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Residents say draft tree bylaw is restrictive

By Angela Gismondi

King Township wants to put a tree preservation bylaw in place but residents are worried the proposed bylaw is too restrictive.

The draft bylaw was brought forward at a Committee of the Whole meeting Monday in an effort to gain public input. The purpose of the bylaw is to grow the tree canopy in the Township, but local residents argued the bylaw infringed on their right to maintain their own property if they need to get permission from the town for every single tree they cut down.

The matter was first introduced a few years ago by the King Environmental Advisory Committee in response to the development taking place in King's villages. The intent was to prevent developers from clear-cutting woodlots and trees on their property without first consulting the Township. As it stands, the bylaw would only apply to the more urbanized areas of the Township, not the rural areas.

The staff report outlined the proposed process for obtaining a permit. A property owner wishing to remove a tree will contact the bylaw enforcement department to request a permit. A staff member will then attend the property to assess the tree, discuss alternatives to removal, determine replacement requirements, and issue the permit. No fee would be charged for the permit. The staff member will not deny the issuance of a permit unless the tree is protected under other legislation or removing it would be an environmental hazard. The property owner would then conduct the work by a certain date, after which the staff member would return to inspect the work. If the property owner elects to pay cash-in-lieu to plant one or more trees elsewhere, staff will issue the permit after collecting the cash-in-lieu payment.

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Pietrangelo and King celebrate gold medal victory

King's Alex Pietrangelo (left) is congratulated by his brother David, a local King City writer for London Publishing Corp., after receiving his gold medal in Team Canada's victory over Sweden on Sunday. Turn to Page 12 for more on King's 'golden' celebrations.

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Public concerned about red tape and permit process

From Front Page

If a property owner removes a tree without applying for a permit or in violation of an issued permit, they may be subject to a fine and be required to remediate the lands at their expense.

Local resident Christopher Freeman was worried about the costs of implementing a bylaw of this nature.

"The draft bylaw is going to end up like death by 1,000 cuts if every single tree has to go through an administrative process," he explained, adding that the Township would have to hire full time staff to deal with all the requests which will result in increased fees.

"If you want to cut down trees, it shouldn't be an administrative exercise, it's a matter of common sense," he said.

He suggested that it would be more appropriate for the Township to use the Aurora tree bylaw model, which allows property owners to cut down four trees per 12-month period.

He pointed out that sometimes there are good reasons for the removal of trees including if a tree is diseased or if it outgrows the area in which it is planted.

Uli Retsch said he was upset when he read the proposed bylaw.

"I am very much in favour of protecting the environment but I think this is an unwelcome intrusion on personal property management," he said.

He was also concerned about the timing of the bylaw, since the GTA was hit by a major ice storm in December and Township residents need adequate time to clean up the damaged trees on their properties.

"My suggestion would be to shelf this bylaw for a while and quietly forget about it," he said. "Engage creativity, be really green and help people plant trees."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out that the timing was not intentional and that staff put out a work plan for this project a while ago. It's just a coincidence that the draft bylaw is coming forward now after the ice storm.

"King is one of the few municipalities without a tree bylaw," Pellegrini explained, adding the matter was brought forward in an effort to prevent developers

from clear cutting trees and woodlots on their properties to put up monster homes and developments.

"We all have trees on our properties that we don't want to pay extra to cut down," said Pellegrini. "We're doing this to increase the canopy in King. Right now it's at 25 per cent and we want to grow that. We haven't forced it down anyone's throat. Tell us what is important to you - this is why we're here soliciting feedback. Nothing is a fait accompli at this point."

Gene Marchetta was one of the few deputants in support of the draft bylaw. Marchetta said he moved to Nobleton because of the nature and the mature trees on the lot. A few years ago he got new neighbours who decided to take down the wooded area on their property. Marchetta tried to call the Township but he was told there was nothing they could do.

"The skyline was destroyed on our street forever," he said. "Unfortunately there are people with no common sense. I feel this bylaw would prevent this type of destruction. I am strongly in favour and think it should be done as soon as possible."

Richard Horn said he didn't see any benefit coming from the bylaw.

"I have yet to see what this bylaw is going to do for us," said Horn. "This bylaw seems like a cash grab. When I purchased my property I thought I had the freedom to maintain my property but it sounds like that's not the case anymore. It looks like King Township is going to be a nanny state. Drop the bylaw and work on something to benefit landowners not something that takes away their privileges."

David Hancock was not in favour of the proposed bylaw. He suggested that if the Township wants to grow its tree canopy, it should put an incentive programs in place to encourage property owners to plant trees.

"I'm sure there would be a lot of interested residents who would participate in a program like that," he said.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti said he was uncomfortable with the initial draft bylaw and was glad to see changes were made but more work needs to be done.

"The approach is not working," said

Mortelliti. "This penalizes landowners that are conscientious towards their own property."

He added that he was pleased to see so many good ideas come out of the meeting and would support a bylaw with exemptions such as the Aurora model which allows property owners to cut a few trees every year.

"If we're going to have a bylaw I would be more comfortable with something like that," said Mortelliti. "I don't want to go in the direction of applying another layer of bureaucracy."

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said the intent of the bylaw is to protect trees, something that is very important to the character of King Township.

"I certainly don't want to see us dissuade property owners from looking after their properties more effectively," said Schaefer.

Councillor Bill Cober said it's important to strike a balance within the bylaw both protecting trees and allowing residents to manage their properties

"It is not our intention to have King Township become a nanny state," said Cober.

He shared a personal story about having a tree removed on a property outside of King Township.

"It's an expensive process," he said. "Once we venture into that as a municipality, it's going to be an expensive venture. That's my concern."

Councillor Avia Eek said she was pleased that the bylaw would not be impacting agricultural areas. She pointed out that it is York Region's responsibility to deal with any tree issues on properties over half an acre.

The matter was referred back to staff for a further report.



Hungry for oysters and pasta

As usual, the King City Lions were busy feeding the crowds who were out for their annual Oyster and Pasta Dinner. Betty Beaton and Linda Keeble were busy preparing the oyster chowder. Lions Vince Cancelli and Frank Sartor were hard at work in the kitchen, helping to prepare the pasta.



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Emotions run high; committee nixes larger house in Kettleby

By Mark Pavilons

It all came down to following a bylaw and maintaining the character of a community.

A larger new home was refused at King's committee of adjustment last week, following public outcry and a petition from village residents. The meeting last Wednesday night became boisterous at times and some observers would say it was not the best display.

The lot is situated on a rise off of Kettleby Road, across the street from Christ Church.

Applicants were seeking relief from the Township bylaw to increase the size of their home, exceeding the maximum permitted by 45 square metres and adding a partial second storey.

The Kettleby Village Association gathered signatures and members were in attendance to voice their objections.

The KVV was "relieved" the application was shot down.

The group is "dismayed" at what they see is a "subjective interpretation" by the planning staff of vague wording in the bylaw, which doesn't fully indicate the spirit and intent of what "in keeping" with a village's makeup is meant to portray.

The group bears no ill will toward the property owners, or anyone else who chooses to live in the area.

"KVA hopes to have the opportunity to work with owners, architects, and township staff and committees to ensure that the spirit and intent of the bylaw is protected in the final site plan approvals for the remaining five homes," according to a statement from KVA.

"Through cooperation and consultation we look forward to welcoming six

new families into our community. We welcome new neighbours and would like to see them embrace the essence of our village as we do."

The owners have been asked to redesign their home with the maximum size in mind.

According to KVA's Christy Pieroway, while this can be considered a victory, "I do not think anyone who attended last night is rejoicing at all."

"The new owners are naturally very upset that they are not going to get their dream house they have been carefully planning for months.

"It was a great disappointment and the hamlet's reaction to the proposed building was a huge surprise to them. You can imagine, if you did not have all the history about this village's heritage preservation fight to date and, if you were surrounded by people assuring you this could be built, this would be a blow. Hopefully in time, it will not feel so personal for the new owners, and they will better understand that we are just trying to protect our collective 'home' Kettleby."

The Committee of Adjustment, she said, has encouraged residents to communicate much better with their new neighbours and work together.

According to Councillor Debbie Schaefer, there is unhappiness on part of many members of the community that the six building lots were created. Further, many of those people felt that the site specific zoning bylaw which was created to address the worries about inappropriately large homes being built was not tough enough. Hence, an application for a variance to increase size was salt in a wound not yet healed as barely three years have passed, she observed.

"There are some who have simply not accepted the decision to create the lots and they feel there is something to be gained by re-hashing arguments presented unsuccessfully several years ago. Ironically, by doing so they actually hurt the cause as it just fuels more emotion as opposed to encouraging rationale thinking," she said.

The councillor also felt the proponents had no idea about the history of the area or how passionate residents are about their village.

Frustration with the process. The mandate of the Committee of Adjustment is to look at floor space, but residents wanted to discuss and debate setbacks, aesthetics, design, etc.

Concerned Citizens of King Township saw this as a victory, but the win was "bitter-sweet."

According to Greg Locke, CCKT chair, this matter has exposed weaknesses in the current development processes and tools. "Kettleby is not at peace, their harmony has been sadly disturbed," he remarked.

"This unfortunate case demonstrates how critical our upcoming Official Plan review is, to make sure our planning tools all sing from the same song sheet. The hamlet plan supposedly governing development in Kettleby is currently a stand-alone document, simply 'deferred' to by our current Official Plan. It has no teeth. Builders and developers 'refer' to it, staff encourage it, but time and time again they simply do what they want, with little meaningful recourse by staff or council. A similar story plays out for all our community plans and design guidelines."

This case, Locke explained, was governed by local expectations of elements of the bylaw allowing "respectful" growth and maintaining "harmony."

Locke noted what's most unfortunate, is that several years ago Kettleby residents attempted to have their hamlet declared a Heritage Conservation District, a designation shared by Kleinburg and Unionville. The protections this designation offers would have likely prevented this very sort of thing from happening. It failed.

He said perhaps the community can give new thought to re-exploring this option. Schomberg's Main Street commercial/residential district would do well to consider the same.

"Good management and communication can go a long way to avoiding these situations. But if anything, this example shows how important it is that our planning tools be integrated and strengthened so that vagueness, interpretation and downright political influence are further removed from the process, to the

betterment of our communities," Locke stressed.

Locke encourages residents to become engaged in such issues, and press the point to their local councillors. He suggests that "sensitive" Committee of Adjustment matters be directed to council for debate.

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Service demands dominate Nobleton meet and greet session

By Mark Pavilons

Nobleton residents would like some more amenities and services, but the reality is, they're not high on King Township's list of priorities.

That was the message that filled the air at Nobleton Library last Wednesday evening, during the informal Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors evening.

A good crowd of roughly 50 residents turned to meet and get some face time with Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Peter Grandilli.

Pellegrini said the crowd was mixed between newcomers and long-time residents who all engaged in some lively discussions.

On their minds were issues relating to hard services such as sewers, traffic lights and street lights.

Residents have been anxious for lights at the intersection of Greenside Drive and King Road, as well as Park Heights and Highway 27. In discussions with York Region, they are examining the road warrants and it's just a matter of when, according to the mayor.

Sewer installation in the older part of Nobleton have been taking a bit longer than expected, since work crews hit water when they were digging, and this delayed things.

Residents asked about the speed humps on Hill Farm, which were removed for the winter. Pellegrini noted these were temporary measures and they are looking at a more permanent solution.

This year's winter, one of the worst in decades, has resulted in literally piles of snow on streets and in subdivisions. In order to fully remove them all, they have to be loaded and dumped, and that would require costly rental of loaders and dump trucks.

Some of the newer residents wanted services similar to what they were used to in larger urban centres to the south. The mayor pointed out many move to King to escape the city and you simply won't see the same level of services as other cities. King will only grow to 35,000.

The mayor pointed out there are a lot of competing priorities and it's sorted out at budget time each year. While he admitted some neighbourhood streets aren't particularly well lit, it's not high on the Township's priority list.

Residents wanted to know about the status of a new park in the Hambly subdivision. The mayor said staff are working on a plan and it will be made public shortly.

Others asked about box stores, plazas and streetlights.

The plaza that is home to John's No Frills is expanding, and will soon welcome the LCBO and Scotiabank, along with other retail. The neighbouring plaza to the north has been given a face lift and it's hoped the old Foodland space will be occupied.

Some residents are concerned about potential truck traffic from the new Canadian tire warehouse in Bolton. Pellegrini asked Regional staff who noted the bulk of the traffic this facility will generate will head southbound, with only a small amount headed north, and possibly through Nobleton. York has looked into it and are in touch with their Peel Region counterparts as the project develops.

The mayor is pleased that residents take the time to attend these sessions, as it provides a great opportunity for taxpayers to get answers, understand the process and meet their elected officials.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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Olympic Games are also about humanity

The Sochi Winter Olympics provided some much-needed Canadian patriotism during a particularly horrible winter – the worst in years.

By comparison, in my opinion, these were the best Olympics in years for the red maple leaf.

During the Olympics, particularly the Winter Games when Canada tends to do well, we're all proud, regardless of our backgrounds or vast geography. The maple leaf becomes a beacon, a symbol to the world of who we are and why our country and its people are so highly regarded.

There were many highlights and memorable moments this year and I found the TV coverage the best ever.

The icing on the cake was, obviously, Canada's gold medal hockey victory against Sweden Sunday. I couldn't believe how many people got up bright and early to celebrate, from coast to coast.

Of course, the semi-final win against the U.S. has to rank up there as a really sweet moment.

In what was one of the best games I've ever seen was the Canadian women's team come-from-behind victory over the Americans. I counted them out late in the third period when they were behind 2-0. The late goals, sending the game into overtime, were almost miraculous. The Toronto Maple Leafs have been in this position many times over the years, but I don't recall them ever bouncing back in this fashion.

The win in overtime was awesome and we watched and cheered in our newspaper office. I'm sure bars, restaurants, classrooms, even Toronto City council chambers, erupted with joy when we won gold.



Mark Pavilons

Such results in team sports are always bitter-sweet, as evidenced by the expressions on the faces of the U.S. players. They thought they had this one, and were so close to capturing their first-ever hockey gold. There's no question they played very well. But as any hockey fan knows all too well, anything can happen in this game.

Of course, the smiles on the Canadian players, fans and supporters said it all. They made me smile, too. As a parent, I can only imagine the pride and ear-to-ear grins displayed by the parents and family members of these Canadians.

It's funny how sport – any sport – really brings a nation together. But this is hockey, this is our game.

I know very little about the steering

intricacies of the bobsleigh, or the airborne prowess required in ski jumping. I don't really get the biathlon or snowboard cross.

But what I do get is passion, talent, hard work, dedication and determination. We all do, regardless of where we call home or what language we speak.

Since the Games began in ancient Greece, these competitions have been about celebrating human accomplishment. From feats of strength and agility to strategic timing, it's about testing our limits, rising to challenges, overcoming odds and crossing the finish line.

The Games are also about surprises, upsets, questionable calls and often career-ending injuries. The Winter Games are filled with danger.

And these Games had their fair share of all of these. I saw some terrible wipe-outs, some painful, some embarrassing. I witnessed physical exhaustion and unbelievable joy in triumph, and sorrow in loss.

There were the Canadian mogul skiers – the Dufour-Lapointe sisters, winning gold and silver. There were the awesome efforts by both the men's and women's curling teams, who seemed unstoppable. Well deserved gold medals all around.

If you watched either the opening or closing ceremonies you saw the excited athletes. What's just as impressive was the smiles on the tiny groups of athletes from countries we've never heard of. Despite the odds, these athletes faced huge,

experienced competitors from the giants such as the U.S., Canada, Russia, Germany – world powerhouses. For them, it was an honour simply to share in the Olympic atmosphere, festivities, camaraderie and mutual respect.

For those who didn't reach the podium, I understand they receive certificates for their participation. While not made of metal, an Olympic certificate would like quite nice hanging on any wall.

Most of the athletes interviewed stressed that achieving Olympic success isn't a solo act. It takes a strong support system and tireless commitment from family members to make it all come together. They should make medals for moms and dads, too.

It takes a lot of resources to get athletes to the podium. I'd rather see my tax dollars go to helping them than relocating gas plants, subsidizing day care or toward huge civil servant salaries.

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While we gather to celebrate our sense of being Canadian, we also gather to honour the human species – the only medal winners in the galaxy!

Letter to the Editor

Passion got the better of some King residents

I am writing in response to the situation that unfolded during last week's Committee of Adjustment meeting.

An application to build a home in Kettleby, larger than that allowed by the site specific bylaw, was made. I attended because residents organized an on-line and hard copy petition out of concern for the impact that the potentially nearly 4,000-square-foot home may have on the village.

The applicants had every right to make the application. They had every right to be heard with the consideration and respect that each of us expects in our democracy.

While members of the public were making deputations, the applicants, staff and committee members listened quietly and respectfully. Unfortunately, while we should have done the same throughout the more than an hour and a half of discussions, many of us did not.

I was inconsiderate myself and for that I have apologized to the committee members, staff and the applicants.

Yes, we are all passionate about Kettleby. Yes, there are strong arguments on both sides of the issue.

But, no, this does not mean that we should ever allow emotions and passions to take over. This was a good example of citizens gathering to make their views known. It was a very bad example of how "mob mentality," emotions and deep passion can get the better of otherwise courteous and respectful citizens.

I hope that this is not the end of the discussions about the "dream homes" coming to the five lots in Kettleby. I hope and trust that calmer heads will prevail.

King Township residents can do much better.

Susan Beharriell



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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Strong demand continues for Feed-In Tariff program

More than four years after the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) launched North America's first comprehensive Feed-In Tariff (FIT) program, Ontario's renewable energy industry, municipalities, Aboriginal communities and community organizations continue to show strong interest in the program.

During the most recent FIT 3 application window that ended Dec. 13, 2013, the OPA received 1,982 applications representing a total of 493.71 megawatts (MW) of generation capacity. These applications are for renewable energy projects (solar, wind, waterpower and bioenergy) with a proposed capacity of more than 10 kilowatts (kW) and up to 500 kW. The OPA received applications with Aboriginal community participation (30.8 per cent of net applications), municipal and public sector participation (26.9 per cent), and community participation (11.7 per cent). More than 75 per cent of applications are for rooftop solar projects. The complete 2013 FIT Application Summary is available on the FIT website.

The FIT program includes priority points for projects with Aboriginal, municipal, community and public sector participation, as well as for those that demonstrate support from local municipal councils. Applications submitted during this period are currently being reviewed by the OPA for completeness and eligibility. FIT 3 applications that pass the completeness and eligibility reviews will be ranked according to priority points and tested for transmission and distribution availability. The OPA will award contracts for up to 123.5 MW as a result of applications received during the most recent FIT 3 application window. Successful applicants are expected to be announced in the second quarter.

The OPA also accepted applications for the new Unbuilt Rooftop Solar Pilot program, which has a separate procurement target of 15 MW. The OPA received 184



applications for this program, representing a total of 45 MW. In addition, the OPA continues to receive applications to the microFIT Program for renewable energy projects up to 10 kW on a continuous basis. Version 3 of the microFIT Program was launched in August 2013.

The OPA will procure up to 65.3 MW of microFIT projects in 2014. To date, 18,265 microFIT projects totalling 159 MW have been connected and are contributing power to Ontario's electricity grid.

The FIT Program was launched in 2009 as a cornerstone of the Ontario's Green Energy Act to encourage the development of the renewable energy sector in Ontario. The OPA now manages 2,608 FIT contracts totalling 4,624 MW - 878 of them in

commercial operation totaling 1,147 MW.

The FIT program has evolved to continue to meet Ontario's energy needs. Earlier this year the province made further changes, announcing that the domestic content rule requirements would be lowered and eventually eliminated, to align the program with World Trade Organization requirements. The province also announced that large renewable projects will now be subject to a new competitive procurement process, which is currently being developed through consultations and engagements with municipalities, Aboriginal communities and stakeholders.

"The FIT Program continues to generate a strong interest among power generators as well as communities across the

province. Communities across Ontario have recognized the benefits of participating in the FIT Program, which generates revenues that can be invested into community-based projects. The OPA is pleased to show a strong record of managing and streamlining the program to further encourage participation across the board," said JoAnne Butler, vice-president of electricity resources, Ontario Power Authority.

"Since launching the FIT program in 2009, Ontario has established itself a North American leader in renewable energy. We've made remarkable progress and Ontario is proud of the role renewable energy is playing in our supply mix," said the Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Energy.

York keeps 190,000 tonnes of garbage out of landfill

Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) confirmed York Region's diversion rate for 2012 was 57.25 per cent, placing York first in WDO's Large Urban category.

"York Region and our local municipal partners are working together to implement a waste management program that meets the various needs of our residents and addresses the challenges of a growing population," said York chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. "When factoring in waste diverted from landfill through energy-from-waste, York Region's diversion rate is an impressive 82 per cent."

Waste diversion is attributed to many initiatives including the SM4RT Living Plan, a comprehensive Master Plan addressing planning and delivery of waste management programs in the Region for the next 25 to 40 years. The plan focuses on waste prevention and reuse, while maximizing diversion through recycling, composting and energy recovery options.

"These results are indicative of the leadership role York Region and our local municipal partners have assumed in solid waste management," said Town of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Vito Spatafora, chair of environmental services. "Through initiatives identified in the SM4RT Living Plan, we will continue to investigate methods of reducing the amount of waste generated and diverting what is left from landfill."

Waste Diversion Ontario does not credit York Region for 80,212 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill to an energy-from-waste facility in 2012. As not all municipalities have access to this technology, WDO maintains a level playing-field by crediting only waste diverted through green bin and blue box initiatives.

For information on The Regional Municipality of York, please visit www.york.ca.

Lions host pancake supper

The Nobleton Lions are having their pancake supper at the Community Hall in Nobleton March 4, 5-7 p.m.

The Nobleton Lions and Epilepsy York Region are again collaborating to spread awareness about Epilepsy. Epilepsy is a seizure disorder that affects more than 10,000 individuals in York Region. Because the month of March is Epilepsy Awareness Month, the Lions have agreed to have purple tablecloths (epilepsy colour) and allow Epilepsy York Region to have some literature at the event. The Nobleton Lions are also great supporters of Epilepsy York Region financially.

The Leafs Quiz

What's the Call, Ref?

Instructions: The names of 17 common referee calls have been all scrambled up. Can you unscramble them all?

- 1) Konohig = _____
- 2) Rencritevenf = _____
- 3) Yleda Fo Mega = _____
- 4) Ginic = _____
- 5) Ogrunhig = _____
- 6) Ighh Kingtics = _____
- 7) Dolgnih = _____
- 8) Oto Yamn Nem = _____
- 9) Toncdismun = _____
- 10) Bragindo = _____
- 11) Dahn Saps = _____
- 12) Nialshgs = _____
- 13) Pirtginp = _____
- 14) Vindig = _____
- 15) Gnitgifh = _____
- 16) Tratisonig = _____
- 17) Fiedsof = _____

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Faces from King



A blast from the past...

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Contact us to claim your prize!

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Mon. March 17, 2014
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Mon. March 31, 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 2014 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
 - Office of the Mayor/CAO - Admin Assistant

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

OUTDOOR RINKS

The outdoor ice rinks in Nobleton and King City are open for use. Please come by for a skate!

Staff would like to thank the volunteers in the community that helped clear out the debris from the ice storm and who have continued to assist with maintenance. Your pride in your community is appreciated.

HALF LOAD RESTRICTIONS

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per axle has been implemented on designated Township roads effective Saturday, March 1st, 2014 to Saturday, May 31st, 2014. For further information, please visit the website at www.king.ca By-law Number 2010-141 or call 905-833-5321.

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

TOWNSHIP OF KING VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2014 GRANTS

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2014 must be completed and submitted to the Township by March 31st, 2014.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township Website at www.king.ca, or please contact:

Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk Telephone (905)833-5321
Township of King or 1-800-688-5013
2075 King Road Fax: (905)833-2300
King City on L7B 1A1 E-mail: ksmyth@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.



Join us on Sunday, March 23rd for a Community Information Session on 'Growing in King'

Where: Schomberg Public Library, 77 Main Street at 2:00pm

www.sustainableking.com

This is the Township Sustainability Advisory Committee's third Community Information Session and will focus on building community connections and community awareness about the community groups growing in King. For more information visit www.sustainableking.com

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Nobleton Sanitary Sewer Project Update and Safety Reminder

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

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

Road closures will continue while sewer construction is underway in **Contract Area 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.



WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOCK . . .

CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Only working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms can save lives. One with a dead battery is just as bad as not having one at all.

If you have hardwired alarms, check to see if they have a back-up battery to make sure you are protected during a power outage.

Spring ahead: 2am on Sunday March 9

Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards

(Closing Friday, March 14, 2014)



Volunteer Appreciation Night
Thursday, April 24, 2014

Council of the Township of King invites nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year Award** - in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Township of King.
- Special Recognition Award** - for one or more citizens or an organization for a special contribution made to the community in whole or in part.
- Lifetime Achievement** - in recognition of outstanding citizenship within the community, many years of dedicated service to the residents of the Township.

Senior Citizen Award of Merit - in recognition of special contributions to the Senior population of the Township. (Nominees must be 55 years of age or older as of December 31, 2014).

Youth Award of Merit - to recognize special contributions to the Township. (Nominees must be 21 years of age or younger as of December 31, 2014).

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by Kathryn Smyth, Clerk, **until 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 14th, 2014**. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at www.king.ca

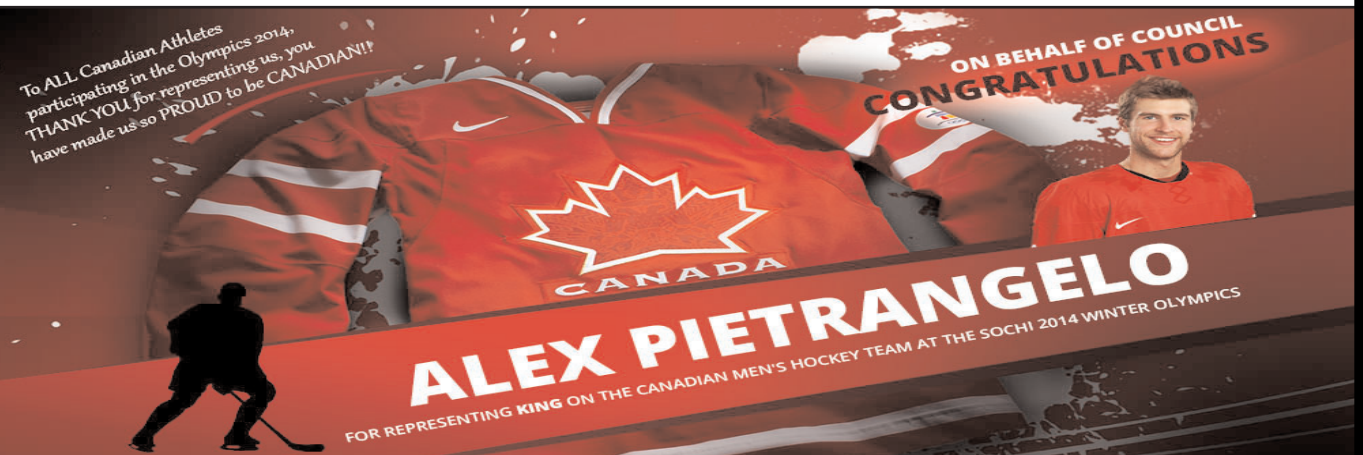
Council will evaluate the nomination for awards to be presented at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Thursday, April 24th**,

Winter Parking Restrictions

Now in Effect **November 1st to April 15th**



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



To All Canadian Athletes participating in the Olympics 2014, THANK YOU for representing us, you have made us so PROUD to be CANADIAN!

ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL CONGRATULATIONS

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FOR REPRESENTING KING ON THE CANADIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM AT THE SOCHI 2014 WINTER OLYMPICS



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 Annsorveltd Library
Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer	Councillors Peter Grandilli & Linda Pabst	Councillor Bill Cober	Councillor Aiva Esk

All meetings from 6:30-8:00pm

All Welcome

New Hours at Annsorveltd Branch!

Starting Tuesday, March 4th 2014, the King Township Public Library has changed the Annsorveltd 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.



MAPLE SYRUPFEST

March 1, 2014; 10am - 2pm
Visit COLD CREEK.CA for details.



Teacher Walter Rolling helped shape King's history

Black History Month tribute

By Mark Pavilons



School, S.S. #2, offered Walter the senior teacher's position, with a salary of \$600 a year. At first he accepted the position, but then rescinded in favour of Kinghorn. Walter offered a "fifth class" at Kinghorn, which was equivalent to Grade 9 for the students who were not able to go to Aurora for high school. Children came from miles



Teacher, coach, mentor. All those qualities apply to Walter Rolling, a notable member of the community and King Township's history.

Rolling taught at the school that is now part of the King Township Museum. He taught three generations of some King families, earning the respect of many.

Rolling's grandfather came to Canada in the early 1830s from Virginia and his father owned a general store in Laskay and was one of the first black postmasters.

He was married twice but did not have children.

Walter Rolling was born May 31, 1873 in Laskay, the second oldest child of Benjamin Harris Rolling Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Britton. He had five siblings.

Walter was a well educated man. He attended the Strange School as a boy, the closest school to Laskay approximately a one and a quarter mile walk away. He attended Aurora High School in 1892 and at that time, fewer than 10% of public school students enrolled in high school, for which they had to pay \$4 per term.

After high school, Walter earned his Third Class Teaching Certificate from the Newmarket Model School and his first teaching job was at a school in Aurora. Here are Walter's recollections of those first few days of teaching told to the Toronto Star in 1937:

"I took the place of a teacher who left town in despair after the class had gotten entirely out of hand and had actually partially disrobed her. When I arrived, the principal asked me if I had a club with me. When I expressed surprise, he took me aside, gave me a wagon wheel spoke, which I slipped up my sleeve. I had to use it quite frequently in those eight days, too. After I showed I meant business I had no trouble at all. When I started to teach at Kinghorn I found my Aurora experience had gone ahead of me, and the pupils were quite afraid at first."

In January of 1895, he started teaching at the Kinghorn School, S.S. #23, a one-room school house. Walter's first year salary was \$295, and to supplement his salary, he held other part-time jobs, such as selling tombstones for a company in Orangeville.

In 1910, the board of the King City

around for that class since it was not offered elsewhere nearby.

Walter was very proud of his students and did not have a single failure in his class for 30 years. In 1932 and 1933, two of his students, Jimmie Gray and Billy Walker, won the Toronto district oratorical contest at the Toronto Normal School. Then

in 1935 and 1936, second place for oratory was won by Douglas Kyle and Doris Hollinshead.

Some of the most fondly remembered school activities were Arbour Day when students cleaned up the school yard and planted some of the sugar maples that used to surround the school yard. Afterwards, they were taken to the woods for an outing. The students had an end of school picnic at Lake Wilcox, and always attended the Rural School Fair, which was held every September. The school topics that Walter was most enthusiastic about were oratory, arithmetic, spelling, and geography.

Walter retired from teaching June 30, 1936. On this day he was presented with a gold watch, but a true celebration of his teaching and dedication to the community was held one year later on June 16, 1937, when they celebrated Walter Rolling Day.

Doris (Hollinshead) Willoughby, one of Walter's last students, described him to the King Weekly in 1995:

"Certainly, I think he was fair. He was strict. We had to behave. We got a really good education there. If Mr. Rolling ever encountered racism, it didn't bother him. I don't think he ever thought much about it. If things hurt him, he didn't show it. We went all over with him and never ran into any problems."

Rolling had a strong interest in sports. He was on the Newmarket football team and in 1893, they won the district championship. He was also a member of the Davis Leather Company's Football Club, which was sponsored by the local tannery in Kinghorn.

While teaching, he was also involved in many of the children's sports, including coaching the Kinghorn Girls Baseball team. Walter was a strong supporter of both boys' and girls' sports.

Walter became a prominent member of the community, serving on many different boards. He served on the King Public School Board, was the secretary-treasurer for the Eversley Presbyterian Church, and from 1923 to 1943 he was the secretary of the King City Cemetery Board.

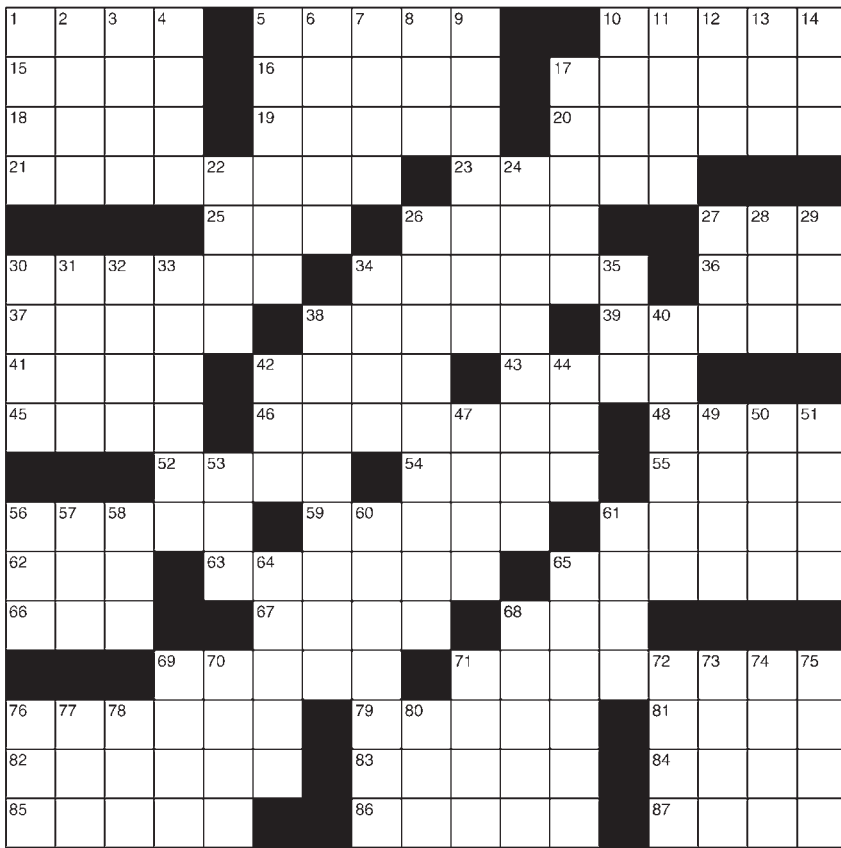
Walter died of a heart attack on June 10, 1943. He was survived by his wife, Laura, his sister, Mrs. Florence Lightfoot, and his brother, George Rolling. The funeral took place at Walter's home, with many people in attendance, a sign of the high regard in which he was held. Walter was buried at the King City Cemetery with his parents.

Information and photographs courtesy of King Township Public Library and King Museum



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| ACROSS | 54. Handbag | 6. Type of paint | 50. Middy |
| 1. In line | 55. Religious picture | 7. Graven image | 51. Small forest-buffalo |
| 5. Scale | 56. Groom | 8. Wire measure | 53. Resting place |
| 10. Covered with foliage | 59. Beach | 9. Beef jerky | 56. Single thickness |
| 15. Daddy | 61. Mackerel | 10. Hideout | 57. Fish eggs |
| 16. Spokes | 62. Mauna _____ | 11. Circular current | 58. Ingest |
| 17. Country club worker | 63. The outdoors | 12. Summer refresher | 60. Ten times ten |
| 18. Load | 65. Lead sulfide | 13. Douglas _____ (tree) | 61. Flying stinger |
| 19. Coral-landmass chain | 66. At any rate | 14. Okay | 64. Conform |
| 20. Large ducks | 67. Say it isn't so | 17. Discontinue | 65. Hose holder |
| 21. Touse | 68. Dance step | 22. Jug | 68. Old-fashioned |
| 23. Weeping | 69. Get up | 24. Approximate | 69. "Mine eyes have _____" |
| 25. Whole ball of _____ | 71. Roofing material | 26. Province | 70. Sandwich filler |
| 26. Pitch | 76. Cosmetics | 27. Enlarge | 71. Beep |
| 27. Shade provider | 79. Perch | 28. Skipper's diary | 72. Not present |
| 30. Hunting hound | 81. Intertwined | 29. Actress Farrow | 73. Skin opening |
| 34. Focus | 82. Acquaint | 30. Hat's edge | 74. Dreadful |
| 36. Colorful carp | 83. Unevenly worn | 31. Personal atmosphere | 75. Sincere |
| 37. Measuring device | 84. Diva's specialty | 32. Marginal | 76. Swab |
| 38. Welsh herder | 85. Contour feather | 33. "____ Street" | 77. "Roses _____ Red" |
| 39. At the end | 86. Check | 34. Cold-weather garment | 78. Cousins, e.g. |
| 41. Spring bloom | 87. Squeal | 35. Spit | 80. Metallic rock |
| 42. Singe | | 38. Name | |
| 43. Fashion | DOWN | 40. Degrading | |
| 45. Doll's cry | 1. Footless creature | 42. Metal container | |
| 46. Craftsperson | 2. Hindu queen | 44. Billfold item | |
| 48. Granny | 3. Literary work | 47. Irritated | |
| 52. Van or skirt | 4. Bathe | 49. Feel a dull pain | |
| | 5. Necktie | | |

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Advertorial

Breakthrough Treatment Now Available in Richmond Hill

Imagine thirty to forty years ago if you were told that lasers would replace scalpels in surgery or that robotic instruments would build cars; you may not have believed it. By the same token, would you believe that chiropractic treatments could be performed using a special hand-held instrument developed by NASA scientists, all while you were sitting in an upright position without any turning or twisting movements?

Advances in computers and engineering technologies have been able to uniquely blend with chiropractic in order to both analyze and treat the human body in such a way that was never before realized.

According to Dr. Sean Eastman, "This new form of computerized treatment is so gentle and effective, that it amazes even the most skeptical patients. It's called the ProAdjuster and is the latest, state-of-the-art technology in existence today, and the only one in the north Richmond Hill area.

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.

It can also help increase the amount of motion in almost any joint. Even patients with knee, hip, and foot problems such as plantar fasciitis are being helped. It is also covered by insurance companies since this is a chiropractic treatment and does not cost you anything additional.

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



Dr. Eastman uses the Proadjuster to analyze a patient's spine and pin-point areas of nerve impingement syndrome causing mal-function and pain.

love getting adjusted with traditional manual techniques, all of which are safe and effective. But there are a large number of people who never get to experience the amazing benefits of chiropractic because they are scared to have their spines adjusted in that way," says Dr. Eastman. Now, there is no longer a reason to be leary. The ProAdjuster is perfect for anyone who has been thinking about going to a chiropractor, but hasn't yet made that decision. Dr. Eastman wants everyone to be able to experience these same benefits and if you have any of the following conditions, the ProAdjuster may be the answer you've been looking for...

- Low Back discomfort
- Fibromyalgia
- Sciatic nerve pain
- Plantar Fasciitis
- Neck and shoulder pain
- Knee or hip pain
- TMJ dysfunction
- Scoliosis
- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- Arthritis
- Headaches
- Sports Injuries

Treatment with the ProAdjuster is consistent, measurable, and extremely gentle. There is no guesswork, and it's safe for individuals of all ages. Call our office today and mention this article to receive a FREE ProAdjuster analysis to pin-point your problem areas and to see how the ProAdjuster can help. Call within the next 7 days and you will also receive a complimentary nerve stress scan and computerized muscle test/semg that can show the areas of your stress and how it's affecting your body. Call 905-773-2225 today to reserve your free ProAdjuster Analysis Scan. (reg. \$90)

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The night skies beckon astronomers from far and wide

"Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them."
 Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

By Mark Pavilons

Ever since early man glanced towards the heavens, we wondered about those pinholes in the fabric of night.

When Galileo – the father of observational astronomy – improved the telescope, he changed our perspective on the universe. And those celestial wonders continue to captivate us.

A group of astronomers has chosen King's Cold Creek Conservation Area as its base of operations, pointing their modern telescopes toward the constellations.

According to Marc Fitkin, of New Eyes Old Skies, local amateur astronomers have been setting up at Cold Creek for some time. They like the spot because it's rural and in close proximity to urban centres in the GTA.

A formal agreement was made to run astronomy and birding programs at Cold Creek after the group's resident birder, Steve Owen, made contact with Shirly Girrot at Cold Creek.

"The partnership benefits both the Stewardship and New Eyes Old Skies as it draws more people to Cold Creek and our retail business," Fitkin said.

Their initial public astronomy session in January drew a few people but skies were variable and no telescopes were set up that night.

The group is holding another public session March 8.

Fitkin finds Cold Creek an "oasis."

"Cold Creek's proximity to the GTA makes it a convenient escape from the busy life, a place to relax, hike, snow shoe, cross-country ski and just take in the landscape," he observed.

New Eyes Old Skies has been running their astronomy program for roughly a year and the group consists of a mixed demographic of adults and children eager to learn and explore the night sky.

Their events typically consist of astronomers setting up equipment in the playing field next to the picnic area. This winter the program consists of an informal presentation to get people acquainted with the night sky and astronomy equipment.

As far as hobbies go, while astronomy has fierce competition for time from video game platforms, nothing beats a real time view of Saturn or Jupiter through a telescope. Recent advances in DSLR cameras and lower prices for telescopes have made



The night skies beckon to be explored by astronomers. New Eyes Old Skies has set up shop at King's Cold Creek Conservation Area for their astronomy sessions and they welcome the public to come out to their next event March 8.

Photos courtesy of Marc Fitkin

astrophotography a very popular endeavor for many new astronomers.

Fitkin noted interest in astronomy has grown, mainly due to the influx of information.

"Many of us are 'Internet astronomers,' as we can download images directly from NASA (Hubble) and because of social media, have unprecedented capacity to share information, images and astronomy/sci-

entific journals that was unheard of 15 or 20 years ago.

"Yet, no matter how you look at it, nothing competes with going out with other astronomers for the live view of the Moon, planets and deep sky objects!"

Fitkin said there's been a host of recent discoveries that continue to pique interests. But these interests vary.

"Many of us take great interest in the origins of the universe and our solar system. Others stay tuned to recent discoveries such as new comets, the discovery of extra-solar planets, star birth, supernovas ... the list is endless. Others just like to look up at the sky!"

Fitkin and Bruce Engels are the astronomy and sport optic specialists at retail outlet of New Eyes Old Skies. Their combined astronomy experience of 47 years, in addition to 11 years of birding and a lifetime of photography at all levels, assure that the instruction classes they oversee, whether in store or on site, create an unforgettable experience.

They pride themselves in their association through presentations and general interaction with the North York Astronomical Association and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

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Pancake suppers, World Day of Prayer events

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. 28 starting at 7 p.m. If you're in Grades 6 to 12 come check us out!

Join us on Sunday, March 2 at 10 a.m. as we welcome Robyn Elliott to the pulpit. Robyn's message - "Don't Forget To Remember."

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 Kidz-Konnection program (for ages 7 to 11) take place at the same time.

The Ladies Who Serve Group will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 1 p.m. for quilting. Note the new start time. They are always looking for new helping hands so please come join them!

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

Immanuel Reformed Church

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

Pastor Maurice Luimes, 905-859-8581.

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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 close

er 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.

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Nobleton Lions

The Nobleton Lions Club's annual Pancake Supper is coming up quickly 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.

Tickets are \$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. Why not 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 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 at 905-859-5277. 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.

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.

St. Mary Magdalene

We're having a pancake supper at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church at 116 Church Street in Schomberg on Shrove Tuesday, March 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

St. Mary's is the last church on the right at the top of Church Street.

Bring the whole family and enjoy our pancakes and sausages!



Schomberg Farm Tour a great way to kick off March break

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This day you will tour a variety farms that will be educational and bring the bounty (and knowledge) of the local food movement to your table! You and your family will get an understanding of the work and natural resources required to produce your food, visiting with the animals and farmers, maybe even experience some of the "old ways."

All of this, plus being outdoors, makes for a delicious and great family day to kick off the March break.

Tickets are \$10 per vehicle and can be purchased the week prior to the Farm Tour at the following locations:

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On the day of the tour you may obtain a ticket at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main Street. Lunch is offered at the Hall so feel free to enjoy a hot dog, homemade soup or chili. For more information visit www.schombergfair.com or call 905-859-0834.



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I have found, the hard way of course because nothing in life comes easy to me, "lol" (I thought I would use some of my children's linguistics to fit in with the times, isn't that "sick"? Which means "awesome" in their language) the only way to cope is **BALANCE!** The only way to be able to balance our lives is to take some time for **OURSELVES!** Take a **"Time Out"** without the guilt! We have forgotten how to relax and be still. Now that's "sick" and I don't mean it in the way the younger generation uses this word but back in the olden days when it really meant "unwell".

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King mayor joins regional action on GTA investment

By Mark Pavilons

There is strength in numbers. Business and civic leaders are calling for a regional team effort to attract investment and jobs to the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

They are citing the Roadmap to Revitalization, a report on the state of foreign direct investment (FDI) attraction and regional cooperation. Commissioned by the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance (GTMA), the report was developed in conjunction with PwC, with the support of an advisory group, and under the auspices of CivicAction.

"We've had some success bringing investment here and have coordinated to a degree, but it's time to catch up with what regions like Greater Montreal and Greater London (U.K.) are doing to attract investment," said John Tory, co-chair of the GTMA and chair of CivicAction.

The GTA has many strengths in its favour, such as location, size, leading industry clusters, and a talented workforce, but it is underperforming relative to its potential, the report concluded.

Foreign direct investment helps drive economic growth, and the GTA is a key engine for our country's FDI performance, representing 52% of FDI in Ontario and 24% in Canada. But, Canada's global market share of FDI is declining. And, the Toronto region is not keeping pace with other regions that are competing aggressively for foreign investments and the jobs that they bring.

A strong regional body could pursue and attract even more companies to the Toronto region. Tory called for partners

to work together to act on these findings. "A properly funded, collaborative regional organization is essential," he said.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said they're hopeful the federal and provincial governments will see the value in one strong GTA organization, and pitch in some needed funding.

Most of the GTA municipalities truly understand the economic value in GTA-wide investment, in terms of tertiary business, housing, etc.

"It's for the greater good," Pellegrini noted. "If we all work together, we'll all get a chance."

"Municipalities want to work together with private sector partners and other levels of government to make sure we're out there globally, showcasing every part of the region as great places for companies to locate," said GTMA co-chair Dave Ryan, mayor of Pickering.

Since 1997, the GTMA has helped over 100 new foreign companies locate in the GTA. These investments have generated over \$440 million in GDP, or \$4.4 million on average for each project. If a sustainable, competitive level of funding were secured and the organization restructured to achieve increased results, the potential impact on the region's economy would be significant.

The report can be downloaded at <http://www.greatertoronto.org/publications>.

Established in 1997, the GTMA is a public-private partnership of the 29 municipalities and regions in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), together with the provincial and federal governments, other non-profit organizations and a

broad cross section of private sector corporations.

The GTMA is the key point of contact for exploring business opportunities in the GTA. With the resources of its public and private sector partners, the

GTMA provides essential business information and site selection services to facilitate new foreign investment in the Greater Toronto Area. For more information, visit <http://www.greatertoronto.org/>

Council updated on severance patterns for the past 10 years

By Mark Pavilons

King continues to grow, as evidenced by the steady flow of severance applications. Staff provided councillors with an overview of King severances over the 10-year period, from 2004 through 2013, for their information.

Staff reported that King received an average of 11 applications per year and on average, four new lots are created each year.

Last year (2013), King only received eight applications, and two proposed the creation of new lots. This number dropped, staff noted, due to the limited servicing capacity in Nobleton. Not surprisingly, the notable increase in applications from 2010-2012 were also tied to the introduction of sanitary sewers.

Five of the applications were for boundary adjustments and one sought to create an easement. The two bids for lots were for new residential lots in Nobleton and Potageville.

Staff noted that both the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan and Greenbelt Plan contain restrictive lot creation policies and since these were introduced, the number of new lots in King dropped substantially. Between 2004-2013, the number of rural lots dropped to an average of only one per year.

Since the 2006 Growth Plan came into effect, residential intensification was promoted, and lots within built-up boundaries have risen. Since then, 12 infill lots have been approved in King – five in Schomberg, three in King City and four in Nobleton.

"Over the past 10-plus years in the Township of King, there has been a visible shift from the creation of lots in the rural areas to the creation of lots within the designed villages and hamlets," the planning report noted.

Nine new lots were created in the rural and agricultural areas of King in the last 10-year period. This compares to 80 between 1990 and 2002.

The planning report noted the shift to new settlement lots was also facilitated by the introduction of water and sewers.

The current trend will likely continue and the report noted it's in line with the policies contained in the Sustainability Plan. These promote infill in the villages where services exist, while avoiding natural and hydrogeological features.

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New operating hours at Asnorveldt library branch

New operating hours will go into effect for the Asnorveldt branch of the King Township Public Library (KTPL) beginning Tuesday, March 4.

The new hours are on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The KTPL board approved the recommended change at their Jan. 21 meeting. The new schedule will allow for better alignment across the system, eliminating minor inconsistencies regarding opening and closing times.

In addition, the library has standardized the duration of shifts, ensuring that all branches are open for a minimum of four hours at a time on weekdays.

The change in hours supports the Library Board's strategic goal of strengthened services in the community.

"The inconsistent opening and closing times, coupled with short, two-hour shifts were proving to be an operational challenge," said KTPL CEO, Rona O'Banion. "There were times when the Asnorveldt branch would be the only open location, without access to management or IT staff. By aligning the hours, we are ensuring staff will have the support they while providing public services to the community."

Prior to implementing the changes, the board undertook a public consultation process that included online and in-branch surveys. The new hours reflect the feedback received during the consultation process. Please visit the library's website for a list of all branch hours at kinglibrary.ca/

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Former Kettleby resident returns for CD release concert

Patrick O’Gorman left the community of Kettleby and his home with the Kitteridge Family 14 years ago to start a new chapter of his life on the North Shore of Lake Huron.

O’Gorman is returning to Kettleby Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m., with his partner Julie Schryer and their family band, The O’Schraives (The O’Gorman-Schryer-Lefebvre Family), to perform for a fundraiser for Kettleby’s Christ Church restoration fund.

The O’Schraives recently released their new CD “Family Day” and will be performing in Kettleby on a CD release tour that will take them from their home in Desbarats, Ontario to various venues throughout northern and southern Ontario.

In concert, The O’Schraives play captivating traditional Canadian, Irish and Scottish music mixed with new compositions written by modern tune composers and members of the family, as well as original and traditional songs and even a stepdance or two for good measure. Their concerts appeal to all ages with an expertly mixed repertoire of traditional and original music and an impressive array of instruments.

The Fundraiser Concert will occur at the Christ Church Hall, 292 Kettleby Road and admission is \$20, or \$10 for

youth 16 and under. Kids 5 and under free. Reservations can be made by calling 416-824-1613 or 416-559-7898. This will likely be a sold-out show, so call early and make your reservations!

The O’Schraives bring you entertainment that is joyous, skillful, inspiring, and fun. Two of Canada’s finest traditional musicians, Julie Schryer (Pierre Schryer Band, Brian Pickell Band), on piano, and Pat O’Gorman (Rare Air; Morgaine Le Faye, Brian Pickell Band), on bagpipes, Irish flute and tin whistle, are more than ably assisted by the younger members of the family. Benoit Schryer Lefebvre, 19, (2011 and 2012 winner of the 18 and under Pembroke Fiddle Contest) on fiddle, tenor banjo, tin whistle and vocals; Zach Schryer Lefebvre, 23, on his own handmade guitar, cello, tin whistle, piano and vocals; and Aine Schryer O’Gorman, 11, (2012 winner of the 9 and under Pembroke Fiddle Contest) on fiddle, stepdancing, tin whistle, and vocals.

The upcoming year is going to be a busy one for the band as they are scheduled to perform with the Sault Symphony Orchestra in February and perform a tour in the U.S. in November which will take them down to North Carolina. They have also been invited to perform at Blissfest Folk & Roots Music Festival in Goodheart, Michigan in July.



Sharing pride in Canadian Olympians

Residents across King Township gathered last week to share their pride in Canadian Olympic athletes, particularly the women’s and men’s hockey teams, who both won gold. Top left, these students - Brianne, Nolan, Sarah Jayme Bindi - were so excited after the women’s come-from-behind victory, they had to show their pride with this display.

Above, many King residents gathered at the Treadwall home on Bennet Drive in King City early Sunday to watch the gold medal match between Canada and Sweden. The residents are all good friends for many years, and enjoyed this special moment as the men’s team won another gold medal.

Top right, students at Holy Name Catholic School watched the men’s game Friday afternoon, when Canada defeated the U.S. to advance to the medal final.

King Township Historical Society

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New Date:

Sunday, March 16, 2014

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

King adds another golden athlete to its list of citizens

By MARK PAVILONS

King Township has some impressive bragging rights.

This Township is home to two gold-medal winning Olympic athletes.

The latest addition is NHL defenceman Alex Pietrangelo, who helped the Canadian men's hockey team win gold at the Sochi Olympic Games Sunday, when they defeated Sweden 3-0 in the final.

Pietrangelo, 24, got a lot of ice time and helped the team with its impressive record of allowing only three goals against throughout the Olympic tournament.

In the gold medal game, goalie Carey Price earned a well deserved shut-out. Handling the scoring for Team Canada were Jonathan Toews, Captain Sidney Crosby and Chris Kunitz.

Sweden was the only team to go undefeated in regulation play in the tournament.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said they will plan a Township presentation to honour Pietrangelo at a later date.

"We're very proud of his performance, and all of the Canadian athletes (at the Olympics)," he said. "Just to go to the Games is an honour.



"I'm super proud to be mayor of this great community and to have this caliber of representation internationally."

The 6-foot-3-inch Pietrangelo was one of the eight defensemen on the squad.

Since breaking into the league as a rookie in 2008 with the St. Louis Blues, Pietrangelo has solidified himself as one of the premier blueliners in the NHL.

He has since become the assistant

captain of the Blues, who currently holds one of the best records in all of the NHL, and has amassed 162 points in 281 games so far in his young career.

It was Pietrangelo's first Olympic Games, but he has competed for Can-

ada before at two IIHF World Junior Championships.

He won gold with that team in 2009 and then helped them to a silver in 2010, after which he was named the tournament's best defenceman.



The Pietrangelo family celebrated in Sochi after the gold medal victory. Shown are Edi, David, Seija, Alex, Jayne, and Joe. Below is the on-ice medal presentation to both Canada and Sweden.



Crowd gathered Sunday to cheer on Pietrangelo

By Graeme Allison

The life of the party was more than 8,500 miles away!

Star NHL defenceman and King City native Alex Pietrangelo took to the ice with his Canadian national hockey teammates Sunday with the weight of an entire country on their backs – while at home family and friends gathered at Dave & Busters in Vaughan to cheer him and the team on.

The celebration ended on a positive note, as the team skated to a 3-0 victory over Team Sweden at the Bolshoy Ice Dome in Sochi to earn Canada its second gold medal in a row following the dramatic overtime win in Vancouver in 2010.

Pietrangelo was selected to Team Canada 11 days before his 24th birthday on Jan. 7, and played a pivotal role in Team Canada's success throughout their undefeated tournament including 18:42 time-on-ice in the gold medal game.

A 7 a.m. puck drop here in the GTA meant it was an early morning for local Canadian hockey fans, but that didn't put a dent in the support as 150 people came out to support Alex and the team on Sunday.

The energy throughout the early part of the morning was electric. Guests were cheering from puck drop to the last note of the national anthem.

The Olympic tournament marks the 4th time that Pietrangelo has represented Canada in international competition following two World Junior Championships (1 Gold in 2009, 1 Silver in 2010) and a Men's World Championship in 2011.

Pietrangelo's uncle, Adrian Ianucci, speaking at the event Sunday, said the success that Alex has enjoyed could not be happening to someone more deserving.

"It's a testament to the type of person he is – he has worked so hard for this," he said. "Following two outstanding years in the OHL, the St. Louis Blues took Pietrangelo as the 4th overall pick in 2008 NHL Entry Draft. It didn't take long for him to impress the club as he made his NHL debut later that year.

"He has a gold heart, and he deserved gold – we are just so proud of him," said Ianucci, who hosted the event along with his wife Grace.

During the first intermission Don Cherry mentioned Pietrangelo, saying that he had watched him from minor hockey and that any kids watching should follow his lead in that if you work hard enough that anything is possible – and for Alex Pietrangelo, that anything is now golden.

Pietrangelo and the Blues returned to NHL action Wednesday in Vancouver.



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View from the walk along the boardwalk



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

AFTER ARRIVING IN SOCHI, attempting to adjust to the nine-hour time change and taking in the sights, I'm happy to report that the 2014 Winter Games have been a great experience. The NHLPA players, families and friends have all felt very safe the entire time. The organizers and the Russian officials have covered all their angles and have made staying in the hotels and walking around Olympic Park a completely comfortable experience. We've even taken walks along a public boardwalk numerous times, with no issues whatsoever.

The Men's Hockey tournament started and we were also able to take in a few other exciting events. Like many, or most Canadians know, the Men's team won all three of their round robin games in Sochi. I've been lucky enough to attend all the games and see the world's best players compete on the biggest stage of all. The final of the



Christine Nesbitt,
Canadian speed skater

three games was a real test for the Canadian team against Finland. They are a strong contender with a lineup full of great NHL talent. Canada prevailed in overtime off the strength of great defensive play, winning 2-1 and earning a bye to the Quarterfinals which begin last Wednesday.

Just hours before the hockey game I attended a Women's Long Track speed skating event. It was a great way to experience a different sport at the Games and watch the best in the world skate the 1500m race for the gold medal. The Canadian skaters were off to a great start, but ultimately fell in the standings as the dominant Netherlands women swept the podium and finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the event while also setting a new Olympic Record.

Surprisingly, the Olympic Games have been about even more than sports. The most interesting is an Olympic subculture that has been developing for decades, the trading and collecting of pins. The pins themselves are from all walks of life; adults, kids, athletes, and volunteers all participate. They act almost as a currency and create a feeling of want

and need for something new and different. We've run into people who have pins from the Olympics in the 1970's and 80's as well as new ones from Sochi. It has created a fun way to obtain memorabilia that we never expected, each with their own story and history that can date back decades.



Example of some of the pins from Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics

Alex Pietrangelo and Sidney Crosby walking to the dressing room



The roof to the Bolshoy Arena after the game versus Finland



Team Canada salutes the crowd after defeating Finland on Sunday



Cougars fall behind 2-1 in series with Penetang

By JEFF DONER

A heartbreaking loss, a bad first period and a hard-fought win has been the plot line of Schomberg Cougars first three games in their second round playoff series against the Penetang Kings thus far.

After three games the Cougars find themselves down two games to one, but the team has shown flashes of brilliance in the series and now they're looking to find out how to turn that into a full 60 minutes.

After collecting their first win of the series (a 4-3 win on Monday night) the Cougars will look to keep that momentum going forward and forget about the first two games.

After game two, forward JP Crescenzi cited the old adage of sticking to the game plan in order to find success against a formidable Penetang squad.

"We talked and we know what we have to do, I just don't think we've done it out there yet," he said. "We know that their big guys are pretty good, but I think team on team we can take them. We gave them too much room and stopped covering the point and our man and they just capitalized and

that's what their good at - just waiting for their moment and as soon as they get it they put it in the net."

Game one at the Trisan Centre last Thursday night was the perfect example of that. The Cougars were on their way to an important game one win, until a collapse in the third period.

Up 4-2 with just seven minutes left, the Cougars ended up allowing three unanswered third period goals to let the win slip through their fingers.

Game two was the total opposite of game one. The Cougars came out flat, allowing Penetang to score just 15 seconds in and build a 3-0 lead heading into the second period.

The teams traded goals in the second period to set the score at 5-2 and then the Cougars decided to pour on the pressure in the third.

"We just kept saying that they did it to us, so we can give it back," Crescenzi said, referencing Penetang's game one comeback. "When it came to the third we were maybe overconfident that it was going to turn around and at points didn't put the effort in and I think we know that."

Both teams continued to trade goals,



making it impossible for the Cougars to gain any ground on scoreboard and ending the game with a 7-4 win for Penetang.

Crescenzi said he felt his team should draw on the positives from the loss for game three and that they at least know they can play with one of the league's top clubs.

"I think we know where we're headed and after those two games it was a wake-up call, especially after that first game and the second one we knew that in their barn it wasn't going to be easy ... and it really wasn't.

"In our rink we can get away with making a few mistakes here and there because we have the bigger ice, but in their arena we've got to stop being cautious and waiting and go full out."

The Cougars seemed to be able to use that in game three to finally notch a win.

The score was tied up 2-2 after the first period, but they used the special teams in the second to their advantage.

Nicholas Chaykowsky scored a power play goal to make it 3-2 and then Arran

Macdonald netted an unassisted shorthanded goal at the end of the period to establish a two-goal lead.

Penetang added a power play goal of their own in the third, but the Cougars would hang on for a 4-3 win.

After game two, Kiefer McIntosh sounded as though he knew a bounce back effort would happen.

"It's still anybody's series," he said. "Up until they win that fourth game anything can happen, so all we need is to win the next game, get some momentum and then they won't be able to catch us. We showed that in Caledon.

"I think the team is playing very well and hopefully we'll start getting some bounces and winning some games."

The series will return to the Trisan Centre in Schomberg for an important game four on Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. Game five will go back to Penetang Friday. If necessary, game six will take place in Schomberg on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and game seven in Penetang on March 4.



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Atoms, midgets looking to bounce back

By JEFF DONER

NobleKing Knights playoff hockey continued full steam ahead last week, as plenty of clubs attempted to get the upper hand in their respective series.

Two Knights' clubs headed to Lefroy to face the Icebreakers on Saturday afternoon and although they didn't come out with the win, both the Atom 1 and Midget Local League 2 Knights clubs are looking for rebound games this week.

David Gianfrancesco, a forward on the midget Knights squad, rang two shots off the post in the same shift when his club was down 2-0 and couldn't seem to buy a goal.



"It was a tough loss at the beginning, because we had our chances and then it got to the point where it was 3-0 and then 4-0," Gianfrancesco said. "It was tough. We couldn't really get anything going and none of the bounces were going our way."

As the game wore on, Lefroy took advantage of the Knights' short bench and increased their lead.

"We were short five guys today, so hopefully we get a few back. We could use a few extra players."

After defeating the Thornton team in their first round series, Gianfrancesco said his team still believes they can fight their way back into the series when it continues Friday night.

"I think we've just got to wear them down," he said. "They've got a couple good players, I think we can beat them, but they've just got a couple good players we need to get on and we've got to just play our game."

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Knights persevere to York Simcoe championship title

It was on a cold January night in East Willimbury that the NobleKing minor midget A Knights, sponsored by CIP Group and LM Temperature Control Inc., made their way into the dressing room suffering a 3-5 loss to the EG Eagles.

As the parents stood around in their usual post game discussion, the arena slowly cleared out, but the players and coaches were still behind closed doors in the dressing room. It was that one-hour post-game discussion that created a renewed confidence in the team. This discussion marked the three-game winning streak that allowed them to clinch a spot in the OMHA York Simcoe playoffs.

Under the leadership of head coach Matt Marchese and assistant coaches Kyle Parker, Jordan Vosylius, trainer Frank Fuliere and manager Mark Russell, the team proved that they could battle to beat the top two teams in their division.

Their nine-game winning streak earned them the York Simcoe Minor Midget Championship Title.

“As a coaching staff, we are very proud of the boys’ accomplishments so far this season. Each and every player has played a role in our success to this point and especially in the play offs,” commented Marchese.

The first series with Barrie proved to be a tight race even though the boys had great confidence as they had only lost to Barrie once during the regular season. Although Barrie had home ice advantage, scheduling conflicts allowed for the first game to be played at home in Nobleton.

A first game win was very important as games two and three were to be played in Barrie. Games one and two saw both teams in a tight race, but the Knights ended on top with a 3-1 win in the first and 2-1 win in the second game.

Game three was a battle of who could get the last goal as many of the players added to their points tally. After much back and forth, the scoreboard read 6-6 after three periods. The puck finally saw the back of the net with 2:10 left in overtime and the Knights celebrated the end of a very successful series.

Round two of the playoffs were set to begin in Nobleton and it was time to battle with long-time rivals Orillia who they were unable to beat during the regular season.

Orillia finished the regular season on top and came out strong despite the cheering NobleKing Knight fans in the stands. The confidence achieved by the first series sweep was quickly deflated as the Knights found



themselves down three goals to none after the first two periods. Once again that locker room intermission chat with the coaches became the turning point of the game as the Knights came out fighting and gave their fans much to cheer about. Nicholas Bigelli opened up the scoring in the third period, followed by a goal by Luca Figliomeni assisted by Michael Bazzo.

As the clock wound down Walter Karabin was able to even the score with 5:38 left in

the game. With a nail-biting crowd watching with anticipation, the game winning goal was scored with 1:57 left in the game by Luca Figliomeni and assisted by Michael Bazzo. Nicholas Salazar added nicely to the victory with an empty net goal to make the final score 5-3 for the Knights.

The comeback could not have happened without the many incredible saves by goaltender Jake Parkinson who held the Orillia Terriers scoreless in the third period.

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A 'golden' double take-out for Canadian Olympic curlers

By Shellee Morning

As a curler, the last rock in the last end of a game always comes with pressure, no matter what the level.

For Canada's Olympic women's team, Skip Jennifer Jones knows all about pressure. In fact, she lives for it.

When asked what her favourite part of her (Olympic) round played leading up to the gold medal game, Jones replied "the pressure."

Jones already earned an Olympic record for a perfect undefeated round robin for women, led her team of Kaitlin Lawes, Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen to a second Olympic record of the Games after winning gold against Team Sweden earning a perfect 11-0 tournament.

With access to the Internet and social media, watching our athletes compete half-way across the world has become much easier than ever before. Office computers, TV, phones, whatever could be connected was connected and tuned into Canada's curling events. More and more people are becoming interested and engrossed with this winter sport, and after the likes of Teams Jones and Jacobs, curling clubs across the country are sure to expect an increase in their membership.

There were tears of joy not only in Jones's eyes, but in curlers eyes around the country as she threw her final hit for gold stone.

King Curling Club members were just overjoyed with talk about the women's achievements as everyone expressed pride and happiness for our golden girls. Club president Bob Belcher was on a return flight from Vancouver and said they tried desperately to tune into the game and get updates. As soon as the plane landed, just about everyone's phone turned on and Canada's newest gold medal was the discussion among the passengers.

King member Steve Bradley said he feels nothing but pride for our curlers and added that "they certainly are the best after winning 11 straight games."

Heidi Beck, member of King's Junior program, recently played in a College Curling Tournament which was held at the Soo Curling Club in Sault St. Marie. Heidi was in awe and thrilled to tell us that she played in the same club and on the same ice to which Team Jacobs plays and practices on. Beck's team evidently went 6-0 in the tournament.

The Club's ice technician Kyle Duck said "the curling athletes are getting bigger and stronger (Team Jacobs) similar to the way tiger woods evolved the sport of golf."

After the Jacobs team easily beat Team Great Britain in their gold medal match, we could simply state that "it was a golden double take-out."

Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, and E.J. and Ryan Harnden will most likely have changed the look of curling with their noticeable physique and superior strength of sweeping. No more are the days of the pudgy beer belly, the riveted look is now the trend in curling and we are sure to see more curlers arriving at the next Olympics, all looking a little more like team Jacobs.

During the club's Friday night play, league members had the lounge TV tuned into the Jacobs game for most, to re-watch again. It seemed that just about everyone you talked to who was supposed to be working that day, was watching the game live on their computers, with and without their bosses. I too, watched both of our Canadian teams in live action with my boss. We noticed that during the gold medal curling game and again during the men's semi-final hockey game, the office phones never rang. Funny, how that happened.

As the proud colours of red and white dominated the sheets of King this past week in honour of our athletes, the avalanche of pride and surge of inspiration brought on by our Canadian Olympic curlers, we will all glow just a bit brighter with the memories from Sochi, and thank all of those that did our country proud.

People are saying where and what they were doing when the games were on and this will definitely go down as one of those moments in question "do you remember when our Canadian Men's and Women's curling teams won both Olympic gold medals in the same year?"

When Mike Babcock, coach of Canada's hockey team, spoke to Brad about dealing with the pressures of winning gold, he told the Skip "don't worry about your 2 losses. It's not how you start the game, it's how you finish."

For Canadian curling, the 2014 Olympics was a perfect finish!



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Sadly missed by Larry, Karen & Doug, Gary & Barb, Shirley & Bob. B09

710 CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY OF the late **Merle Findlay** would like to thank friends and family for all the cards, support, food brought into our homes, flowers, and donations to charity during our recent loss of our dear mother. A special thank you to Karen; Mom's personal care worker, CCAC, Stevenson Memorial Hospital staff, and Matthew's House Hospice in Alliston for everything they did to assist Mom during this difficult time. Thank you also to Rod Abrams and staff for their professional and personal expertise, to Rev. Sheilaigh Ashworth for the beautiful service, and to the Tottenham Legion ladies for providing lunch after the service. B09

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708 DEATHS

HEELEY: Wilfred Ernest. Passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 15th, 2014 at the age of 78. Loving father of Raymond (Susan) of Innisfil, Heather Sedore (Danny) of Sudbury, Paul (Jessica) of Alliston and the late Tim. Dear grandfather of Crystal (Nick), Charity, Cherish (Clint), Adam, Brianne, Madison, Aidan and great-grandfather of Austin, Xander, Shay, Ivy, Eli, Danny James, Dustyn, Gabrielle and Charlotte. Dear brother of Brenda and Tom. Predeceased by his brother John and sisters Diane and Florence. Friends may call at the Innisfil Funeral Home, 7910 Yonge Street (Stroud) on Saturday, March 1st, 2014 from 12 noon until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.innisfilfuneralhome.ca B09

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Incredible excitement at gold medal match in Sochi

By DAVE PIETRANGELO

Sitting in the top five in the overall medal standings, there was only one left to hand out on an early evening hockey game in Sochi.

Head to toe in Canada gear, I boarded the hotel shuttle to Olympic Park with my family and our new good friends from all over Canada.

The arena was buzzing with fans, it felt different being there for a game of that magnitude. I think we were all nervous but excited at the same time. The opening 10 minutes were tightly contested, but once Jonathan Toews tipped in the first goal of the game past Henrik Lundqvist, a burst of relief and excitement washed over the Bolshoy Arena and its Canadian fans. Up in the stands we cheered, high fived the Toews family and chanted "go Canada, go!"

Leave it up to Sidney Crosby to lift the country on his shoulders and make an amazing defensive play, score on a break-away, and put Canada ahead 2-0 late in the 2nd period.

Once the 3rd came around, the amazing play by the defence continued, goalie Carey Price shut the door on the Swedes, and Chris Kunitz's goal delivered the final blow for a 3-0 Canadian lead.

In the moments leading up to the game's final buzzer the arena erupted with more "go Canada, go" chants, the players hugged on the bench, and friends and family grabbed their cameras and each other in anticipation. When the game clock finally read zero, I jumped in the air and cheered my loudest as I hugged my parents and girlfriend in one of the proudest moments of our lives.

Team Canada and Alex had won an Olympic gold medal in hockey, one of the most incredible feats any athlete can ever accomplish.

The players celebrated with their teammates and coaches until they were all presented with the medals and the Canadian anthem was sung around the arena. After what was sure to be quite the celebration in the locker room, the players came out one by one to loud cheers from family and friends.

Once Alex emerged, we all exchanged hugs and congratulations while we marveled in what had just happened moments ago. My proud parents took turns holding and wearing the gold medal with tears in their eyes. When I had the chance to do the same, it was hard not to have an emotional reaction as well. The medal is surprisingly heavy and is beautifully designed. After

about an hour of celebrations with Alex, we departed for our hotel and he went with his teammates to continue their party at the Athletes Village.

It's hard to describe what it felt like to be there for the Olympics and the gold medal hockey game. What I can say though, is that I had an amazing time ex-

periencing the spectacle that is the Winter Olympics. I was lucky enough to experience it with the people I love and made many new friends along the way.

I want to thank everyone who sent all their best wishes over the last few weeks to my family and my brother – your support and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. I

also want to thank and congratulate my brother Alex, without him I wouldn't be able to even dream of the amazing stories I have from the last couple of weeks.

I am very proud of him and wish him all the best as his hockey career continues.



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Churches usher in Lent, which begins March 5

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Have you noticed the stars still hanging in the sanctuary? They are there to remind us of Epiphany, the season after Jesus was baptized and began his ministry. Epiphany comes to an end on Sunday, March 2. The following Sunday begins our Lenten journey. Wednesday, March 5 is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday.

We will share this worship service with our Anglican neighbours at All Saints at 7 p.m. Rev. Evelyn will be preaching, so let's show her lots of support. The branches of the palms from last year's Palm Sunday are burned and the ashes are mixed with oil and water. The placing of the cross on forehead or hand reminds us we come from dust and will return to dust, showing us how fragile our lives really are.

Sunday, March 2 is a Stewardship of the Environment Sunday. Lt. Col. (Ret.) Susan Beharriell is part of the Township's Sustainability Committee. She has spoken at many area churches, giving an enlightening and challenging presentation. Invite some of your neighbours, especially the youth and children.

Friday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m. is World Day of Prayer. The theme is "Streams in the Desert" prepared by the women of Egypt. They will reveal Egypt as they live it, one foot in the past, teetering on the next step of the future. Join with Christians in more than 70 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada to express our prayers and solidarity with the people of Egypt.

Our local service will be held at St An-

drew's Presbyterian Church 13190 Keele St., We welcome all men and women to this informative gathering.

As Rosemary continues to enjoy her visit with her Sri Lanka family we are enjoying this time with Oleg Samokhin at our organ/piano. He is a concert pianist and has shared his music with many other churches. It is our delight to have him with us again next Sunday.

This Friday, Feb. 28 is Holy Chili Cook-off at Sacred Heart Church, 6:30 to 8 p.m. We are challenging Vince, who says he has the best chili in the "whole world." Get your entry in. Call Rev. Evelyn 905-833-5181. Can anyone beat the champ? This is a great opportunity to share good food, conversation and get to know our ecumenical neighbours. Come and taste test the various chilies and help to name the "fan favourite." There are some prizes from some local businesses and we appreciate their support. There is no admission charge, but a donation to the King Township Food Bank would be appreciated.

Don't forget our Irish Dinner Friday, March 14 from 6-8 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal of Irish Stew, mashed spuds freshly baked scones and breads, salad, Irish dessert, fiddle tunes and more. For tickets call our office, 905-833-5181 It is advisable to get your tickets in advance. There will be only a limited number at the door. Adults \$ 15, children \$6, family \$35.

Joint 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 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, March 2 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "What We Believe About ... The Word of God" with The Canon and Inerrancy of Scripture.

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

Men's Ministry is holding a wings night, Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. The Leafs are playing Columbus. It's a fun time to eat and enjoy some conversation. We will meet at Sgt. Peppers in the plaza beside the Aurora Wal-mart on Wellington by Highway 404. Please let Pastor Mark know if you are coming.

King City Seniors Centre

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 mes-

sage at the center 905-833-2824.

York Pines United

This Friday, Feb. 28, all are welcome to attend the "Messy Church" program at York Pines United Church, 3150 Aurora/Lloydtown Road, Kettleby. Doors open at 5 p.m., but come as you are able. You are never late for Messy Church!

Children with adults and adults with child-like grace are especially welcome. Activities include story-telling and singing and crafts and worship and supper together and leave-taking by 7 p.m. An offering is taken. This month's theme is "Making Choices." The Bible reading will tell of the temptation of Jesus.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Did you know that the palm leaves from the Palm Sunday service the year before are dried and burned and then the ash, when cooled, is ground into a fine powder? The powder is then mixed with olive oil and during the service the paste is applied to the forehead or the back of the hand in the shape of a cross. Historically, the service is designed to remind us of our mortality and the liberty that the believer has from sin and death.

At York Pines the event begins with a "Meagre Meal" at 6 p.m. Various soups and breads and applesauce are served. Afterwards a simple Ash Wednesday service follows. The imposition of the ashes will be accompanied by the words, "You are a child of God, loved beyond any telling of it." Participants will consider how they can simplify their life; note the obstacles they face and ask for the help they need to overcome. For more information please call the church office at 905-727-8118.

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Visit the labyrinth at church during March break

From page 18

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The labyrinth is open on Tuesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Thursday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. Other times can be arranged by appointment. Email inquiries can be directed to minister.yruc@rogers.com.

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's, King City welcomes you to our church. This Sunday, March 2, Communion will be celebrated with the Rev. Dr. John Vissers presiding. John will continue his sermon series on Joy from the book of Philipians.

We welcomed Dirk deRoos to the pulpit last Sunday, Transfiguration Sunday. Dirk's sermon entitled "Fully God and Fully Man: the Transfiguration of Jesus," helped us to understand this important event in the life of Christ. Dirk asked us how we are being transfigured into his likeness, inside and out. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Nursery Care running concurrently. Join us for coffee and catch-up following the service.

February's "winter warmth" events continue this Friday, 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church on Jane St. with the Ministerial's "Holy Chili Cook-Off." Who's got the best chili? Come and find out. If you'd like to enter a dish, let Lynn Vissers know. There'll be a free-will donation with proceeds going to the King Township Food Bank.

The annual Congregational Meeting is Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. The congregation is encouraged to attend this important event in the life and future plan-

ning of our church.

St. Andrew's is hosting the local ecumenical service for the World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m. This year's theme country is Egypt. All are most welcome.

The Ladies Prayer Time is at 9 a.m. each Tuesday, meeting in the narthex of the church. Come and join us for this special time together of quiet reflection or sharing verbally as we pray to our Heavenly Father. Should you have prayer requests, praise items or any questions or

concerns, please contact the church office at 905-833-2325 or call Kathy Patterson, clerk of session at 905-833-0391.

For pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our director of congregational ministries at 905-833-5762, or our interim moderator, the Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers, who is back from his study leave, at 905-895-5512. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility.

Annual 'Inside Ride' boosts oncology clinic

By Jeff Doner

The Southlake Regional Health Centre and Coast to Coast Against Cancer teamed up to raise money for the paediatric oncology clinic at the second annual Inside Ride at the Southlake Medical Arts building recently.

To fundraise for the event, teams assembled and collected funds throughout the year. Then on Friday, each participant rode a stationary bike for five to 10 minutes while their teammates rallied and cheered at their side.

The event has raised over \$20,000 so far, which crushed the original goal of \$15,000.

"We're so proud of the POGO (Paediatric Oncology Group of Ontario) program we have at Southlake and I really want to thank the team for all the hard work they do every day," said Southlake president and CEO Dr. Dave Williams. "Many of the people in the room see what we do first hand and I think this is just a tremendous opportunity. There's no question that we have a great challenge today, but we're all up to it. Thank-you everyone for the work you did, because it's certainly paying off."

The paediatrics oncology satellite clinic at Southlake is a 12-bed unit that has a specialized staff that provides care to children 0-18 years of age suffering with a wide range of disease and illness.

Nurse coordinator of the POGO clinic, Lisa Egan-Bates, said she was overwhelmed with the support for the event.

"We feel so honoured that all of you made the effort to be involved today and as you know, all the money raised goes directly to help all the families who come to the Southlake pediatric oncology POGO satellite clinic," she told a room full of colourful and decorated participants.

Egan-Bates said the clinic sees an average of 130 visits per month, which is a number that has climbed since the clinic opened Feb. 2, 2009.

"Since then the entire organization has helped many kids and their families as they navigate the course of their cancer treatment," she said. "We're able to provide diagnostic testing and treatments here closer to their homes and in their own community. This means less travelling to Toronto, which impacts the family in many ways."

The annual event has become a favourite for many, with teams picking names and elaborate costumes to highlight their fundraising efforts.

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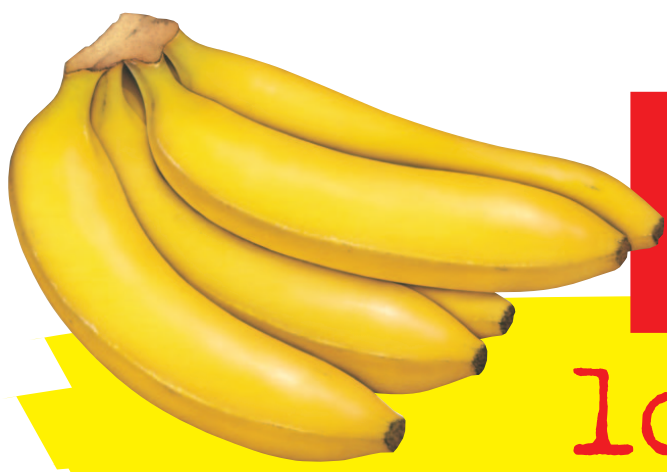
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