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Polar Bear Dip raises money for Seneca students

By Jeff Doner

Seneca staff, faculty and students rallied together and took a chilly plunge for the third annual Polar Bear Dip to raise funds for the Campaign for students last week at the College's King Campus.

Braving the frigid waters were 15 participants who collectively raised \$1,581 for the campaign that provides financial support to students.

"I think one of the things that is special here is that the students get involved as well," said Katie Colvin, annual giving and stewardship officer. "Our campaign co-chairs are David Agnew, the president of the college, and Max Louis, the president of the student federation, so everyone's kind of on-side to help the students and work together. I think our program is robust and has good energy, which is pretty amazing given that we have our four large campuses."

The campaign is college wide and has been running since mid-February with various events including bake sales, flower sales and used book sales that lead into the marquee polar bear dip.

Last year, the Seneca community raised \$136,000, which goes directly into an endowment to help students in need across all faculties on an ongoing basis.

"Not everybody realizes the need that exists around students, we know that about two thirds of our students access needs based government grants," Colvin said. "I met a student last week that works 35 hours a week to put themselves through school and I met another student that works nights as a security guard and another from a single-parent household who puts himself through."

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Brave take a dip at Seneca College

More than a dozen brave Seneca College students took the plunge during the third annual Polar Dip at the King campus. The event raises money for an endowment to help students in need.

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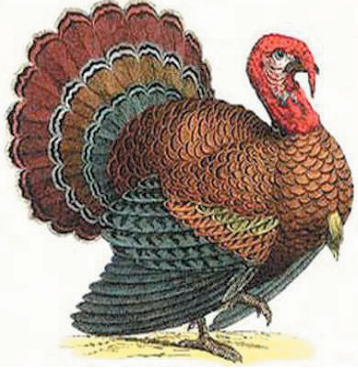
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Developer requests sales office on former Holy Name School property

By Angela Gismondi

Signature Communities is looking to set up a new home sales trailer in the parking lot of the recently vacated Holy Name School in King City.

Signature has submitted a zoning bylaw amendment application to permit the temporary use a portion of the former Holy Name School site as the location for a new home sales and marketing trailer. The property, located at 2585 King Road, is currently zoned institutional and the applicant is seeking to temporarily change the zoning to commercial to facilitate the construction of the sales office.

The Township of King bought the former school lands from the York Region Catholic District School Board last June. The plan is to use the property for the Township's new municipal offices, which is expected to take a few years. The property is currently being used for

recreation programming.

A public meeting was held on the matter on March 31. The meeting was held to receive comments on proposed amendments to the zoning bylaw. Council also approved a separate report during the council meeting which authorized staff to enter into negotiations with Signature Communities for the potential lease of lands within the parking area.

Signature has proposed that the agreement would be in effect for 15 months and would commence following draft plan approval of the proposed development.

The trailer is related to the Signature Draft Plan of Subdivision proposal located at the southwest corner of Keele Street and McClure Drive in King City. Planning staff and the applicant are still working to address the outstanding matters in the draft plan of subdivision application, but the process is expected to be completed by the end of May.

The situation is unique in that Signature Communities is in need of a high-profile location for its sales offices

and the municipality will be the beneficiary of additional, unbudgeted revenues associated with the lease, Mayor Steve Pellegrini explained. Entering into a lease agreement with Signature Communities will result in an additional revenue stream to assist with the required operating costs of the property.

"Having Signature use the vacant parking lot that we're currently not using is a great thing," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "The money we get from this can be used to fund some of the work that needs to be done there."

The construction of the sales office should have no impact on current programming at the site. Any extension of the 15-month term will have to be approved by council.

The request for the zoning bylaw amendment was received and referred back to staff for a further recommendation report. Council also approved a separate report during the committee of the whole meeting which authorized staff to enter into negotiations with Signature Communities for the potential lease of lands within the parking area.

OFT funds local non-profits with grants

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is making this province a better place to live, work and play by investing in 30 not-for-profit and charitable organizations in Simcoe York.

Each unique community in Ontario contributes to a dynamic and united province, and with OTF investments these organizations are strengthening local economies and providing services that matter.

Close to home, Humber River Shakespeare has received \$120,000 over three years to make the performances of this Nobleton-based theatre company more accessible to residents of York Region and Simcoe County by expanding its summer and winter tours, staging new heritage productions, launching an educational program for schools, and holding workshops for all ages. Funds will be used for salaries, equipment and touring expenses.

Horses At Heart Therapeutic Equestrian Adventures Inc. receives \$81,000 over one year to deliver the "Back in the Saddle" program that helps people with mental health issues return to work after long absences. Support sessions facilitated by an equine-assisted facilitator and a psychologist will be combined with horse and barn care training. This will strengthen participants' ability to commit to schedules, and improve teamwork and problem-solving skills. Funds will be used for staffing and program expenses.

"Every community in Ontario is unique. I'm proud to be part of the grant review team in Simcoe York and pleased that the Ontario Trillium Foundation has invested in not-for-profit organizations across our community. I'm looking forward to seeing the great work they do with these investments," said Savi Singh, chair, Simcoe York Grant Review Team.

OTF is the largest granting foundation in Canada, and its participatory model of grant making means that local volunteers in each of 16 areas are responsible for selecting successful grants.

OTF is a provincial agency that awards about 1,300 grants every year, and more than one in five organizations that receive OTF grants are run solely by volunteers.

The foundation has a mandate to fund across four sectors: social services, environment, arts and culture, and sports and recreation.

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King reaps the benefits of York's N6

By Mark Pavilons

King's membership in the N6 – York's "Northern 6 municipalities" – is paying dividends. And this collaboration continues and exemplifies the concept of strength in numbers.

King council received an information report from CAO Susan Plamondon recently.

"In terms of our influence in the broader context of the region and the GTA, and indeed the province, we believe it is safe to say that we have developed a positive brand that recognizes the benefits of collaboration and partnership without compromising our individual community identities," she wrote in her report.

A focus to promote and market the N6 in the past year has seen some positive results. Each member municipality takes a lead on specific initiatives and the entire group shares resources through this unique partnership.

"We believe that speaking together on issues of common concern strengthens our individuals messages. The CAOs continue to find the benefits and oppor-

tunities associated with our collaborative approach with respect to service delivery co-ordination of effort, joint review of emerging issues, sharing of information, policies, procedures and resources."

It's all about leveraging networks and associations and to that end, the N6 union has been working well since its inception in 2011.

From marketing to waste collection, employee benefits, fire and emergency services, staff training, insurance costs, broadband access, the N6 municipalities share resources and knowledge to everyone's benefit.

Plamondon noted that feedback from all levels of employees across the N6 indicated they're impressed by the quality of programs and overall benefit that networking opportunities provide.

"Creating relationships between peers across the municipalities has facilitated best practice and knowledge sharing, further partnering and has created an informal support and problem-solving network," Plamondon wrote. "Additionally, these programs have had a positive impact on internal

and external customer service levels."

The group has identified future opportunities to work together. They hope to take a collaborative approach to York Region's university and post-secondary institution project, as well as the 2015 reviews of the Greenbelt, Oak Ridges Moraine and NEC plans.

In addition, the CAOs held a special meeting in the spring of 2013 to look at how to take the N6 to the next level of success.

Future tangible results may come from "cost avoidance." Through combined efforts in master planning, fire services and facility planning, other opportunities may arise.

To that end, it's been suggested that each municipality create an N6 reserve fund to help cover the costs of extra efforts.

The group hopes to share results more broadly to demonstrate value. They have identified a need to assess new service delivery models, to see if there is potential for savings. They may look at hiring external resources (staff, consultants) to help them drive new initiatives.

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Bianca Catracchia

Catracchia crowned Miss Earth Ontario

By Mark Pavilons

A local competitor has added a new crown to her collection. Nobleton's Bianca Catracchia will represent Toronto in the Miss Earth Canada pageant that will take place in Montreal this August.

She finished first March 29 at the Miss Earth Ontario pageant, competing against seven others who were vying for the title. As the number-one finisher, she moves on to the national level.

The event has an environmental theme and her 2.5-minute speech this year dealt with air pollution.

"I still feel like I'm dreaming," she said. "March 29 was a life-altering moment." She also earned the honours for Miss Congeniality, Best swim suit, Best evening gown and Miss Entrepreneur.

A pageant contestant since she was 18, Catracchia is enthusiastic about this event and the cause it represents.

She's been an advocate, helping the next generation learn about the importance of the environment, recycling, our landfill situation and the need to reduce our use of plastic bottles.

"There are no words to express how passionate I am about this," she said. The pageants, she said, are much more than glitz and glamour. They are a means for young women to build camaraderie, friendships for life and self-esteem. In this "sisterhood," many become ambassadors and spokespeople for various causes.

Catracchia has some other prestigious honours to her credit, including competing in Miss Universe Canada and Miss World Canada events.

Catracchia is happy to speak to youngsters and engage them about environmental issues. Contact her at bianca.catracchia@rogers.com or visit her Facebook link, Bianca Catracchia for Miss Earth Ontario 2014.

King parks get new names

By Mark Pavilons

Three parks in Schomberg, Nobleton and King City have received new names, reflecting the heritage of the municipality.

Hickstead Memorial Park, named after the legendary mount of Olympic equestrian Eric Lamaze, is located at 21 Summit Ridge Drive, Schomberg.

The name honours the contributions made by Lamaze and Hickstead, who earned Canada's first-ever individual gold medal in equestrian sport at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Hickstead was internationally recognized as one of the best horses in the sport. He passed away in 2011 at the age of 15.

Dean Plummer Park is located at 96 Parkheights Trail, Nobleton.

Dean Michael Plummer was a long-time Nobleton resident who gave his life while attempting to rescue a friend's wife in 1999. For his heroism, he was awarded the Star of Courage by the Governor General's Office. At the council meeting of April 2, 2007, King's committee approved the list of street and park names for the Noble Ridge subdivision, including naming this park at Dean Plummer Park.

Rafferty's Corners Park is situated at 20 Terry View Drive, King City.

It has historical significance in King. The intersection of Dufferin Street and King Road was where Francis Rafferty built a hotel in 1831 and is recognized as one of the earliest settlements in King.

The names were approved by both King Township and York Region. Signage for the parks, according to Clerk Kathryn Smyth, will be put up in the future and all Township information will be updated to reflect the new names.

The naming of parks and facilities with historical significance or for important persons, is in keeping with guiding principles in the Sustainability Plan.

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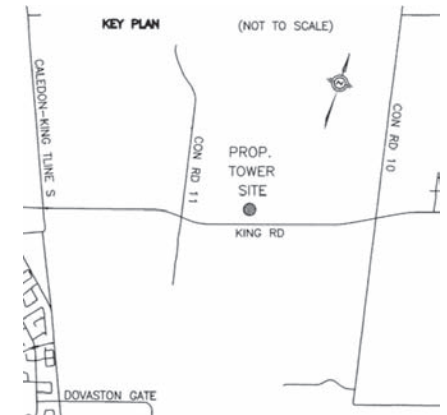
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Virtual worlds fraught with dangers for all ages



Mark Pavilons

The Internet today is a weird and strange place.

It's also a virtual world filled with almost everything imaginable – and unfortunately, many things unimaginable.

While the unrestricted electronic airwaves provide for instant communication, for parents of teens, and pre-teens, it's a very dangerous place.

It's all been fun and games, shopping, music and chatting until recent years. With the popularity of social networking sites, privacy has been an issue. Our personal details are now spread across the universe.

None of us were prepared for it, really. And like Pandora's Box from fables, we've let the monster out and it's impossible to call him back again.

Now, adults and teens have been dishing out explicit, degrading, inappropriate, crude and physically harmful crap for decades. Try as we may to foster a sense of social responsibility in our young, they will sometimes do stupid things. Their

adult role models are also not beyond reproach.

Part of it is growing up and maturing. Part of it is learning social wrongs and rights. Part of it is pushing boundaries, experimenting and throwing caution to the wind.

The only difference today is the widespread access to such material, thanks to the Internet, smart phones, social media sites, etc. Almost every teen owns their own phone and many have smart phones, tablets and apps to access anything and everything.

Soon, Internet access will be standard features in automobiles. Smart boards already exist in many classrooms and most schools have wi-fi services.

You can run, but you can't hide from this high-tech dream world.

There are things like parental controls, if we actually take the time to see and understand what our youngsters are doing on their devices.

It's so easy for children to access harmful images on the Internet, that we parents have to be vigilant, on guard and even pro-active.

We have had occasions in our household where a multitude of inappropriate images appeared during otherwise "normal" Internet searches for information. Whether by accident or by intention, once a youngster comes across such material, it's almost like the proverbial apple in the Garden of Eden – so awfully tempting.

Let's face it. Teens have been experimenting with drugs, alcohol and relationships for hundreds of years. It's nothing new or unusual. It's been ignored or

blocked by parents for just as long.

Today, however, posting such stuff can come back to haunt you. Some things remain floating around cyberspace forever, and again, that's something none of us anticipated.

It's not just the Internet – questionable content seems to be permeating society.

Video games, once considered harmless fun, are now filled with violence, bad behaviour and sexual content. The games come with recommended ages, but again, this isn't really enforced and the onus is on parents to really investigate the content of these games.

My wife is a video game morality officer. She Googles and then calls the retail stores to talk to people who've played the games. She questions them thoroughly until she's satisfied.

Movie ratings today are another matter. PG13 isn't always geared for pre-teens and one has to investigate the questionable aspects. Is it language, violence or suggestive content? My wife consults a movie rating app for parents, which counts the number of swear words, discusses content and even notes product placement!

But again, we are the guardians for morality and good taste – if we have the time.

We can't let our guard down. While we can enforce limits, restrictions and safeguards, we can't always protect our young from the harsh world outside our front doors.

At least knowing about the dangers makes us better prepared to deal with them. Here's a thought. How about talking to our kids every night at the dinner table, and answering their questions about life?

Letter to the Editor

Project on old arena lands moving hastily

I just read an article in the King Sentinel that the proposed "transitional care facility" is moving ahead at the old Schomberg arena site. I've got a few questions.

Where was the public input on this? I never saw a notice of a public meeting anywhere. Maybe I needed to be scouring the public announcements in the paper religiously but I'd think that for such a huge proposal affecting the town we'd at least receive a notice in the mail of some sort. Even the public input meeting for my local splash park had a large and effective sign announcing the meeting.

Mayor Pellegrini, you've been quoted as saying that this proposal is "extremely innovative" yet I've seen nothing in the papers explaining why that is so. I'd honestly like to know what makes this proposal "extremely innovative." I should add that I've honestly not heard anyone cite what benefits this would bring to the town, specifically Main Street and the people who currently live here. Just because something is innovative doesn't mean it's great.

How does this proposal benefit the town and the people who live here? It's a simple question but I haven't heard anyone answer it. And it's a valid goal for such a project that will utilize a huge piece of prime real estate that it somehow benefit the residents of the town. My family has no one that would get any benefit from a transitional care facility.

In fact, that area of town will essentially be cut off from our lives now, whereas before we could at least walk through or use the tennis courts. And this is not a unique scenario, as the demographics in my subdivision indicate that very few of us will have any use for this facility.

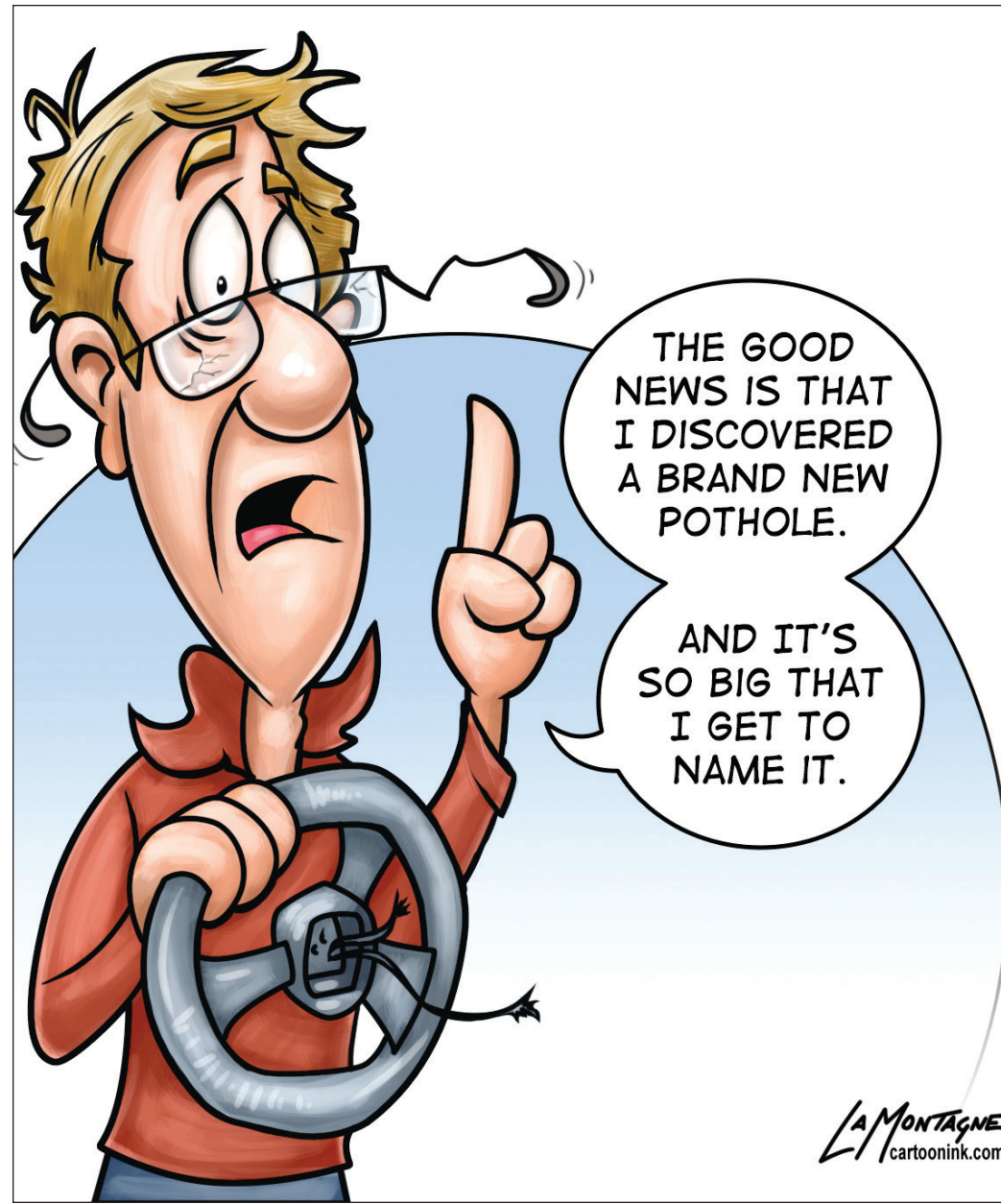
We have a once in a lifetime opportunity here to take a prime piece of land in the centre of downtown and do something truly special with it. Something that incorporates all the town's citizens, is publicly accessible and pedestrian friendly, and adds to the charm and character of our charming Main Street.

I feel we are making decisions about this space too hastily and with very little public input or proper outside professional studies. We are squandering this opportunity. You didn't see Toronto take the corner of Yonge and Dundas and plop a "transitional care facility" there. They put a vibrant square there instead, used by all of its citizens every day.

Finally, about those tennis courts. I've only been in Schomberg a short while but have been counting the days until spring so that I can walk over to those tennis courts with my kids to play tennis. Those will be gone now. There is talk of putting them somewhere else, maybe the Trisan Centre. That's great but I'll believe it when I see it. The Trisan Centre is no longer a convenient walk from my house. Something as close as possible to the current location would be much more acceptable, because those that live here and specifically those that moved here recently did so partly based on the amenities that are close by. Those tennis courts are one such amenity.

Please don't compound the anger that we have over the proposal for the arena lands by moving the tennis courts so far from their current spot that they no longer serve the residents they used to serve.

Joe Rosati



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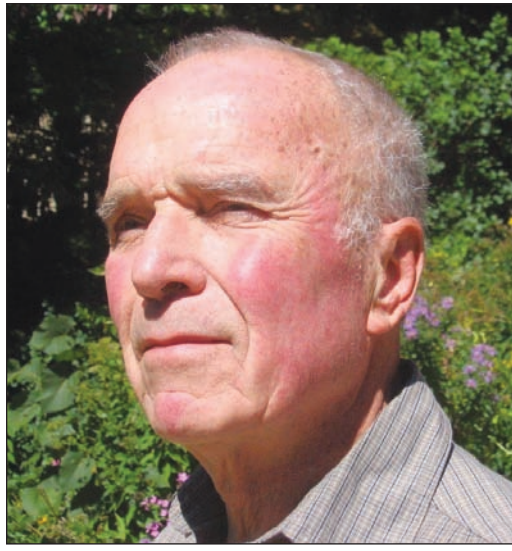
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Climate change is here, impacts all around us

By Hans Martin



Dr. Hans Martin

Climate change, like gravity, is not a matter of opinion.

In the summer of 2003, 52,000 people died in Europe as a consequence of the heat wave. A refrigerated warehouse outside Paris was used by undertakers as they did not have enough space in their own facilities.

The western USA is suffering from a drought which started about three years ago. It is severely impacting farmers and ranchers. Drinking water supplies are threatened.

Between 2010 and 2012, nearly 260,000 people died in Somalia because of the famine aggravated by conflict.

Canada: "Homeowners should be prepared to pay more for property insurance as the severe weather trend is expected to continue." Canadian insurance payouts due to weather related disasters averaged roughly \$1-billion a year from 2009-2011, which compares with \$167-million in 2007 and \$392-million in 2008.

The Nunavut government is devising a "Homeowner's Guide to Permafrost," which is a primer describing measures a homeowner can take to promote and preserve permafrost under their home.

And on and on!

The science of climate change is rather simple. If CO2 increases in the atmosphere then the temperature of the earth will go up. At a Canadian research station at Alert, 4,350 kilometers north of Toronto, the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere near the ground, has been measured every half-hour for more than 15 years. Similar records with slight variation have been produced at stations on Mount Aloha in Hawaii and at Cape Grim Australia. In all cases the records show a rapid rise in CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere over the past 50 years. The current levels of CO2 are higher than any in the last 400,000 years.

Recently, the IPCC, International Panel On Climate Change, released its most recent report. The document, produced by scientists from 100 countries, states that the climate change warming is real and alarming. Economic costs will be high and social unrest on an international scale is expected. Ironically the "greenhouse gas deniers" have announced the release of their most recent report this coming week in Washington, on April 9 at the National Press Club. The deniers call themselves the nongovernmental international panel on climate change, NIPCC. In the coming week the media discussions should prove very interesting. One can only hope that the media is equal to the task of sorting out the truth. They often are.

Politics and public policy are deeply involved in the whole matter of climate change. In the last 35 years the relationship between science and political centres has changed dramatically. In the 1980s the scientific community in Canada was working hand-in-hand with federal and provincial governments in addressing key environmental issues, including acid rain, climate change, stratospheric ozone depletion and air toxics. The contribution to these issues made by government scientists equaled those coming from the private sector and the educational institutes. Internationally, Canada was a leading country in the development of international agreements con-

cerning these issues.

We had the Montréal protocol for the protection of the stratosphere and the first international high-level conference on climate change in Toronto (1988). We chaired the drafting session which finalized the Stockholm Convention on toxic chemicals (2001) and, for nearly 20 years, we were vigorous supporters of the development and conduct of the Economic Commission For Europe initiative to address international environmental policies. Canadians chaired subgroups and played an important role in the harmonization of Western and Communist bloc initiatives.

Since that time the Canadian government has changed. Some time ago when the United Nations Framework Convention On Climate Change (UNFCCC) was formed, Canada signed on as a member country. This convention holds meetings each year and has produced agreements and commitments on carbon dioxide management. Perhaps the most important is the Kyoto Accord. A few years ago Canada withdrew from the convention.

It is the only country in the world that has withdrawn from this dialogue. In addition, at home in recent years government-sponsored scientific research programs have been "adjusted" so they are better coordinated with policy development. Scientists are obliged to obtain approval from policy centers before their research findings are made public.

In the past of course, it was the scientific programs that provided much of the information required for the initiation of policy. Today, economic expansion and prosperity are the keywords. The oil sands development is an example of this focus. Objections to the scale and nature of this activity and cautionary guidance are not welcome.

Back home, here in King Township, it seems hopeless for one to try and sell the notion of climate warming, given the disastrous winter weather that we have suffered. But it must be remembered that the initial description of the phenomenon before us was "climate change and variability." The variability part has been lost, probably because the title becomes too long. But the variability part is where the disaster lies.

Extremes in weather kill and destroy. I always objected to the notion that climate change "involves 1 or 2 degrees C average increase in temperature." This is simply because most people don't know if it's 11° or 13° or if it's 23° or 25° outside. It's a non-

event. But of course if you have normal temperatures throughout nine months of the year, exactly the same as the average for the last 30 years, and then three months in the summer when the temperature is 9° higher than average every day, then you will remember that summer, it was the summer when the plants died, senior citizens suffered from heat stroke, the water table of our wells dropped to a record low, and you could not wash your car for the lack of water. But wait. Three months with the temperature on average 9° above normal is the same as one year with the temperature 1° above normal.

The notion of climate warming of 1° or 2° was a bad marketing strategy. The message got lost in the average.

A final word about precipitation. Flooding and associated landslides are regular news items these days. Rainfall patterns have changed dramatically in the last 50 years and are predicted to continue to change. Environment Canada has a modeling center in Victoria which is a major contributor to the global theoretical examination and prediction of climate warming trends.

About 15 years ago it was predicting changes in precipitation patterns for most of Canada, involving among other things, fewer showers and more heavy rain falls. In the summer, this means flooding.

At the municipal level there is a need to ensure that land-use regulations control or prohibit construction in vulnerable low lying areas. Secondly, swamps and wetlands should be preserved and enhanced in order to slow runoff. Finally, if necessary, infrastructure design guidelines should be altered in such a way that public facilities, roads, culverts, ridges, etc. - can accommodate extreme flooding conditions.

At home it is advisable to check your

house insurance policy to determine whether it covers damage due to flooding. In addition, if appropriate, you should install an automatic sewer plug which will prevent sewer back-up and the flooding of your basement.

Climate change and variability - they are here.

Dr. Hans Martin is one of the world's leading scientists on climate change, toxic chemicals and other air issues. He has advised both national and international governments. He worked for Environment Canada and most recently for Foreign Affairs before retiring.

Cold Creek Stewardship seeks volunteers

Cold Creek Stewardship is looking for volunteers to assist with clean up of the 11th Concession beside Cold Creek Conservation area on Saturday, April 19.

The group is meeting at the main entrance at 9:30 and the clean up will last until roughly 11:30 a.m.

Cold creek is on the 11th, 3.5 kilometres north of the King Road.

If you can assist please dress for the weather and bring gloves, boots and a reusable water bottle. For more, visit www.Coldcreek.ca or phone Nigel Hussey at 905-859-4035.

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Elisabeth La Grutta

"I'm mixed in the sense that I would want to know how they're going to regulate it. There should be some sort of test period."



Sandra DiGregorio

"I'm for it and I think it's a good idea because it allows people to have choice. It opens up employment as well."



James Davies

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Mon. April 14, 2014

5:00pm - Working Session:
Community Improvement Plan - Orientation & Work Plan
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Mon. April 28, 2014

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

OFFICE CLOSURE

King Township offices will be closed on **Friday, April 18th, 2014** and **Monday, April 21st, 2014** for the Easter holiday.

All offices will open for regular business hours on **Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014** at 8:30 a.m.

Please Note: Township Libraries Will Be Closed On Friday, April 18th, Sunday, April 20th, And Monday, April 21st, 2014. All Libraries Will Be Open For Regular Business Hours On Saturday, April 19th, 2014.

In Case Of An Urgent Township Matter please call (905)833-5321 And The Township Answering Service Will Relay Your Call To The Appropriate Personnel.

TAX DUE DATE REMINDER

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

The tax due date is approaching. Payments are required by April 25 for your second tax installation of 2014.



ROAD CLOSURE

UPDATE TO STREET CLOSURE IN ANSNORVELDT

This update is to advise local residents and businesses of updates to the sequence of construction. As a result of the Contractor's schedule, King Street in Ansnorveldt, in its current configuration will remain open for local traffic for approximately the next 6-8 weeks. After this time, a temporary road will be constructed between King St. and Dufferin St. while the intersection and permanent realignment is being constructed. Residents must exercise caution throughout the construction area.

Access between King and Dufferin Streets in Ansnorveldt, will be maintained at all times throughout the construction; however the quality of the access cannot be guaranteed for all vehicles. Cars, trucks and busses are strongly encouraged to use the marked detour routes.

The Dufferin St. bridge will be closed after 9:00 am on Thursday, March 20, 2014 until the Fall of 2014 to complete the bridge replacement. There will be no access for vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians during the bridge replacement.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any questions of concerns during the course of this project, please contact the people noted below.

Consultant Allan Garnham Project Manager K. Smart Associates Ltd. Phone: 519-748-1199 ext. 246 E-mail: agarnham@ksmart.ca	Township of King Saleem Khowaja Senior Project Manager Township of King Phone: 905 833 4057 E-mail: skhowaja@king.ca
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Contractor

Jeff Partridge
President, Premier Concrete Inc.
Phone: 519-276-7830
E-mail: premierconcrete@fcc.on.ca

NOTICE

TRAFFIC CALMING NOTICE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

On April 14, 2014, Township Council will be considering Traffic Calming measures on the following streets (as hatched in red in the respective area specific maps below):

King City:

Speed Humps - Burton Grove, Patricia Drive and Warren Road
No Through Traffic for the intersection of Keele Street and Burton Grove, Patricia Drive and Warren Road during the hours of 4 pm - 6 pm, Monday to Friday.



Nobleton:

Speed Humps - Hill Farm Road and Greenside Drive



Please note the Engineering staff report (EPW 2014-17) will be available at the close of business April 9th, 2014 on the Township website and discussed at the Council meeting on Monday April 14th 2014.

TREE PRESERVATION BY-LAW

Tree Preservation to be Discussed Sustainability Committee Meeting April 22nd, 2014 at 7 p.m.



At its meeting of February 24th, Council of the Township of King considered and heard options on how to best introduce a future tree preservation by-law in King. At this meeting, no by-law was presented or adopted - Council requested that additional public consultation and other options be further investigated. The objective is to establish a method(s) to preserve the tree population of King, as well as develop programs/incentives for enhancing tree coverage throughout King.

Based on the feedback received to date, Staff are developing several different approaches for consideration by Council and the public. These approaches will be outlined in a presentation to King's Sustainability Advisory Committee on April 22nd, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City. Members of the public are invited to attend to learn more about the future of tree preservation in King. The information gathered at this meeting and through ongoing public consultations will help shape the recommendations put forward by Staff when Council reconsiders the matter again on May 26th.

Council and Staff continue to invite all comments/opinions regarding Tree Preservation. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, or would like more information on how to get involved, please contact Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk, at 905-833-4018 (e-mail ksmyth@king.ca), or Alexander HARRAS, Acting Deputy Clerk, at 905-833-4082 (e-mail aharras@king.ca).



Join King's Sustainability Advisory Committee in the Township wide **Clean Up Challenge on April 19th** and help us clean-up our parks, streets and neighbourhoods! Participating individuals and community groups will be featured as Sustainable King Stewards for Change. Learn more at www.sustainableking.com or by contacting environmentalstewardship@king.ca.



TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014 AT 7 PM
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The Township will be continuing to assist residents with removal of damaged tree limbs and branches. Residents can bring tree limbs / branches to the edge of the road for removal.

Yard Waste - collection begins the week of April 7th, 2014

- * Limbs up to 4 inches diameter and cut in 5 foot lengths will be removed as part of the regular yard waste collection.
- * Smaller branches should be bundled or placed in a yard waste container.

Contracted Service

- * Longer branches will be removed later when Township Contractors are available to chip and remove.
- * Residents are advised that large tree branches and tree trunks (greater than 6 inch diameter) from private property will not be removed through the curbside collection program. Residents must retain a private contractor for tree removal.

Due to the large volume of ice storm debris; the removal may take many weeks. All materials will be removed in due course. Residents are asked to be patient while removal proceeds.

Residents with large volumes should advise the Township @ 905-833-4081 or email waste.management@king.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- * **Senior Manager of Engineering Services**

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KING Goodwill

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Thursday, April 24, 2014
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RSVP by Friday, April 18th, 2014 to Teresa Barresi
tbarresi@king.ca or 905-833-4029
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Pick and click clean-up day photos – submit your photos to the Environmental Stewardship team at environmentalstewardship@king.ca

Volunteer Hub Locations:

Nobleton: Arena • Schomberg: Dufferin Marsh • King City: Arena

If you would like to clean up an area in the Township and not meet at one of the locations listed above, no problem! Just let us know!
Please contact the Environmental Stewardship team for more information.

905-833-5321 environmentalstewardship@king.ca

Nobleton company crafts exotic animal feed

By Mark Pavilons

Humans share the planet with some fascinating creatures.

Animals under our care, especially those in captivity, require nutritional diets.

Decades of experience dealing in agricultural feed products has given Nobleton Feed Mill a leg up – or several in fact – in the ability to craft nutritional concoctions for some exotic animals.

Alf Budweth, who's been involved in the family business for more than 36 years, knows just how to mix that perfect horse feed for your prized thoroughbred. And he's now a wizard when it comes to his gorilla muffins, cricket food and veggie bites for hippos and rhinos.

Not your typical fare, but Budweth's company Züküdla (that roughly translates to "zoo food" in zulu) may one day be the world leader in exotic animal food.

And he's spent years of meticulous research to make his feed among the very best. He has a reputation to maintain.



The Züküdla brand came about after the Toronto Zoo contacted Budweth about creating some new feed for their animals. The company obtained the contract for the zoo more than eight years ago and they've been creating and perfecting their blends, to the point they're responding to demand from all over the world.

Budweth noted it all began with CricketMax, a supplement for crickets to plump them up. Crickets are the main diets for many insectivores like lizards of all descriptions. The proprietary blend that goes into CricketMax was seven years in the making and today, some 150 retail outlets sell the product.

He is currently working on a supplement to help improve the reproductive rates of the endangered Puerto Rican crested toad. It's this type of challenge

that drives and challenges Budweth as he strives to "craft nutrition."

"What sets Züküdla apart from the competition, is our attention to detail. I think it's easy to mimic or duplicate what's being done in the industry. But we want to do it better, we want to craft better diets, and offer our customers better service," Budweth said.

Nobleton Feed Mill is currently the largest distributor of Masterfeeds products in North America. Budweth wants Züküdla to have that same status and credibility.

Admittedly, there are some "crazy ingredients" for Züküdla products.

Take their gorilla muffins for example. Primates suffer from many ailments and conditions that affect humans such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes. For the idle animals in captivity, they need a high-fibre, low-glycemic diet instead of fats and sugars. The muffins fit the bill, even though Budweth admitted humans would not find them appetizing.

Also on tap is a "dog biscotti," a healthy dog treat that's sure to please.

Züküdla is the feed mill's way of branching out, partially due to necessity and by evolution.

Budweth said it's fun but everything comes with its unique set of challenges. Currently, there are some border issues with getting products into the U.S. but Budweth hopes to have five points where his products can get to their American markets.

There is virtually nothing Budweth can't make – they are all based on vitamin and mineral packages. Collaborating with animal nutritionists at top institutions and combining talents with their own animal nutritionists, means that Züküdla can design and tailor diets for customers in a quick and cost-effective manner.

Budweth said he will try just about ev-

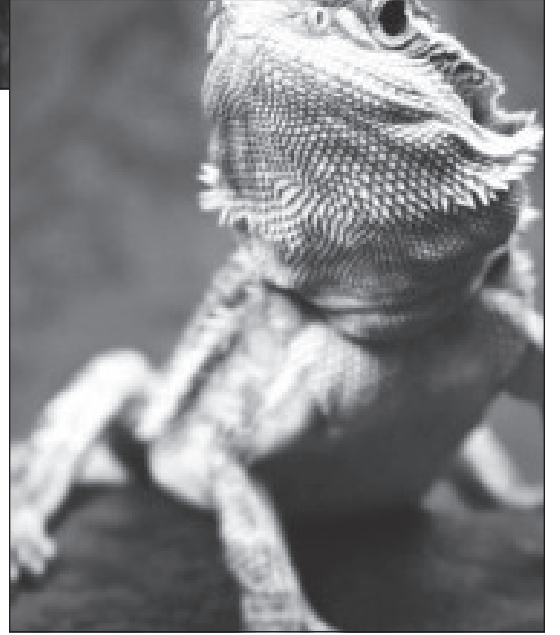


everything. He has to not only create a formula, but locate the quirky ingredients to enhance existing foods. This makes it difficult at times, but it's always fun.

The goal is to create healthy animals. Budweth is a chef of sorts, blending the ingredients and experimenting until he gets it just right. He doesn't use any drugs or growth hormones in his products. He's invested in some new equipment, so Züküdla is in it for the long haul.

From helping flamingos maintain their bright pink plumage to fostering nice fibre coats on alpacas, Züküdla has a product for every animal's needs.

For more, contact them at 1-877-985-8352 or visit www.zukudla.com.



Züküdla, a subsidiary of Nobleton Feed Mill, creates some exotic feed blends for various animals, including llamas, gorillas and lizards. It all started with CricketMax, a supplement to get those insects nice and plump.



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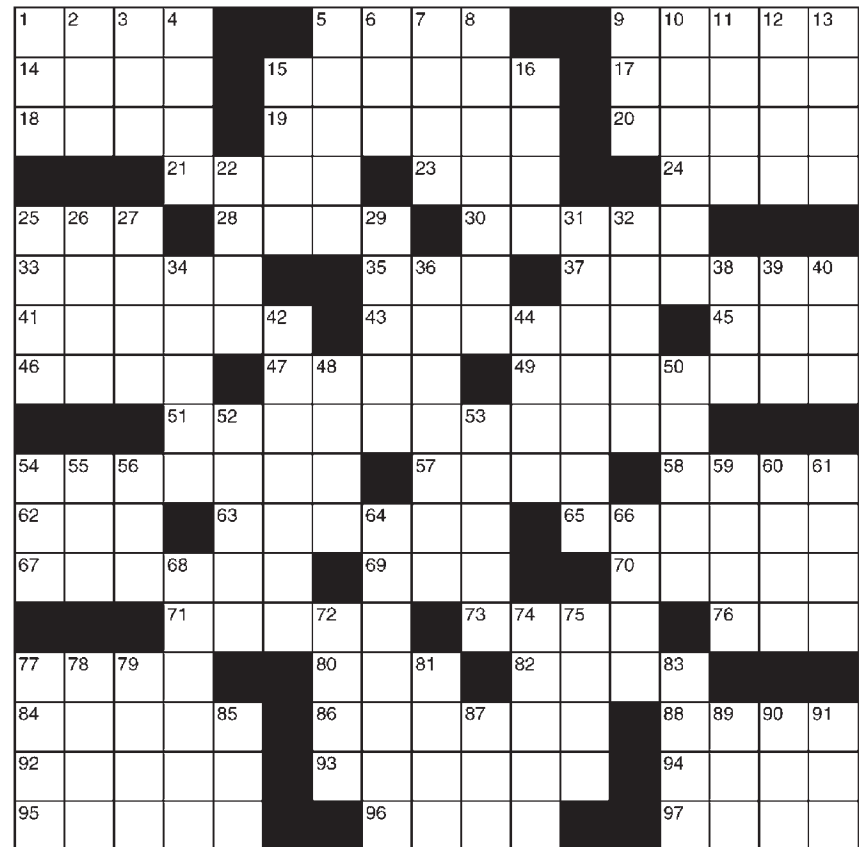
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- 5. Defeat
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- 14. Blackthorn fruit
- 15. Baby's attire
- 17. Card of the future
- 18. Trig term
- 19. Tempt
- 20. Piano exercise
- 21. Whey source
- 23. Cashew
- 24. Mosque priest
- 25. "Cleopatra" viper
- 28. Phonograph record
- 30. Find out
- 33. Jeweler's glass
- 35. Timber tree
- 37. Close again
- 41. Brunch quaff
- 43. Certain salt
- 45. Pasture mom
- 46. Sharp hit
- 47. Large wading bird
- 49. Stream
- 51. Literary brackets
- 54. Friendly
- 57. Castle feature
- 58. Israeli circle dance

- 62. Military conflict
- 63. One of two
- 65. Football number
- 67. Nonprofessional
- 69. Ampersand
- 70. Burst
- 71. Corundum mixture
- 73. See
- 76. Bird no more
- 77. Early light
- 80. French peak
- 82. Mexican moola
- 84. Close by
- 86. Peanut
- 88. Eye cosmetic
- 92. Sadsong
- 93. Drifting
- 94. Cathedral part
- 95. Icy forecast
- 96. Rend
- 97. Bigfoot's kin

- 6. Kind of meal
- 7. Revolve
- 8. Of worldly things
- 9. Pleased the chef
- 10. Morning prayer
- 11. Calla lily, e.g.
- 12. Carbonated beverage
- 13. Zinnia stalk
- 15. Hero shop
- 16. Anatomical mesh, as of veins
- 22. March 15
- 25. Donations to the poor
- 26. Contaminate
- 27. Wild cat
- 29. House in the woods
- 31. Performer
- 32. Pass a rope through
- 34. Momma's partner
- 36. Letter carriers
- 38. Shocking swimmer
- 39. Fearful admiration
- 40. Allowed
- 42. United, e.g.
- 44. Territory
- 48. Sugar root
- 50. Wedding party member
- 52. Nautical position

- 53. Multitude
- 54. Hole-making implement
- 55. Flight-safety org.
- 56. Saute
- 59. Gamete
- 60. Default result
- 61. Rectangular pilaster
- 64. Straw storage
- 66. Romanian coins
- 68. French household
- 72. Indian melody
- 74. Fishing weapon
- 75. Bouncy
- 77. Seniors, to juniors
- 78. Dye chemical
- 79. If I ____ you ...
- 81. Pillar
- 83. Give approval to
- 85. Steep hemp
- 87. Squeezing serpent
- 89. Ajar, in poems
- 90. FDR's successor
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York, TRCA hosting free workshops in King

A year of big storms and more frequent floods has a lot of homeowners worried about rainwater. How is your property coping with the spring melt this year?

Water on your property can cause serious damage inside and outside of your home. One of the factors contributing to extreme flooding events is storm water

run-off.

Storm water is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It runs over rooftops, paved areas and bare soil. It picks up pollutants along the way (pet waste, fertilizer, gas and oil) then runs into the storm drain and directly into your local river or stream and

finally Lake Ontario – the source of our drinking water.

The good news is that rain water and snow melt can also be easily integrated into your landscaping to help the environment, protect your property, save you money and look fantastic! If you are a new homeowner about to design your landscaping or have an established garden already you can benefit from the help that is on its way!

Attend free workshops in King.

York Region and the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority are partnering to present two free workshops here in King, a first for this municipality.

Come out and prove that King residents deserve the same attention as the large urban areas around us! Receive step-by-step instructions for all sorts of projects – from simple downspout disconnections to beautiful gardens! “Greening Your Grounds: A Homeowners Guide to Storm water Landscaping Projects” is a new resource guide. It was created by the stewardship staff at Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) to help you make the most of the rainwater that falls on your property. The guide explains how rain gardens, rain barrels, dry riverbeds, and permeable pavement work together to

capture and absorb rainwater back into the ground where it belongs.

TRCA provides this guide for free at their free community workshops.

“Greening Your Grounds Workshop: Getting Started” will take place Wednesday, April 16, from 7-8:30 p.m., at King City Library.

What is a rain garden? How does a rain garden work? Should I install a permeable patio? Learn about the newest trends in residential landscaping and how to use them to add pizzazz to your property.

Register at www.york.ca/seminars.

“Greening Your Grounds Workshop: Native Plants” follows on April 30, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Nobleton Community Recreation Centre.

Native plants can add dazzling elements of colour and shape to any garden! You will leave this workshop with the inspiration and know-how to create your own natural garden oasis.

To find out about other workshops in York Region visit www.york.ca/seminars. To purchase bulk copies of the guide for distribution in your community or to learn how to lead your own workshop using the guide contact Joanne Jeffery at jjeffery@trca.on.ca.

York is diverse, affluent, educated

By Mark Pavilons

The results of the 2011 Statistics Canada National Household Survey show York Region as a diverse, high-earning and educated community.

The survey, conducted by Statistics Canada in 2011 across all nine local municipalities, shows York Region is a diverse community comprised of more than 200 distinct ethnicities, holds the second highest median household income in the GTA (\$89,100) and has a highly educated labour force.

Other York Region National Household Survey highlights:

- Couples with children make up the largest household type in York Region, but other types, such as lone parent families and people living alone, are also growing.
- York Region was home to 463,125 immigrants in 2011, of which 47,725 arrived in Canada between 2006 and 2011.
- York Region and Montreal share the highest proportion of educated workers (aged 25 to 64 years) with a post-secondary education, at 70.2 per cent.
- Of York Region's employed labour force, 60.4 per cent work within the Region. Nearly all employed residents work within the GTA.

The average house price in York was \$648,000 in November, well ahead of Toronto (\$590,000), Halton (\$568,000) and Peel (\$454,000).

According to transactions for November 2013 from the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB), average price for home sales in King topped \$1.1 million. While the average price topped \$1 million, the median price hovered around \$975,000.

The economic and social data captured within the National Household Survey data helps the Region, local municipalities and community agencies understand the needs of the community when planning effective programs and services.

The survey information was used to update “What if York Region Were a Village of just 100 People?,” an overview of York Region population characteristics.

LCBO Express coming to grocery stores

By Mark Pavilons

The provincial government is making it more convenient for people to buy alcohol in grocery stores with the first LCBO Express stores to open by the end of the year.

Located inside large grocery retailers, the smaller-format stores will carry a range of the LCBO's best-selling beer, wine and spirits, including Ontario craft beer and VQA wine.

Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek said the move expands accessibility and ensures that consumers are well served. It's a pilot project and the okay will be given to grocery stores based on a certain square footage. There are many conditions to be met before approval is given.

King Township is particularly well served with the outlet in Schomberg and the new LCBO opening in Nobleton.

The Express outlets are similar to the agency stores in cottage country. One of the ideas is to promote locally crafted beers.

Retailers interested in responding to the proposal must be able to accommodate at least 2,000 square feet of retail space for the LCBO within their existing store.

Julia Munro, MPP for York-Simcoe, said the government should look at all the options, including the potential sale of assets and even greater franchising.

This is a distribution decision and Munro argues there are no long-term benefits. It's not a big step nor is it anything new.

In a way, the government is being a bit contradictory, allowing convenience stores to sell highly regulated tobacco and lottery tickets, yet won't entertain allowing them to sell alcohol.

Modernizing Ontario's liquor laws and supporting the domestic wine, beer and spirits industries are part of the government's economic plan that is creating jobs.

Express stores will help the LCBO meet consumer demand for convenience.

The LCBO works in partnership with public health agencies to support education about the responsible use of alcohol and promote resources for persons seeking assistance.

The LCBO issued a Request for Proposals for up to seven Express stores and will be accepting proposals until May 9, 2014.

The LCBO has a longstanding tradition of selling responsibly and also encouraging customers to serve and consume beverage alcohol products in moderation: in 2012-13, 7.8 million customers were challenged for proof of age or intoxication, and 322,000 were refused service by LCBO employees.

The total estimated value of Ontario's beverage alcohol market in 2012-13 is \$10 billion.

The Green Party of Ontario says not enough attention is being paid to craft brewers.

“In addition to new LCBO outlets, the government should allow local craft breweries to open retail stores and cooperate on wholesale distribution,” said Green leader Mike Schriener.

He noted under current laws craft breweries can only sell retail over the counter at the brewery itself. And they are unable to cooperate on distribution and need to duplicate efforts to service restaurants.

“This is a waste of time and money, and it creates an uneven playing field for local craft brewers,” he said. “I will continue to push the government to support our local craft breweries.”

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Barn swallows being protected in King Township

By Mark Pavilons

It's good to know that progress doesn't come at the expense of our fine-feathered friends.

With a little help from various levels of government, some barn swallows are safe in northern King Township.

The Highway 9 bridge site near the Holland Marsh is approximately 60 years old and has reached the end of its service life. In anticipation of the replacement of this structure in 2015, staff at the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) compensated for the removal of the barn swallow nests found beneath the existing bridge, by creating nearby kiosks for their habitat. According to Astrid Poei, communications coordinator with MTO, the kiosks were created in April 2013 and will be monitored annually for three years.

The work on the Highway 9 structure is anticipated to take two years to complete. Following construction completion, the kiosks will be left in place.

Poei explained the province of Ontario passed a new Endangered Species Act in 2007, making it a North American leader in protecting species at risk. The act, which updated a 1971 law, protects three times as many species, emphasizes science-based decision making, and protects not only species but also their habitat. The barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) is a medium-sized migratory songbird found in open country habitats.

Barn swallows typically feed on flies, beetles, bees, ants, butterflies, and other flying insects. Their nests are construct-

ed using mud pellets and are lined with grasses and feathers. Nest building takes up to 15 days and old nests are often repaired and reused over multiple years, which requires less time and effort than building a new nest. Nests are typically constructed on man-made structures, which include barns, sheds, stables, as well as the undersides of bridges, and culverts.

Poei said due to population declines across the northern portion of its North American breeding range, the barn swallow was uplisted to the Endangered Species Act in 2012 as a "threatened" species in Ontario.

Some of the factors for their decline can be nest predation, competition from other species, removal of nests and loss of habitat.

As a result, when the species was uplisted under the act, mitigation/compensation measures became legislated. That included prohibiting the removal of previously constructed nests during the barn swallow breeding season, which runs May 1 to August 1. The removal of a previously constructed nest is only permitted outside of this timing window.

This is the reason the swallows were given a new home in King.

MTO, in consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), developed a plan to prevent swallows from nesting on the existing structure, while compensating for the existing nests underneath the bridge. The work included building a 70-foot-long linear structure, called a bird kiosk, to offset the loss of nesting habitat

underneath the bridge. The work was completed in advance of replacing the Highway 9 bridge structure to minimize disturbance to the species, in accordance with the Endangered Species Act.

The act states that for each barn swallow nest removed, damaged or destroyed, the person must substitute it with one wooden nest cup.

With respect to the Highway 9 bridge site, the wooden nest cups were installed

in a newly constructed kiosk within one kilometre of bridge site, and within 200 metres of foraging habitat. The legislation requires that the kiosk be maintained and monitored for a three-year period, and that the results be provided to the MNR.

Poei said the MTO is continuing to work with the MNR as well as other interested stakeholders in researching, monitoring, educating, and communicating these recovery efforts.



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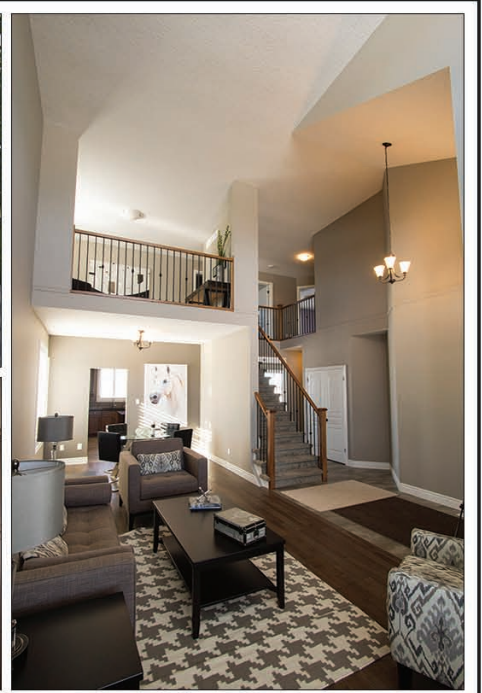
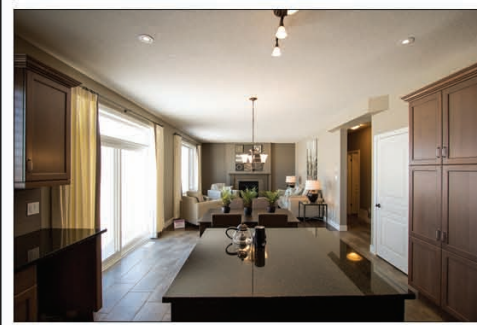
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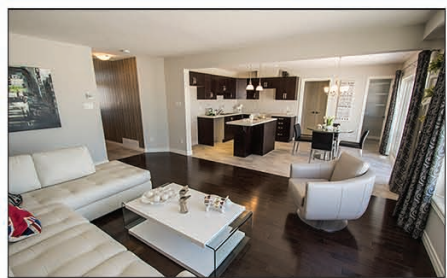
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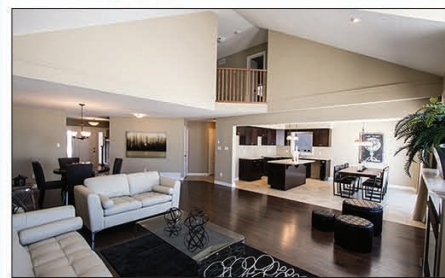
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Area churches prepare for Easter services

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, April 11 starting at 7 p.m. If you're in Grades 6 to 12 come check us out!

Join us on Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series entitled "The End Is Near." Jeff's message this week - Wait Patiently. First Link child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our regular NextStep program (for children ages 4 to 6) and KidzKonnection program (for ages 7 to 11) take place at the same time.

The next Circle of Friends ladies pot luck dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. Please contact Bev Baker at 905-859-5325 to let her know you are planning to attend.

Mark your calendars for our gatherings on Good Friday at 10 a.m. and Easter Sunday starting with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 and a celebration of Christ's Resurrection at 10 a.m.

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.

Marylake Shrine

Marylake Shrine presents journalist

Cold Creek Stewardship

Cold Creek Stewardship is looking for volunteers to assist with cleanup of the 11th Concession beside Cold Creek Conservation area on Saturday, April 19.

We are meeting at the main entrance at 9:30. The clean up will last approximately until 11:30 a.m.

Cold Creek is on the 11th Concession, 3.5 kilometres north of the King Road.

If you can assist please dress for the weather and bring gloves, boots and a reusable water bottle.

For more information go to our website www.Coldcreek.ca or phone Nigel Hussey at 905-859-4035.

Nobleton Seniors

The Tuesday evening euchre winners were Iva Hilliard, Joe Tasca, George Farmer, Martha Majak and Mary Bullock.

The lucky draw winners were Louise DiCecco, John Burbridge, Joy Lostchuck, and Ruth McInnis. The next evening euchre will be April 8.

Nobleton United Church

Sunday service is at 11:15 a.m. April 13 is Palm Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate communion.

After the service we will be having a wonderful lunch. This will be a perfect time to visit with friends and enjoy a bite to eat.

April 18, the Good Friday service will be held at Schomberg United Church at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 2. This is our roast beef dinner. Tickets go quickly so don't miss out. Call Helen at 905-859-3924.

Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis Club registration is April 17 at the Nobleton arena, 7-9 p.m. Check out our

website for all the programs and leagues offered this summer - nobletontennisclub.com.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

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.

Nobleton Guiding

Cookies, cookies, cookies!

On Saturday, April 14, the Nobleton Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders will be hitting the streets of Nobleton to sell traditional vanilla and chocolate cookies!

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Nobleton Lions

The Lions Foundation of Canada PurinaWalk 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 27 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.

Horticulture By John Arnott

I still can hardly believe my eyes and I keep going out to double check because where last week on my front garden there was still a pile of ice and snow now there's bare ground and poking up from this still frozen ground are tiny winter aconites with bright yellow buds ready to bloom and about 2 ft./60cm away are a group of bulb iris or iris reticulata with their sky blue buds already to burst open!

The little aconites native the colder regions of Europe are known botanically as eranthis (from the Greek er for spring and anthos for flower, hyemalis from the Latin for winter blooming while aconite comes from the Latin aconitum meaning poison). The poisonous bulbs are avoided by garden critters such as mice squirrels and rabbits.

Iris, from the Greek for rainbow, reticulata, from Latin for net as the web or net markings on the tiny bulb evidently reminded the naming botanists of the net called a reticulatus carried by many gladiators of Ancient Rome.

These lovely flowers of earliest spring are native to the Caucasus Mountains which lie between the Black and Caspian Seas near both Crimea and Sochi.

Both these harbingers of spring should be planted in the fall and within a few years a few bulbs will produce many new ones and form delightful patches of spring bloom.

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Seneca students hit the water to support a good cause last week.

Photo by Jeff Doner

Students back cause that's close to home

From Front Page

"These bursaries make a huge difference."

Liana Tome is a graduating Seneca student and part time employee who was elated to help raise money to help fellow students.

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SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Minor atom Knights mow down opponents, crowned champions in March Meltdown

Last Friday the NobleKing Knights minor atom team took to the ice in Etobicoke to challenge the best the GTHL could throw their way in the March Meltdown end-of-season tournament.

Two days later the Knights walked away as champions in a very convincing fashion, outscoring their opponents 41 to 6 over six games.

Mohawks blanked

The rout began Friday morning with a 6-0 win over the Meadowvale Mohawks.

Peter Mueller, Michael Critelli and Nat Bannister each scored two goals with David Paglia assisting on three of the goals. The defensive power of Eva Harrison, Noah Willis, Ben Wright and Paglia combined with the strong goaltending skills of Will Swanson to capture the first shutout of the tournament.

Draw with Markham

The afternoon game on Friday against the Markham Islanders ran smack into some questionable calls on both sides by an overzealous referee. Facing a season high 11 penalties the Knights settled for a 4-4 tie despite outshooting the Islanders 24-12. Goals by Bannister and Mueller were assisted by Kieran Purves, Sebastian Lisi, Wright, Harrison and Critelli.

Shutout win

Saturday dawned clear and problem free as the Knights resumed their strong play against the Halton Hills Thunder.

A goal from Matthew Siarkas, along with one from Purves and another two from each of Bannister and Critelli combined with a well-earned second tournament shutout from Swanson to push the Knights to another 6-0 victory.

The team's focus on passing really



shone in this game with 11 assists being earned on the six goals by seven different players. Brogan Grammenz, Paglia, Harrison, Critelli, Bannister, Mueller and Lisi all had their passes wind up in the back of the opponent's net.

Things got a little out of control on Saturday afternoon against the Erinedale Spitfires when every Knights player notched either a goal or assist in an 11-0 lopsided victory. Seven different Knights players scored and nine counted assists.

The cheering was loudest when defencewoman extraordinaire Eva Harrison netted her first of the season despite

many earlier close calls. Shortly after, another defenceman Noah Willis added his second of the season to more fanfare. Grammenz, Lisi, Mueller, Bannister and Critelli rounded out the scoring.

More passing gave assist credit to three defence – Harrison, Paglia, and Wright. Other assists went to Siarkas, Purves, Bannister, Critelli, Lisi and Mueller. Although not tested often in this game, Swanson had to be sharp and on his toes to anchor his third shutout.

Thunder silenced

In the semi-finals, the winning ways continued in a rematch against the Halton Hills Thunder.

A 9-1 victory was augmented by the fact that every Knights player notched an assist with a total of 14 assists on the 9 goals. Campbell Carlisle and Vincent Di Cosola joined in on the action from the novice Knights with Di Cosola scoring to

add to the total and Carlisle filling in on defence.

Final victory

The tournament finals against the Ted Reeve Thunder started off slowly with the Thunder scoring first to take an early lead. The Knights quickly found their legs however and led 2-1 by the end of the first.

Never looking back, they carried on to a 5-1 final score and the tournament championship.

The Knights played as a solid team with the forwards back-checking strongly to help the defence and the defence scoring from the points or setting up goals.

Will "The Thrill" Swanson posted some very impressive results recording three shutouts in six games and achieving a GAA of 1.00 and a save percentage of 0.917. Congratulations Knights!

We Care charity golf challenge

A small group of dedicated volunteers in King have pooled their resources and have come together to launch the inaugural Friends of We Care Charity Golf Challenge. The event will take place at Cardinal's Kettle Creek Executive Course Thursday, June 5.

This event is designed to be a fun inexpensive day which will benefit Friends of We Care, an organization which, for over 31 years, has been raising money for the sole purpose of sending children with disabilities to camp.

Organizer Brent Morning said he's pleased to welcome four-time Canadian Olympic skier Brian Stemmle as the special guest.

The cost to play is only \$78.50 each, which includes golf balls and a buffet lunch on the patio. Hole sponsors are only \$100 and you can register online.

If you like would to receive an invitation and the online registration link please email charitygolfchallenge@gmail.com.

As well if you register online by April 25 you will qualify for the early bird draw prize – a gift certificate from the Arbour Pub & Grill.

A special thank you to Motive Media for their support.

For more information on the event or to donate a prize or auction item, contact Brent Morning at 905-841-5735.

For more information on Friends of We Care visit their website, www.friendsof-wecare.org.

Schomberg Cougars seek training staff

The Schomberg Cougars Jr. C Hockey Club is looking to bring two new people on board for its training staff.

They need two qualified trainers, who will be responsible for the traditional duties of a trainer working with players and equipment, both home and away. They require a level 2 trainer's certificate or level 1 with the standard first aid course, and a speak out or PRS certificate.

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Basketball teams flock to Villanova

By JEFF DONER

Basketball teams from all over Ontario flocked to York Region for the U11 atom boys Ontario Cup.

The York North Basketball Association hosted the event, with games being played in local schools and recreation centres throughout the weekend.

The event allowed King City's Villanova College a chance to showcase their top-notch facility, having hosted a series of games throughout the weekend.

"It's been exciting for us and we've had a lot of good communications with the Ontario Basketball Association," said Villanova president Paul Paradiso. "We have been trying to get up a relationship with the associations in the area in particular, because we think we have one of the best facilities around, especially for basketball. One of the reasons we put it together was to do it the right way and make sure we've got this facility available for community use."

Ontario Cup tournaments typically feature boys' and girls' from U10 to U19 and are some of the largest basketball events in North America.

Approximately 60 teams, 700 athletes, and 150 coaches, officials and delegates were on hand at the various venues throughout the weekend.

Paradiso said Villanova College was eager to get involved and show the basketball community how great their facility and programs are.

"It's always about hopefully opening it up and making the community aware of our facilities here at the school and also the school programs that we offer."

He was also enthusiastic about the high level of competition in the tournament.

"It's very good. I've been impressed with the youth basketball in this area in particular at these age divisions," he said. "Even though this is division five, there are a lot of good skilled players. It's great to see so many young kids playing basketball nowadays. Obviously we're a hockey province, but with the house leagues and rep programs out here, there are some very good young players. The future is bright."

The tournament was also about growing the sport of basketball in York Region as a whole.

Last fall, the YNBA received a two-year, \$94,000 grant from the Ontario



Villanova College in King City was one of the many venues throughout York Region to host games for the U11 atom boys Ontario Cup tournament recently. On the Saturday afternoon, teams from Scarborough and Barrie went head to head at Villanova in a thrilling match that went right down to the wire, with Scarborough pulling ahead with a 32-29 victory.

Photo by Jeff Doner

Trillium Foundation to help deliver long-term player development programs to youth across York Region, buy new equipment and hire an event coordinator.

This has also led to a successful bid by the YNBA to host and coordinate the U11 Championships in 2014 and 2015.

According to an economic impact study by the OBA and the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance (CSTA), the U16 Boys Ontario Cup in Ottawa last spring generated \$1.3 million in the city and \$1.9 million in the province.

"YNBA is incredibly excited to take our turn at giving back to the basketball community by hosting 60 teams at the U11 Boys Ontario Cup Provincial Basketball

Championships," said YNBA president Jason Scott in a release.

"We're here to serve our guest families as they enjoy our local culinary opportunities and welcoming business community. Welcome to York North. We are glad you are here. Good luck, play hard, work together, respect everyone involved with our games, and have fun."

As for Villanova, Paradiso said the school is gearing up for an exciting spring season and still has plenty going on before breaking for summer.

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KCSS snowboarder notches some top finishes

By JEFF DONER

Having spent a majority of her childhood carving up the local slopes, Nobleton native Michaella Marchetta is wrapping up an incredible four years of competing on KCSS's ski and snowboard team.

The 17-year-old Grade 12 student stepped it up a notch for the 2013-14 season, recently finishing second at the York Region Athletic Association championships and then notching a top 10 finish at the OFSAA championships in snowboard slalom.

"I'm surprised and really happy with my season," Marchetta said. "I didn't expect myself to do as well as I did. Every race was a new race and I just took every day as a new day and I just did it. It was an awesome experience. I was really surprised to get a placing anywhere, because I had no racing experience, so it's pretty cool."

Having been just a casual snowboarder before going to KCSS four years ago, Marchetta wasn't sure what to expect from trying out for the ski and snow-

board team.

Once she got going with the club in grade nine, she tried snowboard slalom for the first time.

"I thought I would try it out just for fun and I loved it," she said. "I kept up with it and came 14th at OFSAA and that year we had a really good girls team and we all went to YRAA championships and all went to OFSAA, so that year was really fun."

And her start with snowboarding was just as casual.

"I'm just the type of person that just tries new stuff all the time," she said. "My friend one day was just like, 'let's try snowboarding one time,' so we tried it and I absolutely loved it. It wasn't planned out or anything. I just tried it and I loved it and it was really exciting."

Her approach to the sport seems to be catching on in the same way with youth all over North America and she is thrilled about the popularity and growth of the sport.

Marchetta used the Winter Olympics in Sochi this past winter as a measuring stick to that growing popularity.

"It's just incredible. It's amazing that a sport like that could just catch on so quickly and everybody wants to do it and there are so many different areas within the sport of snowboarding. There's freestyle, racing, snowboard cross, it's just amazing."

Graduating from KCSS this summer, Marchetta is moving on to Waterloo to take geological engineering in the fall and is unsure about where her snowboarding career will take her next.

She admitted that school is about to come the priority, but hopes she will be able to keep up with the sport in her spare time.

"I hope I can continue," she said. "My dream would be to join a big snowboard cross team and just travel and everything, but the whole university is something I have to work on first. That's the priority. If something comes up for me then I'll just take that opportunity and go for it, but for now I'm not really looking into anything."

In the meantime, Marchetta said she is enjoying the success of her season and her last weeks as a high school student.



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Docs on Ice supports mental health in York

By JEFF DONER

For two straight days, more than 50 teams and hundreds of doctors and health care professions flocked to York Region for the 32nd annual Docs on Ice hockey tournament to help raise funds for the Canadian Mental Health Association – York Region.

The tournament raised an unprecedented \$275,000 for the CMHA.

“People in this town have been so generous. That was pure cash and donations,” said Dr. Chris Gannage, chair of the tournament and an emergency physician at Southlake since 1990.

“It has been a great success from a number of different angles, in terms of the most money raised and in terms of the enjoyment factor. Many have said that between these two rinks here and the four rinks at Magna that these are some of the best facilities that we have ever experienced in the 32 years.”

Gannage said it was the first time the charity of choice was for mental health, which is something that needs to be looked at more seriously by everyone.

He said funds will be directed to youth mental health and channeled into a youth mental health bus mobile unit that will go out to high schools and shopping malls.

“There is a huge need,” Gannage said. “Unfortunately there is a bit of an epidemic going on and an interesting statistic is this: mental health is seven times that of all cancers combined in potential years of life lost. In other words, it’s striking the young ones and it’s just a huge burden of illness in our society that affects us all and the challenge is that a lot of people don’t want to talk about it.”

With teams from all over Ontario consisting of doctors from those communities, the competition was fierce.

In the end, the Barrie A squad took the bragging rights home after winning the tournament on Sunday. The team was happy to be able to call themselves number one, but said it was secondary to what the tournament represents.

“It’s a fantastic event that has been going on for 32 years, there are almost 50 teams of doctors from all over the province that compete for two days, have a lot of fun and raise a lot of money for charity,” said Dr. Stu Murdoch, from the Barrie Family Medicine Teaching Unit. “It’s the highlight of our Barrie doctors team.”

The roving tournament started in 1983 in Peterborough in memory of Dr. Peter Howes who died in a motor vehicle accident.

Since its inception the tournament has substantially grown in size and fundraising numbers. Since 1983, over \$1 million has been raised for various charities.



Docs on Ice laced up for their annual fundraiser, all in aid of mental health in York Region. More than 50 teams participated in the event, and the squad from Barrie took the title this year.

Photos by Jeff Doner

Register for King City tennis

Registration is taking place this Saturday for the coming season of the King City Tennis Association.

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Pioneers topic at seniors' monthly pot luck

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Do you like country music?

This was Rev. Evelyn's opening question to begin her sermon. She then expanded on Garth Brooks "Friends in Low Places."

The two scripture passages referred to the man with the many demons and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, both people in "low places." After Jesus drove the demons out of the man, the man begged to come with Jesus. Jesus challenged him to go home to his friends to tell them what had happened. He then became the first missionary to the Gentiles. The woman at the well was there in the heat of the day to avoid those that she knew would shun her. She was divorced 5 times and was not married to the man she now lived with. She finally believes Jesus's words and becomes a missionary to the Samaritans in her community.

We watched a video, "Sinners, outcasts and the Poor," by director Greg Benson. He decided to help an organization that helps homeless people and those in need. He asked them how they felt. The replies - people were too judgmental, they felt degraded. Everyone just wants some respect, some dignity. They are homeless because of many different circumstances, but they are human like the rest of us. Benson took the space where they always ate, turned it into a 5-star restaurant complete with lattice with vines and plants, linen table clothes, flowers, china crystal. He was the maitre'd in tuxedo who walked them to their seats. A classical quartet played while they ate a filet mignon dinner. Most of them had never tasted steak before. A

woman said she had never been treated that way - ever. The request at the end of the video was to share happiness. Benson is not going to change the world, but he is changing the people in it.

They were no longer "friends in low places." Look outside the church. Build relationships with the kind of people that Jesus befriended. Bring some joy into the lives of those who can use some respect and dignity.

Our Pathfinder Meaghan Del Fabro sends out her thanks to all who enjoyed her pancake breakfast. With the help of her family and friends, she presented \$400 to our church. We wish Meaghan all the best in her future endeavors.

Sunday, April 13 is going to be a jam-packed worship. First is the Palm Parade, so bring your children and grandchildren and the neighbor's kids, Confirmation of 5 young people, profession of faith, adult and infant baptism and communion. On Saturday, April 12, the confirmands and their mentors will be baking the bread for the communion. Then we celebrate it all with a pot luck lunch. This will be a little bit longer worship than usual, but it will be worth the trip.

Holy Week workshops are ecumenical. Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 with All Saints joining us at KCUC. Good Friday, April 18 at 10 a.m. at KCUC with St. Andrew's Presbyterians. Sunrise, Easter Sunday at 7 a.m. outside the north door at KCUC then a light breakfast of muffins and cheese after. Easter worship at 10 a.m. Invite your friends and neighbors. The choirs have been busy to ensure there will be grand musical offerings at these workshops.

We will not be doing photo appointments for our new directory on April 13, but will resume on April 20 after worship. Saturday, April 26 is scrap-booking day

at KCUC, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of \$15 will get you snacks, lunch, prizes and a small donation to the church. Bring your old photos and scrap-booking tools to create some amazing pages. Spots are going fast. Call 905-833-5181 to register. Open to anyone in the community.

Wednesdays, Bible study at 10 a.m. in the chapel; Brownies at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Thursday, April 10, hand bell choir at 6:45 p.m. followed by vocal choir at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12 Confirmand bread making. Monday, April 14, there's a blood donor clinic from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you haven't yet enjoyed one of our Sunday workshops, it's time. Reverend Evelyn makes us laugh, entertains us and always leaves us with a thought provoking message. It's at 10 a.m. with Sunday school. Join in after with fellowship and coffee, 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. For any information call 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bellnet.ca, www.kcuc.ca; Reverend Evelyn McLachlan email kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

King City Seniors

Our monthly pot luck will be held tomorrow, Friday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m. An added attraction, following lunch, will be a talk by Doris Willoughby on the history of the lumber industry. Her family were early pioneers in King Township, and Doris is a fountain of knowledge on all aspects of local history. We are happy to have her share her memories with us.

Afternoon Tea. Tickets for our special Monday, May 5 Afternoon Tea will be available at the pot luck. The Tea, from 2-4 p.m. will feature music, a demonstration on "making fancy sandwiches" and delicious food supplied courtesy of the Richview Manor and the Seniors Centre. Attendance is limited to 40 people and the

cost is \$5 per person. If possible, wear a fancy hat. A sign-up sheet for tickets will be available at the pot luck and for information or tickets, call Carol Field 905-833-3324, or any board member.

The Travel Club will also have tickets on sale, at the pot luck, for the June 26th trip to Penetanguishene.

Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the Centre. Everyone is welcome. Bingo cards are 50 cents each and there are prizes and a 50/50 draw.

Art Show (Correction). The King City Art group is holding a display and sale of some of their paintings. The event will be held, one day only, on Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. upstairs in the Seniors Centre. Come out and see some great art and meet the artists.

Seniors Travel Club

Tickets for our June travel adventure will be on sale at the Centre on Friday, April 11 during the monthly pot luck lunch.

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King Bible Church

Join us this Sunday, April 13 for our Missions Weekend. Ian Havercroft from Lightway Church in Hamilton will be our guest speaker.

Our Overtimers seniors ministry group meets the second Tuesday each month at 1 p.m.

Ladies, please keep Monday, April 14 open and plan on joining us for our spring event "Worth It!" Do you need help getting organized? Does being organized help us to have a daily quiet time and prayer time, it is worth it? Please sign up today and invite your friends!

The Good Friday service will be held Friday, April 18 at 10 a.m. We would like to invite everyone to our Good Friday service. Pastor Tim Kerr from Sovereign Grace Church will be speaking as we join altogether to reflect on our Saviour's love and sacrifice.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us for Palm Sunday as we continue our journey towards the Cross and Easter.

Through the Lenten readings, we've been reminded that the God of all times and places wants to surprise us as we make our pilgrimage. Through Christ's sacrifice He offers to quench our thirst, to give us abundant life - new life in Him. Last Sunday we were reminded that true freedom comes from following Him where He leads us!

For the fifth Sunday in Lent, the Rev. Dr. John Vissers concluded his sermon series on Joy, preaching from Philippians 4:10-23 about "the Joy of Contentment" - not the stoic's meaning of being content, but how Paul through knowing Christ and His power, was content in whatever circumstances he was going through, experiencing and shar-

ing the joy of the Lord.

John will be preaching during the Palm Sunday service, April 13, the Maundy Thursday Service, April 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Good Friday service held this year at King City United Church at 10 a.m. and at our Easter Sunday and Communion service at St. Andrew's at 10:30 a.m.

The Cantabile Chorale invites everyone to their Good Friday charity benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Thornhill United Church. They will perform Joseph Martin's Lenten cantata, "A Time for Alleluia." There will be a free-will offering with proceeds going to selected social services in York Region.

Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and nursery care running concurrently.

This Saturday, April 12, Janie Brooks is hosting a women's brunch from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at her home, an opportunity to get to know Lynn Vissers in a more informal setting. RSVP to 905-833-3214.

The Ladies Prayer Time is at 9 a.m. each Tuesday, meeting in the narthex of the church. Join us for a time of quiet reflection or of 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, 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.

All Saints By Nicola Skinner

This Sunday we invite you to join us as we celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. At this service we recall Jesus

going up to Jerusalem with his disciples to celebrate the Passover.

When he enters the city a crowd of excited followers goes before him, waving palm branches and proclaiming him as their king. Jesus rides in on a humble donkey, not the stallion of a military leader, and yet by the end of the week he is crucified because he is a political threat. Jesus represented a powerful non-violent resistance to Roman occupation and at the same time a forceful critic of the religious establishment of the day. Those who were threatened by him decided that this one-man show must end! Preaching God's nearness and love, healing the sick, teaching love of enemies and raising up the marginalized was not on their agenda. That's what we recall on Palm Sunday.

The rest of Holy Week is as follows: A Taize Prayer service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, then on Maundy Thursday we join with King City United Church at 6:30 p.m. to remember the Last Supper. On Good Friday we commemorate the Lord's Passion with the Solemn Liturgy at noon with guest singers. Easter Sunday is the joyful celebration of

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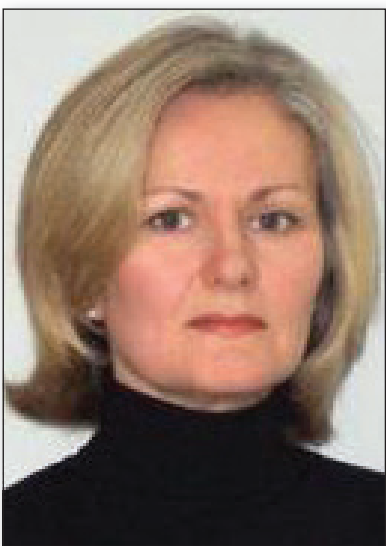
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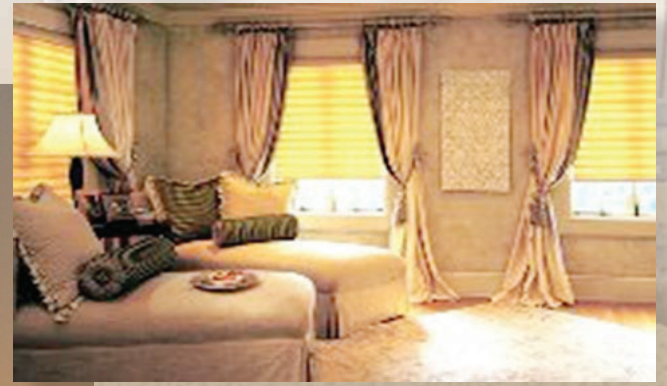


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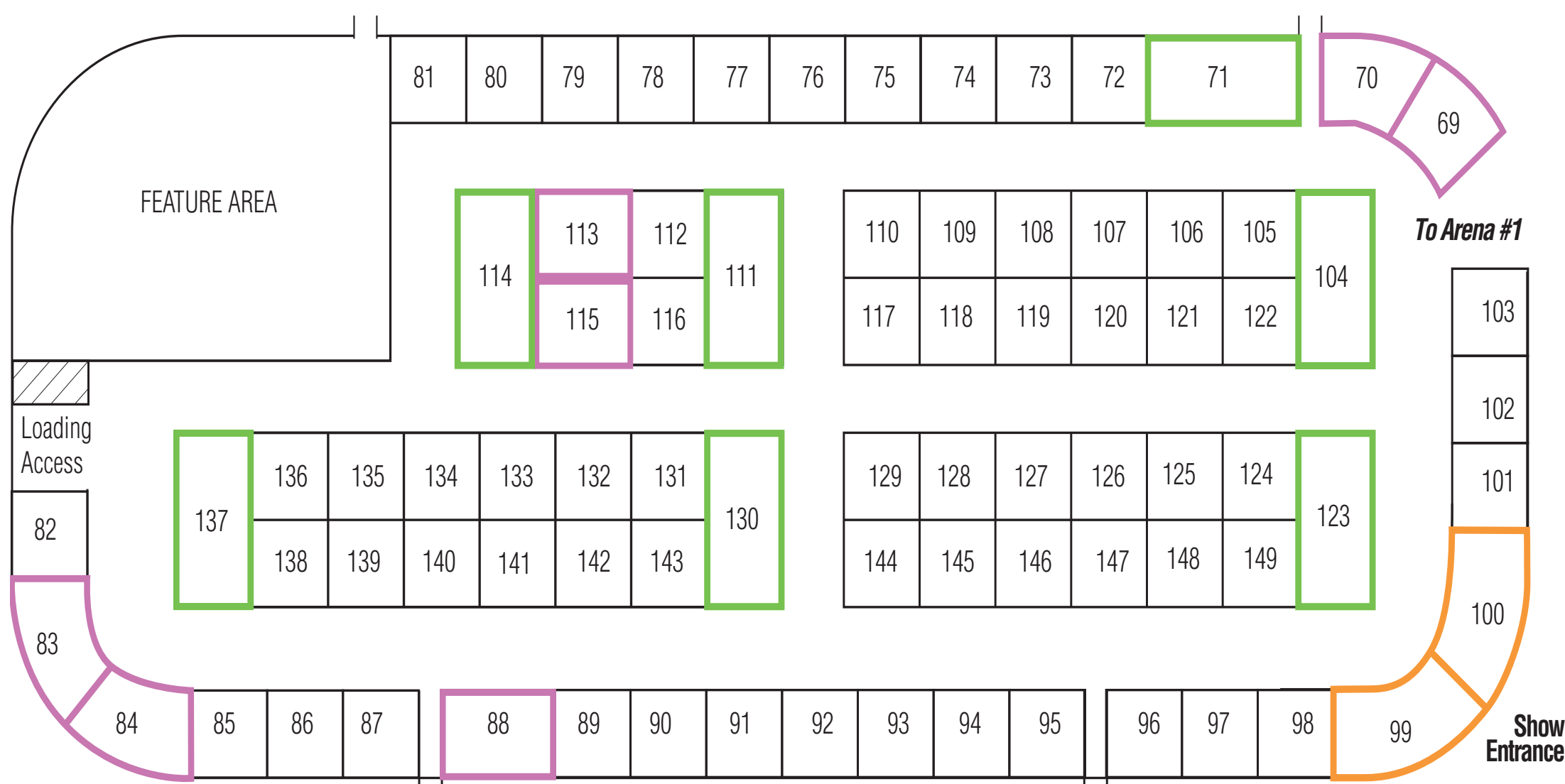


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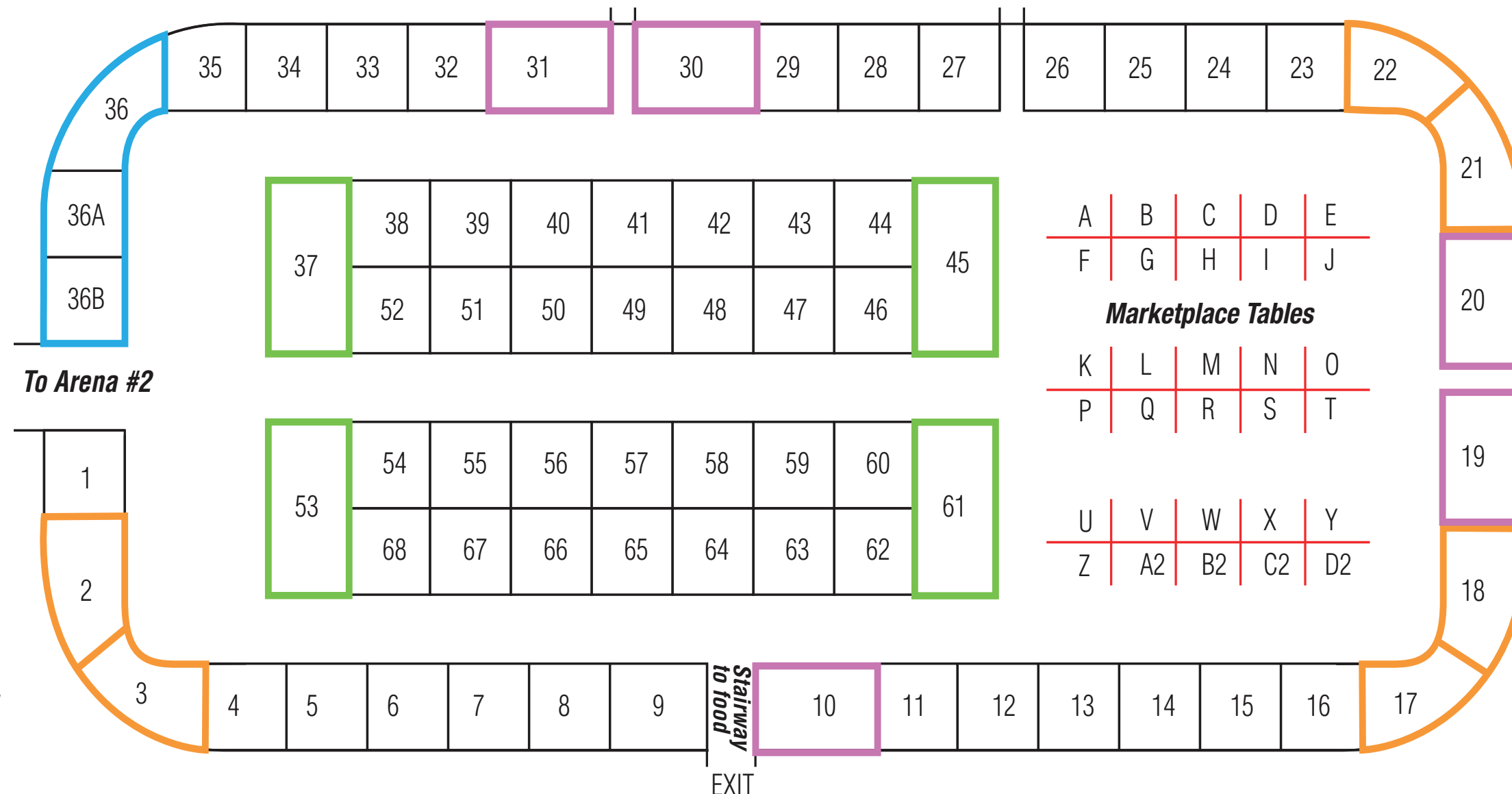
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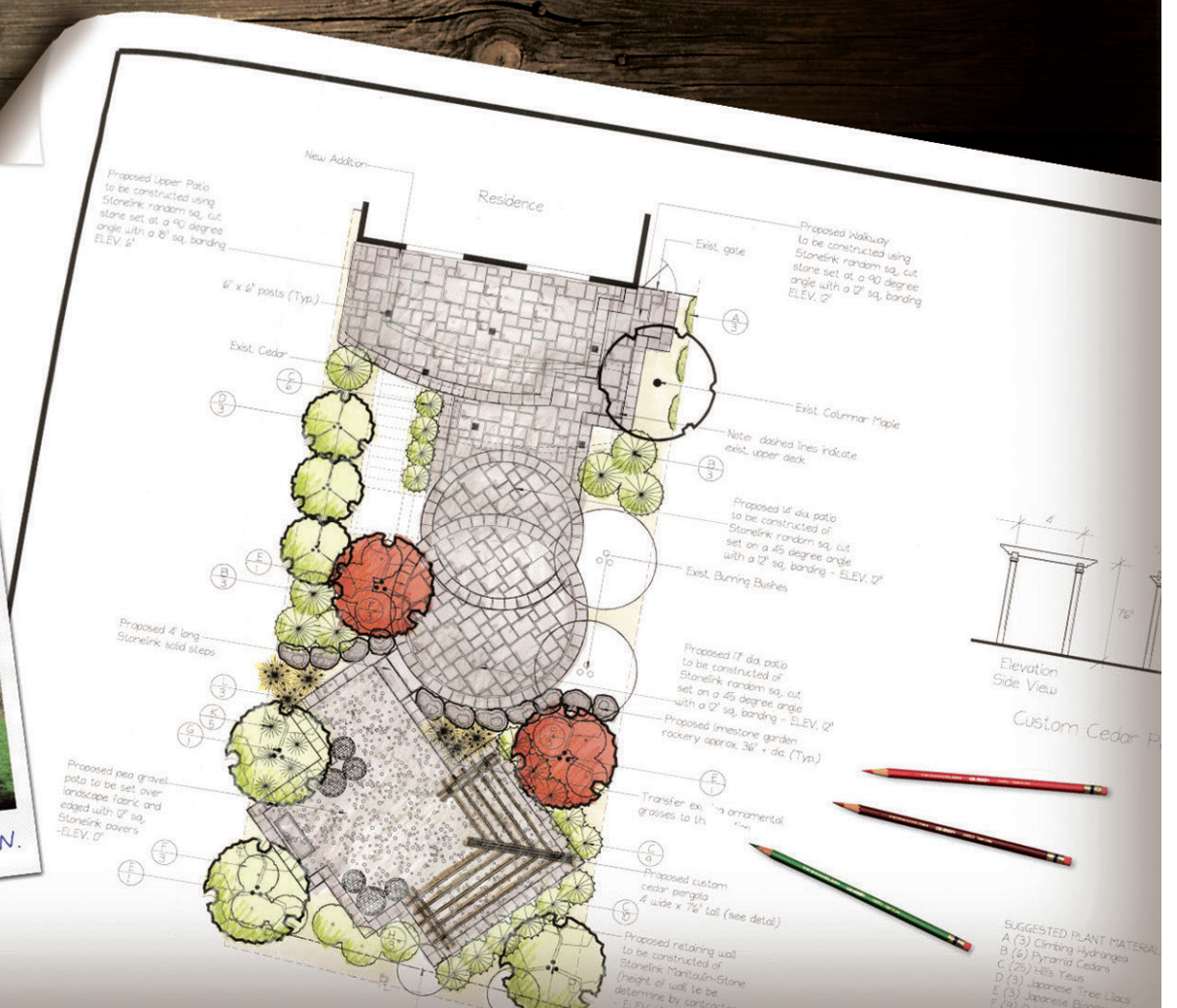
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