation basis with one site being available every night. There are approximately 19 Out of the Cold programs operating in the city this winter.

In order to help and volunteer with this program, Villanova College teacher Sean Hayes had 15 of his students make dinner for the homeless at the school by preparing eight tin foil trays of shepherd's pie and buckets of soup. After preparing the food, they headed to downtown Toronto to the arranged Out of the Cold program site. When discussing the excursion with Hayes they had just returned from St. Michael's Choir school's basement which is located at 67 Bond Street. At the site location, the students warmed the food and then served the homeless from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening. After the meal was over, the students were tasked with cleaning and throughout the evening they had the opportunity of interacting with the homeless. Being homeless is a hard existence that is not chosen and Hayes is teaching the students that they should not judge harshly, but learn and help.

"The street people know the schedule for the Out of the Cold program and when they wake up in the morning they are given a bag lunch and a subway/streetcar token so they can go to the next location"

Hayes said "The street people know the schedule for the Out of the Cold program and when they wake up in the morning they are given a bag lunch and a subway/streetcar token so they can go to the next Out of the Cold location".

Hayes takes a different group of students each time making three or four trips to the Out of the Cold program throughout the winter months. This and many other outreach type efforts conducted at Villanova is part of a non-credit religion course.

After their experience, the students are expected to write a reaction paper. Their efforts are bringing a bit of warmth to an otherwise cold winter.

WRITTEN BY CHRIS MCGOWAN

## King City Secondary School Gets Involved on Valentine's Day

A Valentine's Day tradition lives on at King City Secondary school that is heartfelt and fun for the school community. The money generated from the event goes to helping the lives of others that need it.

"This event has taken place every year on Valentine's Day at King for as long as I can remember" said Sandy Kofalvi, student success teacher.

Emma Pedota, President of the Student Council and other Council members (15 in total) organized the event this year. Teacher mentors were there to lend a helping hand when it was needed. The organization starts a couple of weeks prior to Valentine's Day, where order forms for the purchase of roses is distributed throughout the school community. The forms are filled out and delivered back to student council members and the full school order is placed with a local florist.

The students are charged approximately \$2.00 for each rose.

On the morning of February 14th, the roses are delivered to the school and the student council members distribute the orders to each individual classroom. Sounds simple, but this is where the fun begins, as sometimes the roses are delivered to a student from an anonymous sender and sometimes not. This is keeping in the spirit of Valentines and a good time is had by all. This year, over 250 roses were delivered to King City Secondary School for this fundraiser.

A new addition to the rose fundraiser was added this year, standard buttons that can be pinned on student's shirts or jackets were sold along with a rose or they could be

purchased on their own at the same price as a rose.

All of the money raised from the sale of the buttons and roses was given to Free The Children Foundation with the intent to help fund the building of a new school in an African Village. Free The Children is an international charity and educational partner that believes and works towards helping to make a world where all children are free to achieve their fullest potential. Free The Children works with schools and families in developed countries to empower, educate and ensure involvement with young people as agents of change to help students in underdeveloped countries. It is about children helping children and it works out nicely.

King City Secondary has worked closely with Free The Children Foundation for a number of years. "We always align initiatives to the school improvement plan" said Kofalvi.

Valentine's Day is considered to be a day of love, sometimes romantic, sometimes love for family and friends. Roses, chocolates and cards are traditionally given to a loved one. Sometimes gifts are received by a secret admirer, but all gifts are given as an expression of love.

It is truly an expression of love to give to those who are in need of receiving, and that is what King City Secondary does every year on Valentine's Day.

WRITTEN BY CHRIS MCGOWAN



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# Donations go a long way on student mission trip

By Mark Pavilons

Things we take for granted go a very long way in developing nations.

And everyday items, such as President's Choice reusable shopping bags, become a valuable resource to those with limited means.

Several students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton participated in the annual mission trip to El Seibo, Dominican Republic. The group assisted native Dominicans as well as the Haitian community there, staying at a missionary centre run by the Daughters of Mary (les Filles de Marie). Also joining them were students and staff from Father Michael Goetz secondary school in Mississauga.

They rolled up their sleeves, filled and handed out those very PC bags stuffed with donations to make the lives of others a bit easier. The bags were used to hold roughly one week's worth of food, such as rice, flour and cornmeal. In previous years, the mission team members struggled with inferior plastic bags that simply were not up to the task.

This year, a King grocer stepped up and donated 300 of the bags. John Ciarallo, from John's No Frills in Nobleton, was pleased to pitch in.

"The students identified it as a need to help assist with the mission in distributing the necessities. I was in a position to help, so I was happy to do it!" Ciarallo said.

The bags were simply "fabulous," according to Urszula Cybulko, chaplaincy leader at St. Michael. "They were helpful to hand out food and they become a usable resource for families."

The mission team members collected items and filled two suitcases each with donations. All of this, including their luggage, was left behind for the betterment of their hosts.

Cybulko said those suitcases become valuable pieces for families to use for storage.

"It's overwhelming to see how overjoyed they were to receive our discarded items," Cybulko observed.

Also pitching in from King was King City Guardian Pharmacy and Haider Meghjee, who donated toiletries and over the counter pain medicine.

The team's efforts were concentrated on helping the Haitian community the area near Consuelo, the majority of who are sugar cane workers living in bateys. A batey is a company town consisting of makeshift barracks, located close to cane fields so that groups of workers can live

near the site of their labor. Conditions are often what we consider deplorable.

The situation on the island nation of Hispaniola is unique. It's a case of the poor (Dominicans) oppressing an even poorer neighbour (Haitians). While the Dominican Republic enjoys certain economic and tourism income, Haiti remains impoverished (rated as the poorest country in the Americas). Conditions there were exacerbated by the massive 7.0 mag-



nitude earthquake in 2010 that left more than 300,000 dead and 1.6 million homeless. The country has yet to recover from this disaster.

Many Haitians have moved to the Dominican in search of a better life, yet it's all within a developing nation, and there are limitations on Haitian immigration.

Though long known for sugar produc-



tion, the DR's economy is now dominated by services. Unemployment, government corruption, and interruptions in electricity remain major Dominican problems. The country also has noticeable income inequality. International migration affects the Dominican Republic as it receives and sends large flows of migrants. Haitian immigration and the integration of Dominicans of Haitian descent are major issues.

And yet, the efforts of a handful of high school students brought people together, all the while letting them know that strangers care.

This was Cybulko's third trek and she noted each year is different – as different as the participants themselves.

The team of kids this year came together very well and ministered to one another. This time they were more involved in the lives of the residents, cementing their relationship. They returned this time as "friends" not strangers.

They actually spent two hours cutting and loading sugar cane into a wagon. The average Haitian worker spends 12 to 14 hours a day in the sun, for a meager 75 cents.

The Sisters held a communal birthday celebration for youngsters in the community and the mission team joined in, handing out toys.

They also took a handful of children to the beach for an afternoon. These children had never seen the ocean before and were simply awestruck by the excursion.

The students visited six bateys during their week-long stay to meet the poorest of the poor. One day, things became a little tense as crowds gathered and jostled around the donation wagon. Cybulko said this was desperation, plain and simple. The recipients, of all ages, were in the end, thrilled with the much-needed donations of food, clothing and toys for the youngsters.

"Literally standing in the middle of desperation, I could feel what these people felt," said Lexie Hesketh-Pavilons. "Pleading for shoes isn't what they want to do, but what they need to do."

"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," wrote one team member.

The high school teens were all deeply touched by the experience and Cybulko said they all matured and showed real growth.

"It may seem like they have nothing, but at the same time these people of the Dominican Republic have it all. They always want to hold your hand, jump on our backs, and they want us to share in their love," wrote another student.

Hesketh-Pavilons made the trip for the second year in a row, working at part-time jobs to earn the money, and asking local residents and merchants to lend a hand with donations.

"After my first mission in 2013 to the Dominican Republic, I realized 'why not do more, why not go back?' Help is endless."

Her experiences this year were just as profound.

She noted after a long day handing out donations, she noticed a young boy about six years old. She stared into his big, brown eyes and saw his potential for greatness.

"There is an entire world we are all living in, and everyone plays a part.

We all have a purpose, she contends. "Whether you're poor or rich, big or small, black or white, we are all connected and are meant to make ourselves known," she observed.

She's grown stronger from the experience.

And she's even more adamant about helping others.

"We are all in this together," she said. "We must help one another in these times of need. If we don't who else will?"

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### Notice of Commencement – GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2

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#### THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has initiated Stage 2 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor. Building on the recommendations from Stage 1, the EA Study continues with a focus on identifying the route and developing the preliminary design for a new transportation corridor within the previously identified Route Planning Study Area. The new transportation corridor will include a 400-series highway, a transitway and potential goods movement priority features. As part of the study, a preferred route and interchange locations will be selected and developed.

The GTA West transportation corridor is vital towards providing the transportation infrastructure to meet the projected growth in both population and employment identified in the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006)* and will deliver multiple benefits, including:

- Greater connectivity between urban growth centres;
- Enhanced people and goods movement;
- Improved commuting; and
- Greater economic vitality.

The GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and EA Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act)* and the *GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference*, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008.

This new transportation corridor is only one component of the full suite of multi-modal recommendations that are included in the Transportation Development Strategy (TDS) developed as part of Stage 1. These recommendations also included transit improvements, transportation demand management measures, opportunities to optimize the existing transportation system as well as widening of several key provincial facilities in the western GTA. These recommendations are being pursued as separate initiatives.

#### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is encouraged and Public Information Centers (PICs) and Community Workshops will be held throughout the study. Notices advising of the time and location of the PICs will be published in local and regional newspapers and advertised on the study website.

If you are interested in the study and would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the Project Team via the contact information outlined below. Study information will be posted and updated on the project website: [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com).

#### COMMENTS

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The mission team handed out much-needed donations to Dominicans and Haitian sugar cane workers. The students spent a day in the fields to see what the workload was like. The living conditions in the bateys can be deplorable.





# Municipal mayors greet Harper for announcement

By Mark Pavilons

Municipal mayors from York got a chance to meet Prime Minister Stephen Harper last week, during a brief stop in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe joined the PM and other federal MPs, to announce details of the New Building Canada Plan, a funding program that provides smaller communities with access to funding for infrastructure projects.

The New Building Canada Plan is the longest and largest in Canadian history.

"Infrastructure investments are a key part of our government's plan for jobs, growth and long-term prosperity," said Oak-Ridges Markham MP Paul Calandra. "The New Building Canada Plan will provide \$53 billion over the next 10 years to improve our public infrastructure. Through the Plan, funding will be stable, long-term and predictable – giving provinces, territories and municipalities more flexibility to address priority projects.

World-class infrastructure is the backbone of our country's economic productivity. The Community Improvement Fund, consisting of the Gas Tax Fund and the incremental Goods and Services Tax Rebate for Municipalities, will provide over \$32 billion to municipalities for projects such as roads, public transit, recreational facilities, and other key community infrastructure. The Plan provides \$14 billion to the New Building Canada Fund, with \$4 billion going to the National Infrastructure Component, to support projects of national significance, and a \$10 billion going to the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC), for projects of national, local or regional significance. Of the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component, \$1 billion is dedicated to projects in communities under 100,000 residents."

The Plan is expected to launch this coming spring and will support projects that include building roads, bridges, subways, commuter rail and other public infrastructure that ensures the prosperity of all Canadians.

The program details are the result of the feedback received from provinces, territories and infrastructure partners over the course of 2012 and 2013.

"World-class infrastructure ... helps to get goods to the market place more efficiently, and connects Canadians and our businesses to the world, generating jobs



Prime Minister Stephen Harper was in York last week, announcing the New Building Canada Plan, joined by local mayors, including King's Steve Pellegrini.

and growth. It also has the added benefit of reducing commuting times so families can spend more time together," Harper said.

"Our government's commitment to small communities has never been stronger. Under the New Building Canada Plan, we are providing predictable, stable support so that municipalities with fewer than 100,000 residents can build the projects that matter most to them."



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# King youngster helps create summer camp for kids who stutter

By Mark Pavilons

Young people who stutter have a new residential summer camp, thanks to the efforts of an 11-year-old King Township boy.

Felix Skinner has wanted to start a camp in Ontario ever since he attended Camp BCAPS, a camp for kids who stutter in British Columbia, when he was 9. There are no camps similar to BCAPS in the rest of Canada.

And now, with the help of his family, he is making it happen.

"Since then, I've been saying: 'mum, can we please work out what things we're going to do for a camp,'" said Felix.

An estimated 20,000 school-aged children in Ontario stutter, but few have ever met another child who stutters. They often feel isolated and that they are the only one with the problem.

Felix is helping to change that. Last year, he gave a talk on stuttering to his sister's Grade 5 class at Kettleby Public School, to help other people who stutter have an easier time being accepted than he did.

And this summer, the new camp, Laughter's Voice, will become a reality.

With the support of the Mansfield Out-



door Centre, it will offer a tried and tested traditional summer camp experience, with special support for children and young people who stutter, from 6 through to 18.

Information sessions and informal

teaching of speech and fluency skills through games will play a small but important role in the camp experience. These will be led by a speech therapist and speech therapy students – following the model of the British Columbia camp. The primary goal of the program, according to Felix's mom Andrea Skinner, will be to help the campers build self-confidence and to establish a community where campers can mentor and support one another.

"Ever since we came back from BCAPS we were thinking it would be great if there were something like that in Ontario," said Andrea. "The confidence boost he got had a ripple effect on his (and our family's) life. After that, I saw his stuttering as just one more thing he does. So much of the worry evaporated."

She noted even though Felix only attended BCAPS once, he went from being a boy with a problem to being a boy on a mission.

He has found that by talking openly about stuttering, most people who might otherwise be uncomfortable around him are extremely patient and accepting.

"There was a real sense of support that we want to create here. Laughter's Voice: It makes me happy every time I say it."

This is a residential camp, offering some independence to kids, possibly for the first time.

Laughter's Voice seeks to eliminate the dominance of stuttering in campers' lives because everyone at camp will have a stutter. The hope is that children who might hold themselves back from participating in social activities because of their stutter will no longer feel the need to limit their involvement in any way. Organizers look forward to the kids opening up to all opportunities for expression, taking away an enduring confidence and expanded sense of self.

Andrea has some words of encouragement for other parents.

"You are not alone! Connect with others who understand! Connect to your child in non-verbal ways (grooming a horse together, foot massage, bike riding, etc.) Hang in there and remember to savour all the unique and wonderful qualities of your child's voice."

The camp takes place this July 13-19.

There will be two parent information sessions – March 15 at the Richmond Hill Library and March 16 at the Eatonville Library.

To register, go directly to the Mansfield Outdoor Centre's website: <http://www.mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca/>. For more on the program, visit [laughtersvoice.com](http://laughtersvoice.com).



Felix Skinner (left) is trying to help other children who stutter, through the Laughter's Voice summer camp. Felix also helped design these buttons that show support for kids who stutter.

Submitted Photos

## MP Calandra pleased with cyber-bullying legislation

New legislation to address criminal behaviour associated with cyber bullying is evidence of the Conservative government's firm commitment to victims of crime, in this case, victims of online exploitation. Working with partners in the public and private sectors, the provinces and territories, the federal government is taking action to address all forms of bullying through education, awareness and prevention activities.

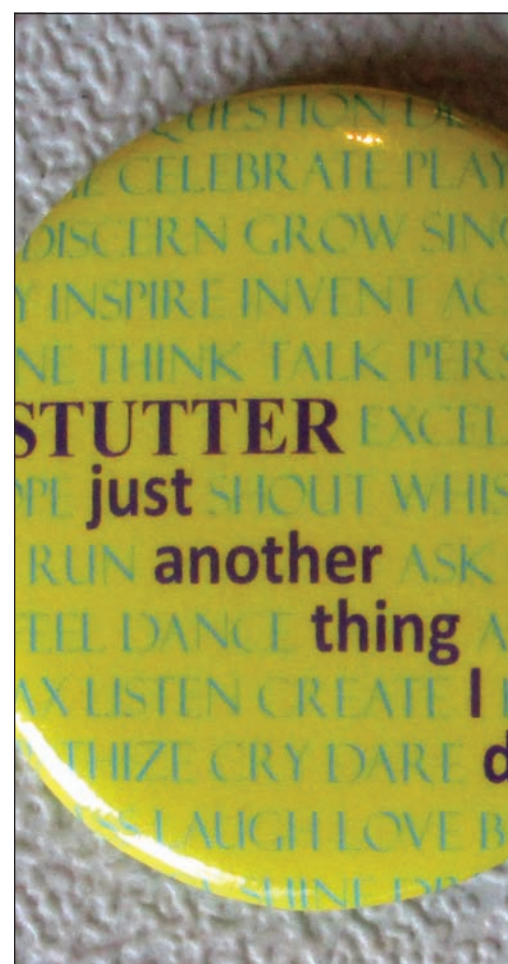
"Our government is committed to ensuring that our children are safe from criminals, including online predators and safe from exploitation online," said Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra. "It is clear as Canadians we have an obligation to help put an end to harmful online harassment. Cyber bullying goes far beyond schoolyard bullying and, in some cases, can cross the line into criminal activity."

The legislation will:

- Prohibit the non-consensual distribution of intimate images.
- Empower a court to order the removal of intimate images from the Internet.
- Permit the court to order forfeiture of the computer, cell phone or other device used in the offence.
- Provide for reimbursement to victims for costs incurred in removing the intimate image from the Internet or elsewhere.
- Empower the court to make an order to prevent someone from distributing intimate images.

"With this legislation, we are confirming that this type of behaviour is absolutely unacceptable and has serious consequences," added Calandra. "As part of Bullying Awareness Week, we are committed to reminding victims that they are not alone, and encouraging them to reach out to a teacher, a trusted adult, a parent or a friend. Bullying – whether online or off – is a problem that affects us all, and we all have a role to play in stopping it."

Other important projects that the government supports to address cyber bullying include the [Cybertip.ca](http://Cybertip.ca) and [NeedHelpNow.ca](http://NeedHelpNow.ca) websites operated by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.



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The ProAdjuster can safely and gently analyze and treat the spine and other joints to remove the nerve impingement that is often the cause of pains in the lower back, neck, shoulder, and elsewhere in the body. It also works on a variety of muscular conditions to loosen tight muscles with ease and comfort. Many patients say that it's like getting a mini-massage.

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Dr. Eastman says that "The secret to the Pro-Adjuster lies in its advanced piezoelectric sensor that is able to detect the slightest amount of restriction in a joint and then deliver an extremely precise adjustment." He says that "Even though traditional forms of adjusting also work, people are drawn to this new technique because of how gentle it is and does not involve any twisting, especially in the neck. Many people

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## Design group lent a hand to King's Country Toy Tea

Some top-notch designers pitched in to help make the annual holiday Country Toy Tea in King another great success.

McGill Design Group and Plum Furniture designed and furnished the house in Fairfield Estates which hosted the Country Toy Tea this year.

Colleen McGill, the creative visionary behind both companies, was recently featured alongside some world's most famous celebrity interior designers Aerin Lauder (Estee's daughter), Celerie Kembel and Jeffrey Alan Marks (on a show called Million Dollar Decorators) in the U.S. on a new website called Designers House <http://www.designershouse.com/designers.html>.

Recently launched Plum Furniture and Design Solutions offers a refined collection of furniture with a distinctive style combining understated elegance, clean lines and exceptional craftsmanship. Each piece is designed to be coveted, enduring and iconic.

Plum's online showroom [www.myplumdesign.com](http://www.myplumdesign.com) invites guests to personalize and view each upholstered piece in one of Plum's (60+) carefully selected luxurious fabrics and colours. The Plum collection also offers a variety of distinguished tables, desks and

accessories.

Plum Furniture is the creative vision of Colleen McGill, the internationally renowned principal of McGill Design Group Inc. [www.mcgilldesign.ca](http://www.mcgilldesign.ca), a full service residential interior design firm specializing in high end luxury homes.

The Plum Furniture collection is manufactured in Canada and ships anywhere in North America. Plum Furniture is currently available for viewing and purchase online at [www.myplumdesign.com](http://www.myplumdesign.com).

Organized by families of Country Day School, the 2013 Country Toy Tea brought together volunteers and organizers from King, Aurora, Newmarket and beyond. The event, hosted by Kelly MacDonald, collected Christmas and Hanukkah gifts for Leeder Place Family Shelter, Pathways of York Region, Sandgate Women's Shelter, the Women's Centre of York Region and the York Centre for Youth & Family.

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



### CC Haven opens its doors

Owners Chiara Sala and Claudia Di Poce of CC Haven Inc. in Nobleton held their official ribbon cutting last week to show off their new store and let people know what they're all about. CC Haven Inc. will be offering expertise in a wide range of services including floral, design, decor and gifts out of their Nobleton location.

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For more information, call (905) 558-5540, email [cchaveninc@rogers.com](mailto:cchaveninc@rogers.com) and visit them on Instagram @cchaveninc. The owners were joined by Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor Peter Grandilli and Councillor Avia Eek.

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# Federal budget embraces priorities, MPs say

By Mark Pavilons

The federal government is on the path to balancing the budget.

Last week's federal budget featured job creation and apprenticeship measures, to keep Canada's economy the most robust in the G7.

York-Simcoe MP and Government House Leader Peter Van Loan welcomed the Economic Action Plan 2014 and the significant benefits York-Simcoe residents will receive from it.

Job creation remains the focus of the budget, maintaining economic growth and keeping taxes low.

"Our government is on track to balance the budget by 2015, while continuing to deliver on our commitments to Canadians to invest in creating jobs, keep taxes low and save Canadians money," he said. "The average family is now saving \$3,400 a year in taxes and we have created over a million jobs. We will continue to focus on the real priorities of Canadians and deliver results."

The highlights of the Economic Action Plan include:

- Remaining on track to balance the budget in 2015.

- Creating the Canada Apprentice Loan.
- Eliminating the value of student-owned vehicles when calculating eligibility for student loans.

- Supporting Youth internships – investing up to \$40 million for internships in high demand fields and among small and medium sized businesses.

- Maintaining the record levels of support for sports in Canada like own the podium, which has produced Olympic success.

Canada's fiscal performance leads all major developed economies (G-7 countries) in the world.

Since the downturn, Canada has posted the best job creation, strongest economic growth, lowest debt and lowest deficit.

Van Loan said the increase in tobacco taxes are a "correction" for inflation.

"Our Canadian economy is the best performing economy in the G7," said Paul Calandra, Oak Ridges-Markham MP. "Moving forward, we will continue to focus on job creation and connecting hard-working Canadians with available jobs, focusing on what matters most to Canadians."

Canada is ahead of the curve and almost every other nation in terms of its

economic strength, and investments continue to increase. We're on schedule to where we should be, he said.

Integral in the budget is the Canada Jobs Grant - getting Canadians properly trained for the jobs that exist.

Along those lines is the Canada Apprentice Loan, which will provide apprentices in Red Seal trades access to over \$100 million in interest-free loans each year. The federal government is investing \$55 million to create paid internships for recent graduates.

Helping older workers get back to work is another component and will see Ottawa investing \$75 million in the Target Initiative for Older Workers program.

Calandra added they're also investing more into Parks Canada, and trying to protect heritage resources.

As far as any proposed changes to the CPP, as introduced by Ontario's provincial government, Calandra said it's on "sound footing" and there are no plans to revamp the fund at this time.

## Schomberg Lions holding third euchre tournament

The Schomberg Lions will be hosting their 3rd Euchre Tournament on Friday, Feb. 28, at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main St., from 7-10 p.m.

The cost is \$25, so come out and join the fun and support the Schomberg Lions. There will be cash prizes, a cash bar and light refreshments will be served.

To order tickets online, please go to their website, [www.schombergions.com](http://www.schombergions.com) or call 905-939-4024. This is a fundraiser to help support their community projects and Lions commitments.

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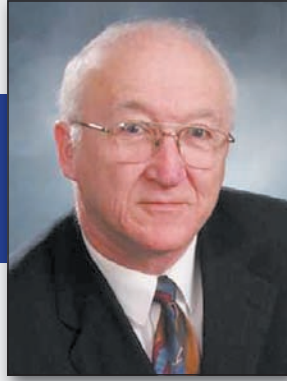
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## Cougars advance, win first playoff series in years

By JEFF DONER

Just days after winning their first playoff game in five years, the Schomberg Cougars Jr. C hockey club upped the ante and won their first playoff series in 11 years by dispatching the Caledon Golden Hawks in game five on Thursday night.

"For the organization as a whole and for a lot of the veterans in this room, this is a good win for them, because getting a series win out of the way is going to give us some confidence going into the next round," said Cougars' head coach Jim Egerton on Thursday night.

With the Stayner Siskins coming back in their series against Erin on Sunday afternoon, it's now set in stone that the Cougars will face the first place Penetang Kings in the Georgian Mid-Ontario Jr. C semi-finals. The other series will feature the Alliston Hornets against the Stayner Siskins.

In getting to this point, the Cougars had to face a little bit of adversity early on. The Golden Hawks took the series lead in game one with a 6-2 in Caledon, but that seemed to shake up the young Cougars squad.

They would win the next four in a row in convincing fashion, outscoring the Golden Hawks 25-9 in the final four games.

Defenceman Nicholas Chaykowsky was elated to help secure a semi-final berth for the organization.

"I feel honoured," he said after the game. "I think this is one of the oldest clubs that has stayed in the same location in the whole loop. The Hull's and everyone put so much effort in and it's a great feeling. We lost to Caledon first and it felt like we were on a rough road and then Hull came in and read us a speech and we

really took that to heart.

"Personally, that first game we won I was trying to win for them and then it escalated from there, the energy kept going and we just kept clicking as a team."

When it came to dealing the final blow on Thursday night, the Cougars knew they would have to come out fast against a desperate club.

Arran McDonald answered the call for the Cougars when he gave his team an early lead with a power play goal just over two minutes into the game.

A Chaykowsky shot that missed the net started off the play in deep, while forwards JP Crescenzi and Kiefer McIntosh drew the assists on the opening goal.

The Cougars remained strong for a large stretch, until the Golden Hawks evened up the score with three minutes remaining on the power play.

However, the Cougars replied right back with furious pressure scoring two quick power play goals before the conclusion of the first to regain a 2-1 lead.

McDonald scored his second of the game from McIntosh and Justin Formenton, while veteran John Gage scored the second goal from Colton Wood.

"We knew that they were going to come out hard, so we wanted to kill their confidence real quick," McDonald said of his quick start in the game. "It felt good to get a couple on the board quickly so that they felt like that didn't have a chance to win ... We noticed on their bench that everyone was getting mad at each other and we just stuck together as a team."

For the final 40 minutes, the Cougars looked like a well-oiled machine that controlled much of the play, using their passing and speed to control the game.

Chaykowsky and Mitch Safaric each added goals to add to their lead, making

it a 5-1 final.

"We played well," Egerton said. "We knew that they were going to come out hard and try to get back in the series somehow. It's always tough to get that last win. It's unfortunate for them that they had a short bench tonight, but we told our guys it doesn't matter because sometimes teams play better shorthanded."

Aside from a bit of a slow start in the third period, Egerton said he was pleased with his team's effort.

For now the focus turns to the Penetang Kings for the semi-finals, which is slated to start Thursday night in Schomberg and then back to Penetang on Friday night.

The Cougars have played the Kings well this season, including a shootout an overtime loss.

Egerton said the Cougars know they have a big task at hand, but know what

they have to do to be successful.

"We're going to have to contain their firepower for sure, because their pretty explosive offensively. We'll have to stay disciplined, as always, and try to get to the net," he said.

Check the Cougars pointstreak site for dates, times, stats and updates at <http://jrcougars.pointstreaksites.com>.



The Schomberg Cougars won their first playoff series in years. In the next series against Penetang, goaltending will be factor.

Photos by Jeff Doner



## Peewee Knights win game four of their playoff series

By JEFF DONER

The NobleKing Knights minor peewee A hockey team took to the ice on Saturday for game three of their quarterfinal series against a formidable Barrie Colts squad at the Nobleton Arena.

With the series tied 1-1 heading into the game, the Knights were looking to send a message to their counterparts.

A surprisingly raucous crowd fed into a lightning fast pace to start the game. Despite both teams creating chances throughout the period, it ended in a scoreless tie.

Barrie was the first to strike, using the power play to give them a 1-0 advantage at 5:32.

Knights goalie Matteo Manfrini made the initial save on the play, but it was eventually banged home by an opposing player.

Minutes later, the speedy David Bazzo, who was following the play after an initial chance for his team was stopped, smacked a loose puck out of the air and into the back of the net to tie the game in spectacular fashion. Carter Diceman and Angelo DeAngelis added the helpers on the goal.

With 23 seconds left in the period, the Knights finally took the lead with another goal by Bazzo who buried the rebound yet again. Adam Miller drew the assist.

Up 2-1 heading into the third period, the Knights kept controlling the game.

Carter Diceman scored two more goals in the third period in the last two minutes. His first goal came on the power play, while the second was an empty netter.

In the end, the Knights were able to hang on for a 4-1 victory.

With the Knights now up two games to one, the series will continue with game four on Wednesday night and game five on Friday.

## The Leafs Quiz

### True or False

- 1) In 1971, Bobby Orr had a plus/minus of +124, an NHL best.
- 2) The 1992-93 San Jose Sharks finished 11-71-2, the most losses in one NHL season. Surprisingly, they didn't finish last in the league that year.
- 3) No General Manager has ever won a Stanley Cup with two different NHL teams.
- 4) Roberto Luongo's 79 games played in 2007-08 is the most ever by an NHL goalie (he only missed three games).
- 5) Technically, it's not illegal in the NHL for one team to have two goalies on the ice at the same time.
- 6) Art Ross, after whom the trophy for most points in a season is named, had only one point in his NHL career.
- 7) In a 1947 World Hockey Championship game, Canada beat Denmark 47-0, and every Canadian except the goalie has a hattrick.
- 8) As a promotion this off-season, the NHL auctioned off an afternoon with the Stanley Cup. Four hours cost a grand total of \$15,400.
- 9) Jacques Demers, the only coach to win two Coach-of-the-Year trophies in a row, is illiterate.
- 10) From 1981 to 2001, only three different players led the NHL in points: Gretzky, Jagr and Lemieux
- 11) Wayne Gretzky first appeared on Hockey Night in Canada at the age of 10 (speaking between periods about his 378-goal Novice season).
- 12) The Edmonton Oilers are the only team to record more than 100 shots in a game, taking an amazing 109 against the Buffalo Sabres in 1988. Edmonton won 8 - 3.
- 13) In 2003-04, there were 55 Russians playing in the NHL, including 12 rookies. In 2012-13, there were only 28 Russians playing, and a mere three rookies.

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LIVE FROM SOCHI 2014 WINTER OLYMPICS



Canada House at Sochi Winter Olympics



SOCHI 2014

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Sochi Winter Olympic Torch



Written by David Pietrangelo  
Local King City reporter.  
Live from Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

**ARRIVING IN SOCHI** was a surreal experience, after a couple hours of going through security, and checking into our hotel, it felt like we had all finally arrived. I came over with my parents, my girlfriend, my brother Alex Pietrangelo and his girlfriend. We were all lucky enough to fly over together and be a part of this once in a lifetime experience.

When we landed on February 10th, to no ones surprise, the first day was the toughest. The nine-hour time change and flight took some getting used to. We were first introduced to other NHL families and friends that were also on the trip, a mix of Canadian, American, Swedish, and almost every other country competing in Men's Hockey were present. After some logistical meetings, we made our way via hotel shuttle to the Olympic Park.

This first day was a balmy 18 degrees as we sported our Team Canada gear and sent Alex off with hugs, kisses, and good lucks as he made his way to the

Athletes Village. Arriving at Olympic Park was a surreal feeling, we were here at the Winter Olympics!

Once we went through a security checkpoint we were able to walk around the open park and soak it all in. Making our way towards the Olympic Flame we were surrounded by excited fans from all around the world and of course tons of patriotic Russians. It was fun to see everyone in one place with a smile on their face excited to come together for the love and competition of sport. The venues and buildings throughout are all completely new, shining in the sun and looking like modern pieces of art. It is amazing to see such massive structures built from the ground up, just for these next couple of weeks. The Olympic Flame (which is constantly lit throughout the games) shines brightly over most of the buildings and can be seen from hundreds of yards away and circled by the flag of every competing country.

A short two to three minute walk from the centre of Olympic Park is Canada House, a building made specifically for Canadian athletes and their families to gather through the Games. It's a great place to be to meet people from all over Canada, with family members and friends competing in the games, as well as the athletes themselves. Canada House acts as a little taste of home with live CBC coverage of the games on big screen TV's, snack and food you'd find at home, and of course Molson Canadian available at the bar. All the while you're making new friends and rubbing shoulders with the likes of skier Alex Bilodeau, speed skater Charles Hamelin, curling skip Jennifer Jones, and many more.

Last night we were lucky enough to have tickets to the Women's Hockey game between Canada and the

**"Chants of O' Canada and U.S.A. broke out every few minutes during play"**

U.S.A. The Shayba Arena houses about 5,000 people and the venue was packed with fans from Canada, the U.S.A., and Russia. The two best teams faced off around 4:30 Sochi time and the excitement and amazing atmosphere roared through the stands from the drop of the puck. Chants of O' Canada and U.S.A. broke out every few minutes during play, as if we were in an English Premier League soccer stadium. It was an excellent game to watch that came down to the final minute with Canada prevailing in a 3-2 win.

Next up is the Men's Hockey, Canada vs Norway at 9pm in Sochi, 12-noon Eastern Time. I'll be reporting on the Olympics, the hockey games, and writing about my personal experience as the Games continue.

Alex Pietrangelo (middle) with his parents Joe and Edi Pietrangelo



Inspirational poster inside Canada House



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Sochi Winter Olympic Rings



# Sweetheart victory in Valentine curling action

By SHELLEE MORNING

A vision of red swept the sheets of King last Friday as members came dressed in the celebrated colour in honour of Valentine's Day.

A number of spares were needed to complete teams for those missing on their romantic evening, all of which grasped the spirit of excitement and joined in with adoration.

Once the pre-game chocolates were given, it was down to business. Sheet one featured Team Ian Donaldson against Team Shellee Morning. Evidently, 3 members of Team Donaldson actually played for Skip Morning in the first half of the season, who now kindly call themselves "The Morning After."

For John Zania and Claire Murphy it was like a family reunion (Sheila McKenzie the 3rd member was away) to play again together. Team Donaldson came out strong after one collecting 3 points after Morning's team struggled with weight. The 2nd end was no love affair either for Morning when Donaldson stole another 4 for a 7-0 score.

The Skip and her team were certainly feeling that "Morning After" heavy mood sensation. Moonstruck as they were, Team Morning found the broom and with great front end guards by spares Peter Soloman and Chris Welch, the 3rd end was beginning to shape into pleasant possibilities. Things got interesting after Vice Charles Levine for Team Morning threw a perfect come around on his first throw. With Morning seizing the sudden turn-around in momentum, Donaldson struggled.

Skip Shellee Morning threw a perfect guard on her first after Skip Donaldson missed a hit and roll to lessen the count. Morning's last rock needed to touch the paint for the 6-ender. The scoreboard reading 7-6 gave the Morning team their second wind to be back in the game.

Donaldson captured 2 more in the 4th after he executed a centre line hit as straight as Cupid's arrow for beautiful hit and roll. The 5th belonged to Morning after great sweeping by Welch and Soloman during Mornings final stone which kissed an 8 foot rock and re-directed to the button for a count of one.

A 9-7 score and Donaldson having the hammer played a smart defensive end collecting one more to make it 10-7 and a comfortable lead heading into the final end. With time running out, the curlers were wasting no time setting up the guards. Both Claire Murphy and Chris Welch threw great weight for their teams. Soloman executed a hit and roll enabling Morning to split the house with counters on both sides of the rings.

Visibly there was no love affair between the teams in the final end as superb sweeping and line calling prevailed heavily on both sides. With Morning sitting with 5 in the house, she placed a tight guard on her last shot leaving Donaldson a tough angle hit (just) to keep the score down. A valiant effort by Donaldson who nearly accom-

plished his mission, but the speeding rock made a nose hit driving the target straight back leaving Morning the count of 5. A sweetheart victory for the history making, come from behind 12-10 win that proves you should never give up as anything can happen.

Other love-struck scores in the early draw included Team Power over Team Bradley 8-5, Team Gavigan over Team Quick 7-4

and Teams Kamstra and George tied at 6.

Late draw curling also posed their share of spares with players opting to go out for a night of romance. There was no tenderness or affection from Team Gilpin as they trounced Team Dave Barber 13-2 and Team Duffy flirted with Team Lus for a close win of 7-6.

Teams Sutherland and Groombridge tied at 8 and Kyle Barber was victorious over

Team Stronach 8-5 to complete the Valentine matchups.

With playoffs just around the corner, the Friday night teams are preparing for an exciting finish to the 2013-14 season. The standings are close with minimal points separating each team, so the final games should be some of the finest curling to experience.



David, Ken, and Ian Witherspoon are seen with the plaque that includes their names along with their father's Jim Witherspoon. The Witherspoon family have been involved with curling since 1955 (missing from the photo is brother Doug).

## Witherspoons make curling a 'family affair'

By Larry Sheardown

As you enter the beautiful lounge area at the King Curling Club, you will find reminders of King Township's rich and deep curling history. The walls have large, stately picture frames that contain many plaques from the many leagues and championships that took place in the old and new Nobleton and Schomberg arenas. These games took place weekly on quickly pebbled ice that was as unpredictable as well. Let's just say it was original ice every week!

If you go back to some of the very first games and look for names you will find, in great prominence, the name of long time Nobleton resident and businessman, Jim Witherspoon.

There is a picture in one of the cabinets of the men's league participants circa 1955 and Jim is wearing (like many) a hand-knitted wool sweater for those cold old time winters they used to have! On any given Monday night you may see that same sweater on the back of Jim's son Ken Witherspoon, where he and his brothers Doug and Ian, along with Ian's son David, participate in the Men's Curling League.

Now to be fair, curling is not genetic so you have not heard a lot about this team who although are very enthusiastic curlers, have a sole goal of not being last in the men's league.

Father Jim is very proud of his King Township roots and his curling family. He positively loves our new digs and during a recent visit to see his family play was smiling from ear to ear (actually he always does) and talking about having to fire a rock with all your might just to get it to the other end and the pounding of the old corn brooms on the hard natural ice they used to play on. Jim knows curling and the venue may have changed but the goal is still to have rocks closet to the pin and if you look on those plaques you will see Jim Witherspoon league champion many times as far back as 1956!

Jim's visit must have inspired "Team Spooner" because they pulled off back-to-back wins for the first time and moved into a tie for the coveted 16th playoff spot in Men's League play with skip David making some great draws to put up multiple points many times. There was a hearty cheer and you would think they had won the Brier as you could hear Brother Doug say "we are not last anymore and winning sure is fun!"

With just two weeks to go in the ultra-competitive men's league we will watch and see how this rags to riches tale will play out, but to be sure the fun and fraternity of a family tradition will be first and foremost a proud statement of King's rich curling legacy.



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# Nobleton Karate students move up at grading event

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There were seven senior black belts from the Kai Shin Association in attendance to oversee the event. The Kai Shin Ryu style was the first federally recognized Karate system in Canada in 1991.

Although for the kids it is important to get their "next belt," the theme for the grading was perseverance "Do your best and don't quit even if you do something wrong."

It is important to know how to handle a tough situation under stress. This lesson was adopted well by the students. It is important for today's kids to learn the meaning of dedication and not quitting to accomplish their goals.

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Steven Gardonio Jr. – Orange.  
Colton Gillard – Yellow Stripe.  
Logan Hall – Green.

Caitlin Hogan – Yellow Stripe.  
Alejandro Huard-Tordecillas – Orange.  
Maxim Huard-Tordecillas – Yellow.  
Gage Irwin – Yellow Stripe.  
Ryder Irwin – Orange Stripe.  
Adam Krula – Orange.  
Mitchel Krula – Orange.  
Isaiah Lee – Orange Stripe.  
Zion Lee – Yellow Stripe.  
Owen Lewis – Orange Stripe.  
Sara Lucente – Orange.  
Stefano Lucente – Orange.  
Julia Marks – Yellow.  
Tony Olver – Green Stripe.  
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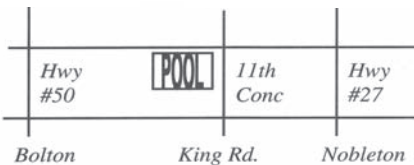
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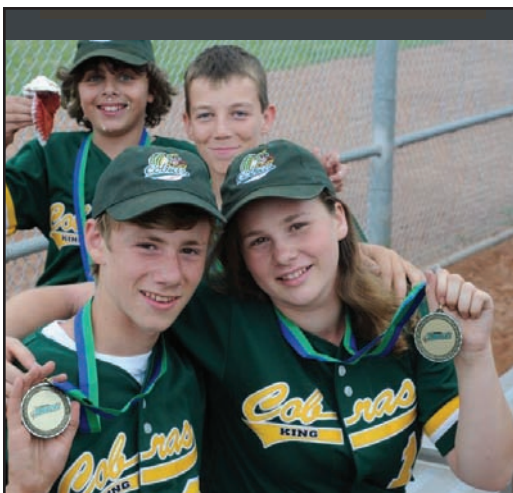
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# Family Day curling fun



Members of the King Curling Club welcomed the public to the rink on Family Day Monday. People of all ages got a chance to try this Canadian sport and receive some pointers along the way. The King Curling Club draws participants from far and wide and boasts a membership of more than 400.

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# One big 'cheat day' will make a difference in women's lives

By Brock Weir

People the world over have come to appreciate the occasional indulgence in chocolate.

For Aurora fitness guru Jennifer Ettinger, everything is about moderation – even if she encourages women to have one really big “cheat day” on their diets later this month.

For the fifth year running, Ettinger, who has devoted her career to the empowerment of women through her company, Fit Your Style, is heading up Women, Wine and Chocolate, a fundraiser bringing together two of the great indulgences in an evening to benefit the Women's Centre of York Region.

This year's event, which is open for the first time this year to men as well, will be held Thursday, Feb. 27 at Cardinal Golf and Country Club in King. It will include food samples, a wine garden, fashion show, photo booth, jewellery and much more all for a good cause.

“I have relapsed over the years with how I wanted this to develop,” said Ettinger with a laugh. “Initially when I created this

for the Women's Centre of York Region, we only had healthy dark chocolate and red wine and all the food was really, really healthy because I am all about wellness.

“This year, I decided, what the heck, we're going to call this 'Your Ultimate Cheat Day.' We're really working on allowing it to open up to a bigger market. We're appealing to everyone out there with their different palates and that is why I am comfortable getting around that with an ultimate cheat day!”

Ettinger originally got involved with the Women, Wine and Chocolate concept south of the border, volunteering for a women's resource centre in Michigan. After holding a similar event there, moving back to Canada six years ago she connected with the Women's Centre of York Region to hold an event for them.

Her interest in issues most effecting women is a very personal one. After being sidelined with chronic fatigue syndrome and gaining weight, she has been driven to help women get fit in a way that really fits who they are, regardless of preconceived ideals or airbrushed images far removed

from reality.

“I realized that when I strip everything down, I am doing this to honour my mom,” she said. “She gave up so much, she worked so hard, and she really represents someone who could have benefitted from the Women's Centre of York Region. She represents empowerment and strength to me and is pretty much my hero.

“She has allowed me to go after my own dreams and is the typical mom that if you needed the shirt off her back she would give it to you in two seconds without even a hesitation. She is my pillar of strength now when I am clear about why I do this.”

The result is a Women, Wine and Chocolate event she promises will be bigger and better than ever. Over the past four years, the event has raised nearly \$45,000 for the Centre and this year they hope to add \$15,000 more to their tally.

On hand to help them bring in the dollars will be Richmond Hill-based jewellery designer Mark Lash, whose handiwork was recently seen on Bruno Mars at both the Grammy Awards and the Super Bowl, who has designed a one-of-a-kind diamond

necklace which will be auctioned off during the evening, a candy buffet bar, astrological readings, demonstrations by TV chefs, and a smorgasbord of food and chocolate from vendors across York Region.

And for ladies – and some gentlemen – on the fence about shelling out \$50 for a ticket, not only will firefighters from the Central York Fire Services be available for photo ops, but chocolate will be served on silver platters carried by male models Ettinger has worked with through the fitness industry.

“I giggled because this is really against my norm in having sweets other than dark chocolate, but I thought, well, I live my life through moderation,” she said. “I love my beer and nacho cheat day and that is how I strive to teach my clients. I am loving the fact we do have organic for those who aspire to have organic chocolate and treats. If you are vegan, we will have something to serve you. If you are traditional, let's just enjoy the night!”

For more on the fifth annual Women, Wine and Chocolate event, including tickets, visit [www.womenwineandchocolate.ca](http://www.womenwineandchocolate.ca).



The community came out to celebrate Family Day with Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek Monday at the Nobleton Arena. Jaczek hosted her 7th annual Family Day skate. Joining Jaczek were (left) Liberal candidate Loreale Carruthers, Samantha Ho and Vikki Pownall.

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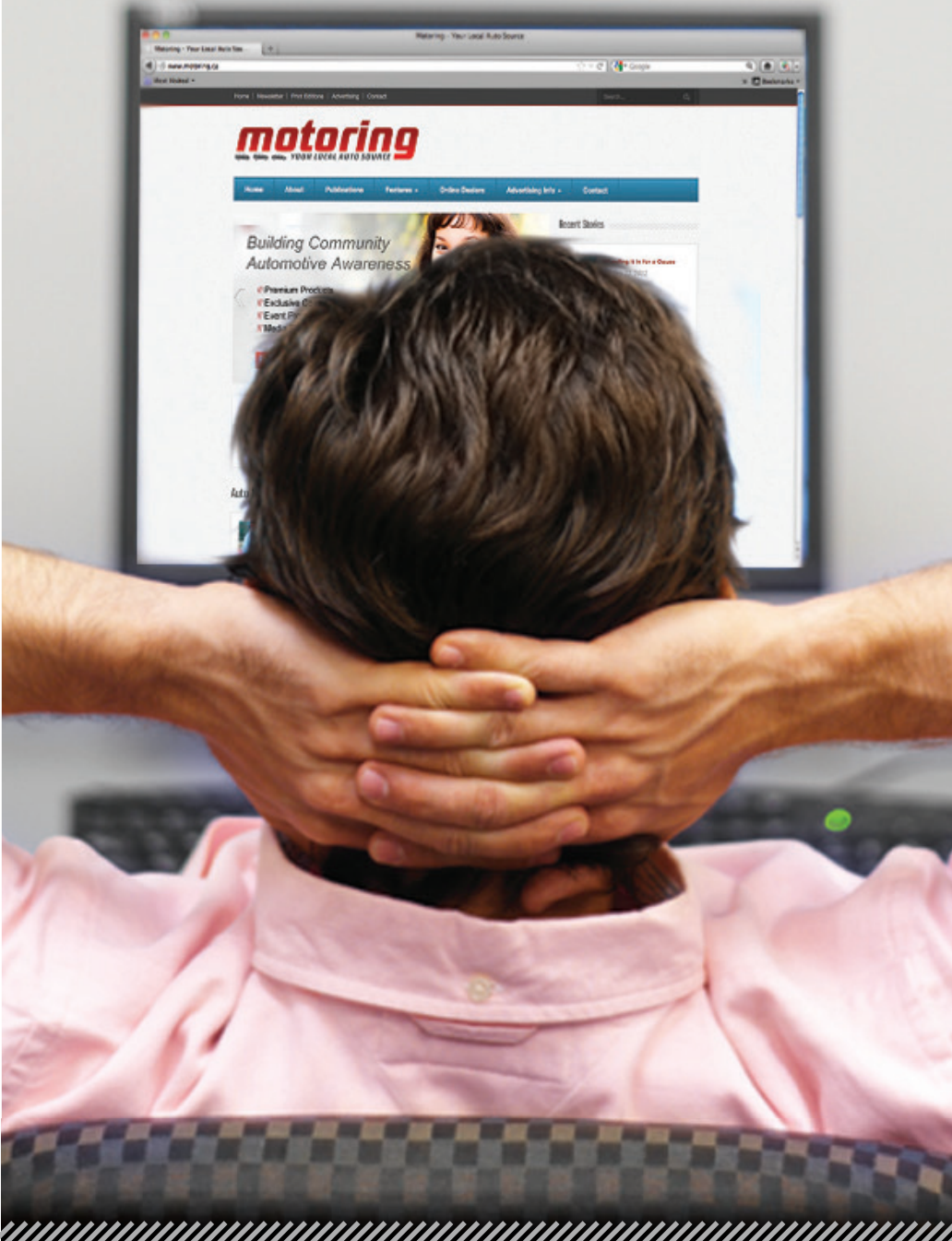
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"The Harper government demonstrated its leadership once again by making a strong and permanent commitment to High Performance sport. By continuing to do whatever is necessary for our athletes, the government showed its dedication to help them reach the podium, and underlined the unifying influence of sport" said Marcel Aubut, president of the Canadian Olympic Committee. "We now have a long-term guaranteed base level of funding to allow us to be competitive against the best in the world.

"On behalf of the Olympic movement in Canada, I want to personally thank the Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Finance, Jim Flaherty, and Minister of State (Sport) Bal Gosal, for their commitment to sport in Canada."

Two key measures were announced in the 2014 federal budget:

- Beginning in 2015-16, Economic Action Plan 2014 proposes to dedicate ongoing funding of \$23 million per year for the Sport Support Program. This includes \$11 million targeted for winter sports through Own the Podium, \$6 million targeted for team sports, \$5 million for the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and, as recently announced, \$1 million for Special Olympics Canada.

- To recognize Canada's pride in its amateur athletes in this year of the 2014 Winter Olympics, Economic Action Plan 2014 proposes to allow income contributed to an amateur athlete trust to qualify as earned income for the purpose of determining an athlete's annual RRSP contribution limit. This will provide amateur athletes with more flexibility to save for retirement on a tax-assisted basis and ease their eventual integration into the workforce by deferring tax on income from their athletic endeavours.



**Mother Nature's handiwork**

With the combination of the early snow, the ice storm, more snow and then the thaw, here is a "sculpture" on a planter of a King City residence. The owner has never seen something so interesting before!

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# King represented at SnowFest's ambassador challenge

Spirited competition took centre stage at the third annual SnowFest Family Day in Caledon, presented by James Dick Construction.

Service clubs, community groups, volunteer firefighters, elementary school children and regional ambassadors compete for podium position and coveted gold, silver and bronze medals.

There was plenty of excitement surrounding the first-ever Alliance Agri-Turf Ambassador Challenge which is enthusiastically supported by representatives from eight agricultural fair boards across the region including: Acton, Bolton, Caledon, Erin, Grand Valley, Schomberg, Shelburne and Orangeville. These young ambassadors went toe to toe in a timed obstacle course which tests their strength, agility and team spirit.

Schomberg Fair's participation came from Morgan Baker, Ambassador and Jeremy Eeks, contestant 2013, competing in the Ambassador Challenge.

They came in second place. The challenge was an agricultural-based obstacle course. The idea behind the event was to bring the ambassadors together (from District 5) for some fun before they compete at the CNE.

SnowFest is owned and managed by the volunteers of the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS). All proceeds raised during these events are dedicated to community based projects, refurbishment and maintenance of the 154-year-old Caledon Fairgrounds.



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## 708 DEATHS



### Hans Heinrich VOGT

Peacefully passed away on Friday, February 14, 2014 at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, at the age of 88. Hans, beloved husband of Irma for 62 years. Loving father of the late Ludwig Vogt (2006), dear father-in-law of Patricia, cherished grandfather of Stuart (Cheryl) and Lisa and great-grandfather of Jordan. Hans will be sadly missed by his niece Ursula Vogt and her parents Erika and Reimer in Germany, his sister-in-law Ingrid Frey, his nephews Ralph, Norbert, his niece Irene and by all of his family and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 21st from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home (6150 Yonge Street, at Goulding, south of Steeles). A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Private interment in the spring at Kettleby Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences www.rskane.ca

## 708 DEATHS

**FINDLAY: Muriel Lottie "Merle"**. Peacefully at Matthews House Hospice on Wednesday February 12th, 2014. Muriel (Martin) in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Harold Findlay. Loving mother of Bill (Joyce), Raymond (Theresa), Eric (Debbie), Don (Rose), Roger, and the late Douglas. Sadly missed by her daughter-in-law Linda. Loved by her grandchildren Aaron and Amanda, Brad and Darlene, Karie, Brandon, David, Lauren and Brittany, John and Jessie, and her great-grandchildren, Adrian, Ari, Haylee, Ashlee, Summer, Shayden, and Tiffany. Dear sister of Betty Ryan and fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Sunday February 16th, 2014 from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel, 11:00 am Monday February 17th, 2014. Springtime interment Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B08

**MARA: George Andrew**. (Founding Member of the Achill Choral Society, Founding Member of the Probus Club of Alliston). Peacefully at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Wednesday February 12th, 2014. George A. Mara, in his 94th year, husband of the late Lillian Mara and Winnie Mara. Loving father of Peter and his wife Laura, Janet and her husband Gary Moffatt, Sandy and her husband Mike DiPietro, and the late Susan Severn. Remembered with love by his grandchildren, Todd, Deanna, Lisa, Sherie, Tina, Matthew, Michael, Colin, Bret, and his 11 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Gord and the late Tom, Eleanor, Margaret, Harold, and Joseph. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Friday February 14th, 2014 from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 pm. Funeral service was held in Trinity United Church, 37 Centre Street, North, Beeton, 11:00 am Saturday February 15th, 2014. Interment, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. Donations in George's memory to Trinity United Church, Box 44 - 37 Centre St., N., Beeton, Ontario, L0G 1A0 would be appreciated by the family. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B07

**KEATS: Ernest Leonard**. Peacefully at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Thursday February 13th, 2014. Ernie Keats, in his 87th year. Life long friend of the Crumie family of Beeton; Bubs, Irene, Rick, Linda, Donnie, Carol, Bobby, Cathy, Ronnie, and Randy. Sadly missed by his good friend Doug Ball. Fondly remembered by Bubs and Irene's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Friends were invited to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday February 19th, 2014 for visitation from 10:00 am until time of memorial service, in the chapel at 11:00 am. Donations in Ernie's memory to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 421, Beeton, would be appreciated by the family. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B08

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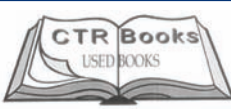
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# Nobleton Lions Club prepares for pancake supper

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
905-859-5174

### St. Paul's Church

The St. Paul's Community Youth Group will meet at the church Friday, Feb. 21, starting at 7 p.m. If you're in Grades 6 to 12, come check us out!

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. as we celebrate Communion. Jeff will continue his series entitled "Forgotten God." His message this week - Supernatural Church. 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 KidzKconnection program (for ages 7 to 11) take place at the same time.

For more information about any of our activities or events, please contact the church office at 905-859-0843 or visit our website at [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://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.immanuel-reformed.ca](http://www.immanuel-reformed.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](mailto:immanuelcoffeebreak@gmail.com).

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League will be selling Zeppole on March 15 and 16 after mass. Cost is \$2 each, orders can be taken by calling Linda Freire at 905-859-4958.

Parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's churches are holding a used clothing drive. Please leave your bags in the foyer of our churches after masses.

World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Nobleton.

The theme is "Streams in the Desert" and all are welcome, including former members of St. Alban's Anglican. Please join us for the service and learn more about the culture and heritage of Egypt.

Members of Nobleton United, Anglican and Presbyterian will be participating.

On March 7, the women of Egypt invite you to join with them in the World Day of Prayer celebration.

World Day of Prayer is a world-wide

movement of Christian women of many traditions who welcome all people to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March. It is an ecumenical movement that brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Refreshments and delicacies of Egypt will be served.

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.

### Nobleton Lions

The Nobleton Lions Club has a very busy spring planned, beginning with the annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4. The location is downstairs at the Old Community Hall just north of the arena, between 5 and 7:30 p.m. Prices will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under. This is great value for your dining dollar, reminiscent of the old time, small town church supper. Plan to come on out! Admission proceeds are planned to be donated to the Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer Club.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 25. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including seeing eye dogs, hearing ear dogs, and special skills dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out [www.purinawalkfordogguides.com](http://www.purinawalkfordogguides.com) for much more information, and think about coming out to walk.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Club Annual Fundraiser being held this year on June 8. This year, the Fundraiser will consist of a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home, at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This event will be the major fundraiser for the club, and proceeds from the event go to sponsor numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to contact Jim Kassam at KARS on King Road west of Highway 27 at 859-5277. Watch this space for further details on these events as the dates get closer, and why not check out our website at [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com).

Free advertising is available to non-profit groups in and around Nobleton via the electronic sign at the library. Contact the Township of King for details on how to get your

message up there at no charge.

An ongoing program run by the Lions is the collection of used eye glasses. Take your old glasses to the Nobleton Pharmacy where they will be collected, refurbished, and distributed to those in need.

Your support is greatly appreciated by the Lions, and those who we support, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve."

The Lions Club is seeking new members at this time. If you are interested in helping your community become a better place to live while having lots of fun, please call Bob Phillips at 416-522-9675.

### Horticulture By John Arnott

A few weeks back I had to get my car brakes done. While in the waiting area of my Alliston dealership I came across a recipe in a Canadian Living for pecan pie made with honey rather than corn syrup. Since it was an old edition I got to take the magazine.

I've never made pecan pie before so I wasn't sure how my first one would turn out but it wasn't bad at all. Now all this got me thinking about pecans and the trees that produce them. Let me share with you what I found out.

It seems that pecan trees are a species of hickory and native to central southern U.S. originating in the northern Texas-Oklahoma region and spread by First Nations into southern Illinois down through Missouri into Louisiana and Alabama. For First Nations people in this area of the U.S. pecan nuts were used a staple food as well as for trade. Pecans were often planted at major campsites on their trade routes. The word pecan derives from paccan from the Algonquian phrase meaning "nut" - to break with a stone.

According to the Firefly Encyclopaedia of Trees, there are some 300 varieties of pecans many hybrids of wild and early domesticated trees. These trees can grow from 66 to 130 ft./20 to 40 m in height and have trunks over 4 ft./1.2 m thick. Once established a tree can live for over 300 years and still bear fruit (some trees are reputed to be 1,000 years old) but most trees bear goodly amounts of quality fruit for about 100 years.

Wind pollinated, the pecan trees have both long hanging male catkins and smaller female ones whose cluster of 3 or 4 flowers produce the nuts. To be botanically correct the pecan is not really a nut at all but a drupe like a peach where the seed (which in the case of the pecan is edible) is inside a hard woody husk.

The first Europeans to take note of pecans were Spanish explorers who took saplings and nut samples back to Europe where they were considered a species of walnut and successfully grown in Spain, Portugal and beyond. After his retirement George Washington, the first American president,

grew pecans on his Mount Vernon estate in Virginia. These pecans were a gift to him from Thomas Jefferson who would become the third American president and who grew pecans on his Monticello estate also in Virginia.

Although pecans were gathered by pioneers for food and grown by presidents as ornamentals it was only in the 1880s that they became a cultivated crop. While pecans are now grown as a crop in South Africa and Australia the United States produces 90% of the world's supply.

Pecan trees will grow in hardiness zone 5 as long as summers are hot and humid so the question is could we grow them here in King Township? Evidently there are records of a variety of them known as northern pecans that once grew in the Ohio Valley and as far north as Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania but as a result of rapid spread urbanization these trees have been lost. However, in the last 10 years northern pecans have been found growing in wild rugged areas of southern Wisconsin. So if they'll grow there why not here?

Now before I forget here's the recipe for pecan pie that I used from Canadian Living, October 2012:

1/2 cup unsalted butter, 1 cup packed brown sugar,  
1/2 cup liquid honey, 1 tablespoon cider vinegar,  
2 teaspoons vanilla, 1/4 teaspoon salt,  
3 eggs lightly beaten, 2 cups pecan halves  
In a small sauce pan melt butter over medium heat; whisk in brown sugar until mixture smooth.

Remove from heat; add honey, vinegar, vanilla, salt and ground pecans and pecan pieces Whisk in eggs.

Arrange pecans in pie shell; pour filling over top. Bake on baking sheet on bottom rack of 350 degrees F (180 degrees C) oven until filling is set - 50 to 60 minutes. Then remove from oven and let cool completely. On a cold snowy February day its yours to enjoy.

## King student on dean's list

Samantha Fabbicino of King City was named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. To qualify, students must attain a 3.25 academic grade-point average for the semester.

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# Brunch at St. Andrew's after service this Sunday

## King's Corners

King City United  
By Eleanor Fry

Have you noticed the days getting longer and the heat in the sun? Daylight time starts March 9.

Reverend Evelyn's message was about choicers. Our life is made up of choices. Some are fun, and others really make us sweat. Choices are nothing new. We make choices all day long. Some of them have long term effects and others, well, they're just fleeting.

Watch the Olympics or go to Bible study. Pray now or maybe tomorrow. Think about your past week, everything you did, who you spoke with, and whether you spoke angrily, sarcastically or lovingly. Are you wondering how to choose eternal life over death?

A good start is to follow the Ten Commandments. Take them into your heart. Live out those words. Give to the poor. Fight for justice. Treat others fairly. Share your food with the hungry. Learn things you have told yourself you would never learn. Laugh often. Cry when it is the time. Do something so someone else won't have to. Apologize to someone, even if it was mostly their fault. Love your church. Share your faith with someone who has forgotten about it. Take a break from your boring Sunday routine and join us for worship.

Don't forget the Holy Chili Cook-off Feb. 28 at Sacred Heart Church on Jane St. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come to taste the chili and vote for your favourite. Be more adventurous and enter your own chili. Beat those February blahs. Call Evelyn if you have a hearty entry, 905-833-5181. Your

free will donation will go to King Township food bank.

Reverend Evelyn has held the first session with our confirmands and mentors. They are doing some bible study, discussing a variety of issues, creating their own faith video to share in worship, learning about the United Church of Canada and baking the bread for communion when they are confirmed. They will also be going to tour the Hindu Temple at Finch and Highway 427. Anyone is welcome to join in to see the temple and learn more about the Hindu religion. Watch for the date.

Confirmation will be celebrated Sunday, April 13. For those past the age of Confirmation, but would like to transfer membership, join the church, or even be baptized, speak to Rev. Evelyn to make an appointment.

We appreciated Hazel Ogilvie once again filling in at the piano and organ while Rosemary visits with her family in Sri Lanka.

UCW meeting postponed to Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Send input for our website to Fred Jesty fjesty@hotmail.com for inclusion to our website www.kcuc.com. Our office 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bellnet.ca Reverend Evelyn McLachlan - kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

We meet for Sunday worship with Sunday school at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us to hear Rev. Evelyn's humorous and powerful messages. Stay for coffee, cookies and conversation. 50 Elizabeth Grove King City. It's a good choice.

### Joint church supper

Schomberg Presbyterian & United Churches will hold their joint pancake

supper March 4 at the Community Hall.

There are no stairs to climb at the Community Hall. On tap will be pancakes, sausage, ham and dessert for only \$8. Children aged 5-10 are \$4.00 and kids 4 and under eat free.

Tickets available at the door or phone Liz MacPherson, 905-939-8181; Edith McDonald, 905-939-2277 or Leslie Routhier 905-939-9436.

### King Bible Church

Join us this Sunday, Feb. 23 as Dr. Jim Mason from Creation Ministries International will be coming to speak at our church. He will be speaking on "Origins by the Book."

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For more information about Creation Ministries and Dr. Mason please check out their website. www.creation.com

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

### King City Seniors Centre

Our upcoming events are a potluck lunch on Friday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a main course or a dessert and enjoy the food and friendship with your neighbours. Following the lunch Hans Martin, local King City bee keeper will speak about the importance of bees and the perils they face. Hans will bring

honey and hand creams for purchase.

Come out for a movie on Monday, March 3 at 1:30 at the Centre. We plan to show a Romantic Comedy called "The Holiday," a story about women from England and America who switch homes. Stars of the movie are Kate Winslet, Jack Black, Cameron Diaz, and Jude Law. Cost is \$1.

Our pancake supper will be on Tuesday, March 11 starting at 4 p.m. at the Centre. Cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at the door, but best if you let us know you are coming, please phone Carol at 905-833-3324 or leave a message at the center 905-833-2824.

### York Pines

The York Pines Church invites the public to attend the church's annual stew supper. The date is Tuesday, Feb. 25 and the time is from 5 to 7 p.m. Tasty beef stew is served and bread pudding is devoured for dessert. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. Children under five dine free. There is limited seating available, so purchase your tickets early. A take-out option exists as well.

For further information or ticket reservation please call 905-727-8118. The York Pines Church is located at 3150 Aurora/Lloydtown Road, Kettleby.

### World Day of Prayer at Emmanuel

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer in Schomberg at 7 pm on Friday March 7. This is an ecumenical service that is held in places of worship around the world. The church is located at 313 Main Street.

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# Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust grows in 2013

By Mark Pavilons

Some may be happy to see 2013 fade away, but for the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, it was a year that just kept giving.

Calling it a "year with no end," trust chair Patricia Short-Gallé said "2013 will just keep on going for us. It has been a great year. What a wonderful gift all of our supporters have made!"

In 2013, the Trust conserved an additional 191 acres of land. That means a total of 3,518 acres left in a natural state, through conservation easements or donations of land. As a result, more than \$5 million worth of ecological goods and services will contribute to community health and well-being in 2014.

"Each year and every year after, that value will only grow," Short-Gallé noted.

Properties protected this year will preserve farmland, natural habitat and natural features in Adjala, Scugog and Hamilton townships in the Nottawasaga, Scugog and Ganaraska River watersheds.

"The Trust's activity over 2013 is a clear indication of the importance of the Oak Ridges Moraine across a broad area," she added.

Land conservation and the economic value it adds to our future health would not be possible without generous financial support from the community.

"Three years ago on the Trust's 10th anniversary we set a goal of reaching

\$1 million to support the work of the Trust. You did it! Monthly donations of \$25 combined with one-time donations up to \$10,000 from individual citizens has been a huge help through 2013. In addition we have received generous single and multiple year Corporate and Family Foundation grants. All of it adds stability to the Trust work moving into 2014," she said.

In addition to donations, the Land Trust occasionally receives funds through government grants.

In York Region the Land Trust has had a long standing partnership with the regional municipality. "We have had a highly successful partnership with York Region since 2002," noted Short-Gallé, "This year that agreement was re-

newed for another three years providing \$50,000 annually. This funding supports the Land Trust's efforts to work with York Region residents interested in protecting the lands they have enjoyed for years. Momentum gained with forward looking partnerships like this in 2013 is going to keep moving us ahead!"

In 2013 the Trust appealed to supporters to make the best gift ever. "We extend sincere thanks to everyone who responded with whatever they could. Every contribution is an investment for generations. Your generosity, like the year, is not an end but a beginning of a greener, healthier future."

## Church prepares for Shrove Tuesday

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AllSaints  
By Nicola Skinner

When it's cold outside there is nothing better than a warm bowl of chili to chase away the winter blahs! Join the local churches for our ecumenical Chili Cook-Off on Friday, Feb. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church at Jane Street and 16th Sideroad. Entry is by donation, and all proceeds go to the King Township Food Bank.

While we are on the subject of food, All Saints's annual Pancake Supper is on Shrove Tuesday, March 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person for all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages. Ash Wednesday is the next day and our service takes place in the chapel at 7 p.m. We are very glad to be welcoming our friends from the United Church for this occasion. Ash Wednesday is a reflective occasion which marks the beginning of Lent and the journey to Easter. We confess our failings, and acknowledge our mortality with the mark of a cross on our foreheads made from ash, hence Ash Wednesday.

During the season of Lent we have two, 6-week study groups happening. On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we will be walking through the Holy Land and investigating the last 24 hours of Jesus's life using a video and discussion series. At 7 p.m. we are offering "A Retreat in Everyday Life" using Ignatian prayer methods. This is a way of praying using the scripture stories. It is also a tool for finding contemplation and calm in the midst of our busy lives. All are welcome to join us.

All Saints is an inclusive and welcoming Anglican church in the heart of King City. We strive to be a community of compassion and hope, following in the footsteps of Jesus. Service times are 8 and 10:30 a.m., with guided meditation at 9:15 a.m. We are located at 12935 Keele Street, King City. See [www.allsaintskingcity.com](http://www.allsaintskingcity.com). Please leave messages at 905-833-5432, and I will return your call.

## Moraine Quilt Guild meets monthly

The Moraine Quilt Guild meets monthly.

The next meeting will be held March 5, from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Norm Taylor Room, Bond Lake Arena, Oak Ridges. The guest speaker will be Patti Carey, quilt designer with Northcott Fabrics.

The public is welcome with a meeting fee of \$7. For more information call 905-726-3577.

The following meeting will be held April 2 at the same time and location,

Guest speaker will be Krys Perron and her quilt trunk show.

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