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David Boyd will be the newest addition to King council, getting an overwhelming nod of approval from voters during Monday night's municipal election. Boyd earned more votes than the other three candidates combined. During his celebration at The Arbour, David was joined by friends, family, wife Besy and children William and Emma, who held their dad's hands high in victory.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

David Boyd is the new face on council

By Mark Pavilons

There will be one new face added to King council's "A Team."

David Boyd, with a resounding victory Monday night, will be the new councillor for Ward 2 (Nobleton and Laskay).

Boyd took the seat with 942 votes, good for 54.11% of the vote. Boyd more votes than the other three candidates combined.

Incumbent Peter Grandilli earned 317 votes (18.21%), followed by Jim Streb (275) and Joe Buscema (207).

Boyd's team-based approach led him through the campaign, backed by his

family and strong, well organized campaign team. They worked right until the polls closed Monday night, encouraging people get out and vote.

It worked. The family was greeted by a small, but vocal gathering at The Arbour.

Boyd said he worked hard at getting the vote out and it seems constituents want fresh, new ideas. While going door to door, Boyd said he listened to people, who want to be kept informed and in the loop.

Boyd credits his "great team" of people from across the ward.

His wife Besy was ecstatic and Boyd

said she worked right with him all the way. Even the children – son William (6) and daughter Emma (3) – have added the words "vote, work hard" and "campaign" to their vocabulary.

Besy said she's pleased with the great support and both her and David want the best for the community.

"Everyone has been great every step of the way," she said.

Both Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Cleve Mortelliti (who were acclaimed) stopped by the Boyd celebration to offer their congratulations.

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Regular Council Meetings will resume following the Municipal Election. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 17, 2014, 6:00pm – Council/Committee of the Whole.

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ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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If you notice damage to a catch basin, please notify Engineering and Public Works Department at (905) 833-5321.

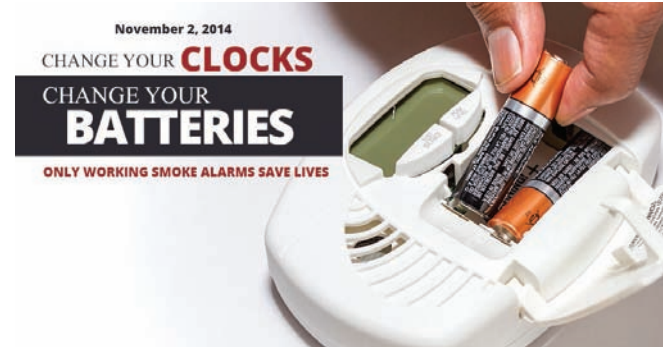
REMINDERS

WATER BILLS

Due Date: November 26th, 2014

WATER bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should contact the Finance Department immediately.

PAYMENTS may be made by mail, in person at the Township Offices, or at most financial institutions. When making payments electronically, use your account number with no decimal (ie. 10 digits only). After hours water payments may be left in the drop box located at the Council Chambers entrance.



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TOWNSHIP OF KING

NOTICE OF DISRUPTION OF SERVICE TEMPORARY SIDEWALK CLOSURE

There will be a scheduled temporary sidewalk closure on Keele Street in King City between King Road and 12935 Keele St from Thursday, October 16, 2014 to Friday November 21, 2014 to facilitate sidewalk reconstruction and enhancement.

Please use the pedestrian-friendly pathway highlighted below as an alternative route during this period.



All businesses will remain open during the closure. On behalf of the Township of King we thank you for your patience in this matter.

For more information contact Township of King Parks, Recreation & Culture Department at 905-833-5321.

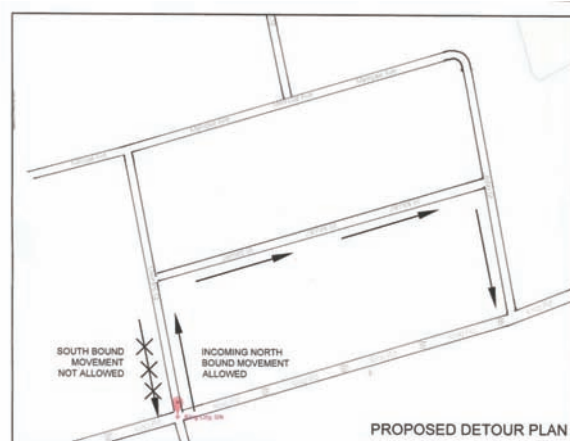


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NOTICE OF DISRUPTION OF SERVICE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure of the southbound lane of Charles Street in King City from October 22nd to November 30th, 2014.

Access to King Road from southbound Charles Street will be unavailable during this period (northbound access to Charles Street from King Road will be maintained). Please use John Street as an alternative access to King Road.



On behalf of the Township of King we thank you for your patience in this matter.

For more information, contact Brent Schuknecht (engineer) at 905-889-8100 ext. 229, or Rocco Volpe (contractor) at 416-726-4718.

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REMINDER! Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for passage. To ensure effective snow removal, winter Parking Restrictions are in effect from November 1st to April 15th. On-street parking on any roadway is prohibited from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

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Remembrance Day Service in King & Surrounding Areas

Schomberg Service

Trisan Centre
25 Dillane Drive
Tuesday, November 11th
10:30 a.m.

Bolton Service

Bolton Fire Hall
28 Ann Street
Sunday, November 9th
12:15 p.m.

Aurora Service

Aurora Cenotaph
14700 Yonge Street
Sunday, November 9th
11:00 a.m.

Kettleby Service

Kettleby Cemetary Cenotaph
631 Kettleby Road
Sunday, November 9th
12:00 p.m.

All Canadians should proudly pause on Remembrance Day to express a heartfelt thanks to the Veterans of our land who sacrificed their lives.

Mayor & Council of the Township of King



Lest We Forget

Candidates all worked hard gaining support

From Front Page

"I look forward to working with him," Mayor Pellegrini said. "He's joining the 'A Team' and we're looking forward to getting to work."

Mortelliti said the council was "great" before and now David will add a new dynamic to the team.

While upbeat and positive, Grandilli was visibly disappointed at the loss.

"I'm shocked," he said as the results came in.

From the totals, it seems Grandilli's supporters didn't come out for him. As well, numbers were down a bit, especially considering that Nobleton has grown in population substantially since the last election.

"I would have been happy to be in, but my wife is happy that I lost," he said with a smile.

The last term at council, he pointed out, was "the best we ever had."

His priority now is to take a vacation with his wife Carmen.

Jim Streb wished the new council all the best.

"I want to thank the voters of Ward 2 who placed their trust in me. And now I want to wish David Boyd good luck in his next four years in office," he said.

"Hats off to David Boyd, the new ward 2 councillor," Buscema said.

David won this election easily and obviously resonated with the vast majority of the voters. Congratulations are in order for Mr Boyd, well done.

King voters backed incumbent councillors Bill Cober, Avia Eek, Grandilli, Linda Pabst and Debbie Schaefer.

In the two-man race in Ward 4, incumbent Bill Cober once again defeated challenger Greg Locke, by a 1,032-477 margin.

Cober said he was thrilled and honoured, appreciating the "support and partnerships" of Ward 4 residents.

From knocking on doors, Cober reiterated the simple fact that the best thing about the community is "people."

Roads and core municipal services were on the minds of voters this year and Cober said they now have the task of getting that done.

"As I said in 2010 after that campaign, I believe that voters get the leadership they deserve, the leadership they vote for. And to Bill Cober's credit, Ward 4 certainly got once again what it de-



Councillor Peter Grandilli was defeated in Monday night's election. He's seen with his supportive wife Carmen.

serves. Well done Bill!" Locke said.

Veteran Linda Pabst, who's marking two decades in public service in King, fought off newcomer John Workman, taking the seat 341 to 172.

"I would like to thank the residents of Ward 3 for allowing me the privilege of representing them on King Township council. After 20 years of public service, I will continue to support the needs of our municipality and be a voice of reason. With second and third generations of my family residing in the township, I am reminded of the need for the best quality of life - now and in the future. It truly is an honour to serve," she said.

Debbie Schaefer won her second election, fending off two challengers. She earned 550 votes, ahead of Chris Gafoor with 291 and Anna Roberts with 102.

"I am thrilled to continue serving Ward 5 and the rest of King Township. Although I admit to being tired from the campaign I am truly re-energized. I am humbled at the confidence in me expressed by re-electing me.

"During my campaign I had many excellent conversations. I talked with people with whom I have not done so for awhile. They confirmed what they value about my work, and they confirmed what their issues and concerns are. And I met people whom I did not know previously. As I described to them how I work and what my values are it was very satisfying to hear many of them indicate that what I said was in harmony with what they are seeking in a councillor."

Schaefer congratulated both Chris Gafoor and Anna Roberts for their campaigns.

"I think it is great that we have two

relatively new residents in King who are interested in their community and who want to be engaged. As it was said at each all-candidates' meeting, "it takes courage to run."

"I am so appreciative of my wonderful small team who helped me in so many ways; and I had many people who kept encouraging me. I look forward to the next four years working to influence how beautiful King evolves so that it is sustainable."

Gafoor thanked his supporters in King Township.

"I am humbled that you have opened your doors and embraced me with your trust, your confidence and your extended friendship which I will value dearly for many years to come.

"The results of the 2014 election is not a defeat, but rather a marginal victory in my life-long campaign for giving our community a strong voice of reason and for providing a quality of life that residents deserve.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Schaefer on her success for retaining office for the next four years and I trust that she will be diligent in executing the Township's plans. Let's be vigilant and work together for a better King Township."

Holland Marsh farmer Avia Eek got the nod of approval from her constituents, taking the seat handily, 322 votes to Simon Lloyd's 76.

"Well, I have been visiting residents, farmers and business owners from the 19th Sideroad to Bridge St. talking with them about their issues, concerns, and how we keep the momentum going moving King Township forward. I am quite

optimistic that Ward 6 will retain the strong, sincere voice that has been prevalent since 2010.

"We have a great community of caring, thoughtful people here in Ward 6, and indeed, throughout King Township. It's about bringing ideas together from the community, then working together to see where those ideas fit best—it is not about one person doing all the work on their own. In Ward 6 we are a team.

"I have made it very clear that I am always accessible - never further than the telephone. No matter how small a resident thinks their issue is, if it's an issue to them, it's an issue to me. If they have a question about a decision made at council, talk to me. My door is always open."

Lloyd spent election night at home with my family. He also dropped by Councillor Eek's open house briefly to offer his congratulations and best wishes in person.

"I would like to thank all the kind residents who voted for me, donated to my campaign, spoke with me at their doors, and put one of my signs on their lawn in my run for Ward 6 councillor. Campaigning was such a great experience. I learned so much about this great community, especially the Holland Marsh, and I learned how much work running government really is!

"I have a great respect for our elected officials and I hope the constituents of King Township realize and appreciate how hard the mayor, council and trustees work for us. Congratulations to Councillor Eek here in Ward 6 and all those across King Township voted into office on Monday night."

Accident claims the life of a young woman

By Mark Pavilons

A collision in King Township Monday morning claimed the life of an 18-year-old woman from Newmarket.

York Regional Police report they received a call at 8:23 a.m. for the collision at the intersection of Keele Street and Aurora Road.

Two vehicles were involved, a tractor trailer (gravel hauler) and a mini-van, driven by the 18-year-old woman. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Roads in the area were closed for several hours for the investigation. Police said their Collision Investigation Unit is investigating.

If anyone witnessed the collision please contact YRP at 1-866-876-5423.



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Understanding your local property taxes

As candidates debated and tossed around ideas during this municipal election campaign, the issue of property taxes came up time and again.

Residents, at the doors, were quick to point out the taxes they pay to live in King Township.

But here's the thing.

King's taxes are not out of line with neighboring and GTA municipalities.

Residential and multi-residential property tax rates decreased in all 27 municipalities in the GTHA in 2014 compared to 2013.

In King, the average assessment in 2013 was \$566,841 and the average rose to \$612,874 this year.

The average taxes hit \$5,773 this year, a slight increase over 2013 levels of \$5,544.

This year, King's budget contained a 2.59 per cent increase in property taxes for the Township's portion of the property tax bill. For an average home assessed at \$711,902, that means property owners will be paying \$61.18 more than the 2013 tax bill, which works out to about \$5.10 per month.

The tax hike in the 2014 municipal budget seems to be in line with our neighbours. King's increase of 2.59% is lower than our counterparts in this region of the GTA.

York Region passed its budget that contained a 1.54% increase, and the blended rate resulted in a 1.56% hike for King homeowners.

In King, York Region gets the biggest



Mark Pavilons

portion of the taxes - 45%. The Township gets 33% and the school boards the remaining 22%.

York Region municipalities continued to have the lowest multi-residential tax rates while Hamilton's rates remained the highest in the region. Toronto had the biggest decline in multi-residential rates with a .109 per cent decrease, while Barrie had the smallest decrease at .008 per cent.

King ranks 16th on the list, just slightly above its Caledon neighbour.

The mill rate is multiplied by the property's assessed value, carried out

by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, which then sends their figures to the municipalities. Residents receive a notice from MPAC outlining their taxes and the estimated increases over the next few years.

MPAC administers a uniform, province-wide property assessment system based on Current Value Assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Assessment Act. MPAC provides municipalities with a range of services, including the preparation of annual assessment rolls, which are used by municipalities to calculate property taxes.

In the fall of 2012, MPAC mailed a Property Assessment Notice to every property owner in Ontario. The 2012 Notices provided the classification and updated assessed value for property in Ontario based on a legislated valuation date of Jan. 1, 2012.

The last province-wide assessment update took place in 2008. In each non-assessment update year, we prepare approximately one million property assessment notices for owners of new properties or properties where a change has taken place.

To provide an additional level of property tax stability and predictability, market increases in assessed value between the Jan. 1, 2008 and Jan. 1, 2012 legislated valuation dates will be phased in over four years (2013-2016). The phased-in values for your property are indicated on your property assessment notice. The phase-in program does not apply to decreases in assessed value, which are applied immediately.

So if you examine the local landscape, the picture is not as bleak as some homeowners make it sound.

As well, taxes are public record and are contained in any real estate transaction. In other words, there are no surprises when it comes to residential property taxes.

Of course, if your assessment is double, or triple the average (\$1.2 million and higher), you're facing taxes of \$10,000 and up. At that level, you have reason to be concerned.

But, if taxes are a huge concern, there are venues to voice such displeasure.

Every year, the Township welcomes citizen participation as it debates its coming budget. They encourage submissions and discussion.

In the past term of council, there's been very little in terms of public outcry regarding local tax levels.

In fact, when King set its 2014 rates, with a modest increase, it seemed like every homeowner in the municipality was pleased, judging by the lack of comment.

You could hear the proverbial crickets in the council chambers when local officials asked if members of the public had any input.

King has its inherent challenges.

The Township has the unenviable task of collecting your money, but they only keep a small portion (33 cents of every dollar).

The Township has to adequately serve its 21,000 inhabitants in a huge geographic area. The amount of property taxes and DCs it generates has to cover its roughly \$25 million annual operating budget.

Unfortunately, there are only a limited amount of homeowners from which to draw this precious money.

Recent development has added to King's coffers and more will continue to come in as infilling takes place.

The commercial projects, as they unfold, should create a robust local economy and positive spin-offs.

If King can increase its commercial-residential ratio, it'll soften the blow for future tax hikes.

While there may not be any comfort in sharing the tax misery, residents should realize where their money goes and how rates are set.

That does not mean you should simply grin and bear it.

Discussions for King's 2015 budget will take place soon and staff recommendations will be available for public review.

Hot off a municipal election, continue to exercise your rights as taxpayers!

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for Sip & Savour support!

A heartfelt thanks for the community's support of the inaugural Sip & Savour event in support of King Township Food Bank.

Hats off to MC Mark Pavilons, musical guest Ron Littlejohn and auctioneer David Beasley who greatly improved the bottom line in the most entertaining way. Thank you to Mayor Pellegrini and all of the councilors who attended, taking time from their busy schedules in the midst of the municipal campaign season.

Thanks to the Nobleton and King City firefighters who provided greeters in dress uniform to formally usher the guests into the venue. Thank you to King Print & Design for all the signage, including emergency needs the day of the event.

Thank you to Lindsay Berman Photography for capturing every possible aspect of the evening. Thank you to the volunteers, both within the Food Bank and beyond, who helped with set up, take down, and during the event.

And last but certainly not least, thank you to all those who purchased tickets and attended - after all, there's no party without guests!

This was an event that could never have taken place without each and every one of you.

To our sponsors, your generosity ensured that all of the food and drink - and it was lavish - was entirely paid for, allowing 100% of the proceeds from every ticket and every auction item to go straight to the families the Food Bank serves.

To Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, thank you for donating the venue and putting your heart and soul into the food preparation.

To Party Magic and Dorio's Bakery, thank you for transforming the venue with New York flair. A sincere thanks to our supporters and auction item donors.

To all of the guests who attended, thank you for coming, thank you for having a great time, and thank you for bidding so generously on our auction items.

You have helped raise \$20,000 for King Township Food Bank, well over our lofty target of \$15,000. Take a bow!

Margaret Hastings

Director of Fundraising
KTFB and Event Organizer, Sip & Savour
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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you pleased with the local election results?

Results from last week's poll:

Are you planning to vote on October 27?

a) Yes **78%**

b) No **22%**

So go to the website and cast a vote!

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



Brainteaser



Jenny dropped an earring in her coffee yet the earring didn't get wet. How did this happen?

Last week's answer: It would cost \$250.

King Township Trivia

Pottageville was name after Edward Pottage, a bailiff and leading citizen of the area.

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Pillar of the community Budweth passes away

A community cornerstone has passed away.

Alfred Hermann Budweth passed away Oct. 24, surrounded by his family. He was 85.

The tireless farmer was a pillar in the community, from establishing a local business to serving in public office. Harmony with nature and his family were his true loves.

He is survived by Margarete, his beloved wife of 53 years, and his 4 children and 4 "children-in-law" - Christina and Cameron Mingay, Darlene and David Stafford, David Budweth and Karyn Allison, Alf Budweth Jr. and Debra Dobson; as well as 11 adoring grandchildren: Elizabeth, Alexandra, Bridgette and Charlotte Mingay; Katharine, Victoria and Abigail Stafford; Cole, Madelyn and Lauryn Budweth; and, Olivia Budweth.

He was born an only child but he was raised as a beloved brother to cousins John, Gerry and Manfred Jurgeneit.

Born in the Memelgebiet of East Prussia on April 17, 1929, he came to Canada with his mother, Meta, at the age of 6 to be reunited with his father who had come ahead to make a better life. Just a few weeks after their arrival, Alfred's father died suddenly. He and his mother made the difficult trip back to Europe where shortly afterwards the devastation of WWII erupted. He came back to Canada in 1949 at the age of 20.

Alfred began modestly as a fisherman in Port Dover. Early mornings and long, wet, cold days on various fishing tugs cemented his love of honest hard work. A life-long devotion to "his" Maple Leafs began here as well, fostered by his buddy Red Kelly. A few years later, despite a developing career at Beneficial Finance, the lure of the land led him to the tiny town of Nobleton in King Township where he purchased a 100-acre farm.

After several years of burning the candle at both ends, delivering eggs from his chickens at 4 a.m. and arriving in his chair at the office by 8 a.m., Alfred turned his back on the world of finance. Much to the chagrin of his new bride, he embraced the dream of becoming a farmer.

Alfred lived a rich and happy life on the gently rolling hills of his beloved farm "on the 10th." He became a pillar of the community and a leader in the field of agriculture. He embraced new ideas and technologies that are commonplace today.

Family members remember "trucks rolling into the yard all night at harvest time so that the local farmers could dry their corn in dad's new Dryer. The men slept for a few hours on the sofa in the kitchen while Dad watched over the operation of the machine."

The purchase of Nobleton Feed Mill in 1978 allowed him to combine his



passion for agriculture with his strong head for business. Together with David and Alf Jr. that business has grown to the country's largest independent Master Feeds dealer feeding many Olympic Champions, Queen's Plate winners and family pets over the decades.

Alfred Sr. loved the daily interaction with customers in the Mill. Many start up farmers and inexperienced young horsemen benefited from his sage advice and the occasional free bag of feed. Whether you were a bank chairman with a hobby farm or full-time farmer, Alfred enjoyed trading stories, giving advice and talking politics. From his perspective everyone had something interesting to say.

He served several terms on King council, elected by substantial majorities, a sign of the respect with which he was held in the community. A decision not to stand for re-election was made on the basis that his failing health would

not allow him to personally canvass every home.

King's senior councillor Linda Pabst served with him on council for two terms.

"Alf had a heart of gold, a genuine friend a true community leader. Alf was always wise on his comments, and his decisions," she said.

"He was an amazing family man. Burt and I spent quality time with Alf and Margarete. I will miss his straightforward and honest advice."

Despite his many successes, Alfred was happiest walking through his pastures at twilight during the early summer as the smell of Margarete's lilacs wafted through the air and a new crop of calves bounced around him.

"Dad often told us that of all his accomplishments the harmony in his family was the only one that mattered."

Thank you to all of the dear friends and relatives who provided support over the last 6 months, in particular, his cousins, his schoolmate Roland Gailus and his dear friend and neighbour Dr. Richard Giroux.

The Budweth family received friends at the Egan Funeral Home, Bolton. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 5750 King Road, Nobleton. Reception to follow at the Nobleton Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Michael's Hospital Foundation (Emergency Room Revitalization Fund), Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Geriatric Day Hospital in Orillia or Southlake Hospital in Newmarket.

He was grateful for the care he received from the compassionate staff at these hospitals.

Letter to the Editor

A tribute to Margaret Britnell

It was with great sadness that I heard that Margaret Britnell had passed away on Sunday, Oct. 12.

Beautiful green King Township has lost its greatest champion and protector. Margaret served as mayor for 13 years and as a councillor for 9 years, during the period from 1970 to 1997. She was also King Township's representative at the Region of York for 6 years.

She was a gutsy and could be a feisty lady, honest to the core and called a spade a spade, and sometimes a "blinking shovel,"

As mayor she always brought forward a balanced and transparent budget with no per capital debt. She understood exactly what the phrase means "growth does not pay for growth," and also knew what it took to control growth. She listened to the citizens of the Township and did her utmost to control development so that King could maintain its rural heritage and we could enjoy living in a green and very special environment with an exceptional quality of life.

She was a force to be reckoned with as she stood up for King Township at York Region and at times had many regional councillors quaking in their boots.

In her memory, King Township lowered its flags to half-mast on all of their buildings - a great honour and so well deserved.

Thank you Margaret, you will be missed. It is a privilege to have known you. May you rest in peace.

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James Dunnagh

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Peter Duh

"Something like that happening in our nation's capital is just sad."



Lisette Darden

"There's always concern, but I don't think any more than usual."

Canadian soldiers endured faulty boots, equipment

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, it's important to remember the contributions by Canadians. Historian and author Gavin Watt has offered to provide pieces on different aspects of the Great War.

By Gavin Watt

The use of the word "scandal" is perhaps an exaggeration, as many of the mishaps that dogged the Canadian war effort in the early stages of the Great War were, with the best of intentions, a search for homegrown solutions for the army's requirements.

Understandably, there was a desire to employ Canadian labour, skills, and raw materials to supply the troops, however, all too often, this goal was pursued at the expense of proper designs, and rigorous quality control. The government seems to have had little or no appreciation for the exhaustive testing so necessary before adopting clothing, accoutrements, transport and arms for active service.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that "scandal" applies to the worst examples - the Ross Rifle being the most infamous, as it revealed the government's willful disregard for professional opinion, and reports from the men on active service.

Faulty boots

As the majority of the army marched on its feet, the supply of comfortable, robust footwear was an obvious essential, however, attempts to source proper boots in Canada was horribly fumbled.

In 1905, the Militia Department approved a new pattern of boots for the Regular Forces and militia. This pattern was similar in its manufacture, materials, and design to the ordinary, lightweight walking boot commonly in use throughout the country. It was entirely suitable for wear on parade, in barracks, and for light duties, but was not meant to be an active service boot. Contrary to claims by some government members, the 1905 boot was not the pattern successfully worn by the Canadian forces in the South African War.

When the declaration of war in 1914 made it necessary to obtain vast quantities of boots, there was still no approved Canadian pattern for active service boots. In consequence, several unin-

spected boots manufactured in 1913 to the 1905 pattern were given out to boot manufacturers as samples to be copied. There were no specifications issued, and the manufacturers were left to assess the types of materials and details of construction.

As it transpired, the sample boots were not up to the 1905 standard, which in any event, did not represent the quality of raw materials and construction methods necessary for an active service item of footwear.

Orders were soon placed country-wide. The only instruction given was to copy the off-specification samples of the 1905 pattern. One could hope that the inevitable errors in workmanship and construction would have been caught by government quality inspectors; however, the service's professional footwear inspector had been dismissed without cause in 1911, and replaced by an individual without any practical experience. As supplies flooded in, five friends of the government were appointed as additional inspectors, most of whom lacked practical experience.

Rather than inspections being made at the factory during the production process, when the various layers of materials and their assembly could be observed, the majority of inspections were of finished goods and quite superficial. Indeed, the very first delivery arrived at Valcartier in August and received no inspection whatsoever. These new boots had been worn for less than a month when the complaints began to flood in. When the issue quickly became an embarrassment for the government, Minister Hughes appointed a three-man committee to investigate.

Their first finding was that the sample boot that had served as a production pattern was unfit. Its design and manufacture were unsuitable and the leather used contained no grease to resist water penetration. The heels and soles were unprotected with steel cleats; the fit of the sole was often poor, and the toes lacked freedom of movement. And, it must be remembered, these observations were made in Canada under normal weather conditions. Remarkably, these findings did not stop the government placing further orders.

Yet, it was the news from England that brought the worst condemnations. The first Canadian contingent had



Canadian boots disintegrate in the atrocious conditions of Salisbury Plain, 1914. Left, Oliver Equipment mounting the useless MacAdams shovel.

Submitted Photos

been sent to Salisbury Plain to encamp and train where it suffered the worst weather of the century. Almost constant downpours made the ground into a sea of mud, and the poorly-designed Canadian boots simply disintegrated (leading to rumours that the boots were made of cardboard).

Captain Andrew Macphail of the Army Medical Service reported that "after 12 parades these boots were reduced to a sodden mass." Major Doane noted that, after about a fortnight's use, the boots were worn through. The men "had to tie shingles and bits of board and pieces of bag across the bottoms of their boots to keep their feet off the ground."

When General Alderson, the 1st Division's commanding officer, complained to Ottawa and asked for authorization to replace the faulty boots with the British-made, active service model, Minister Hughes chose not to reply. Instead, he dispatched 48,000 pair of overshoes. Of course, this did nothing to correct the boots' design faults.

General Alderson had a conference with the government's Acting High Commissioner in London, Sir George Perley, who cabled Prime Minister Borden the following: "Authorities consider boots too light altogether ... ; stated they will not stand mud and water and heavy work. Consider overshoes impracticable as they are heavy to walk in and will only last short time on hard roads. In my opinion next contingent should be provided with boots made on regulation army pattern."

As this message received no reply, Alderson ordered 33,000 pair of Canadian boots scrapped and ordered an equal number of British "Ammunition" boots.

Despite continued reports from abroad and home, the government supplied the second and third overseas con-

tingents with these same boots that had been condemned by General Alderson, Sir George Perley, and a host of military authorities. Ultimately, all of the Canadian Corps were shod with the British pattern, but the change had been a long, hard battle to accomplish.

Load Carrying Equipment

The Canadian expeditionary force that fought in South Africa during the Boer War employed a leather, load carrying harness known as the Pattern 1883 Oliver Equipment. This was manufactured in Canada to a design developed by a British surgeon during the North-West Rebellion.

The equipment exhibited several faults; the first being a small, fragile water bottle which was quickly jettisoned in favour of the much larger, robust British version.

A less obvious problem was the single cartridge pouch which hung centrally in front of the body and uncomfortably concentrated the weight of the ammunition over the groin. Its positioning made it extremely difficult to access cartridges when the soldier was lying prone to take cover. Another complaint was the shoulder straps tended to cut into the soldier's armpits, which the troops called the "Oliver Torture." Despite the pouch and strap problems, 54,500 sets of Oliver Equipment were purchased in the early 1914 war at a cost of \$373,000.

As a comparison, in 1908 the British army had approved the Mills Equipment Company's woven web carrying equipment. A major advantage to this design was the distribution of ammunition across the front of the body in individual pockets of fifteen rounds each, so that each soldier could carry 150 rounds into combat versus the 80 rounds centrally carried in the Oliver Equipment.

As a partial answer to the capacity problem, a new pattern of Oliver Equipment was developed in 1915 which incorporated two of the original pouches holding eighty rounds each. Then, with further jiggling, new pattern pouches were designed that held 100 rounds each, but General Alderson was having none of it, and when the First Division left England to go to France, the Oliver Equipment was laid aside and replaced by the more comfortable and practical P08 Mills Equipment. Under probing questioning in April 1915, Minister Hughes was compelled to confirm this fact to the House of Commons.

Despite this reverse, more orders for Ptn15 Oliver Equipment were placed. The Second Division was only partially equipped with the new Ptn 15 harness before being committed to France, and when its commander argued for consistency, he received permission to exchange all leather equipment for P08 Web to the great pleasure of his troops, and the outrage of Hughes.

The minister and his system were not easily defeated and a thorough overhaul of the design resulted in a new pattern in 1916. Nonetheless, all Canadian infantry on the continent were equipped with P08 Mills Web Equipment, in spite of a monumental expenditure of time, effort and funds on beautifully made, but inadequate leather equipment.

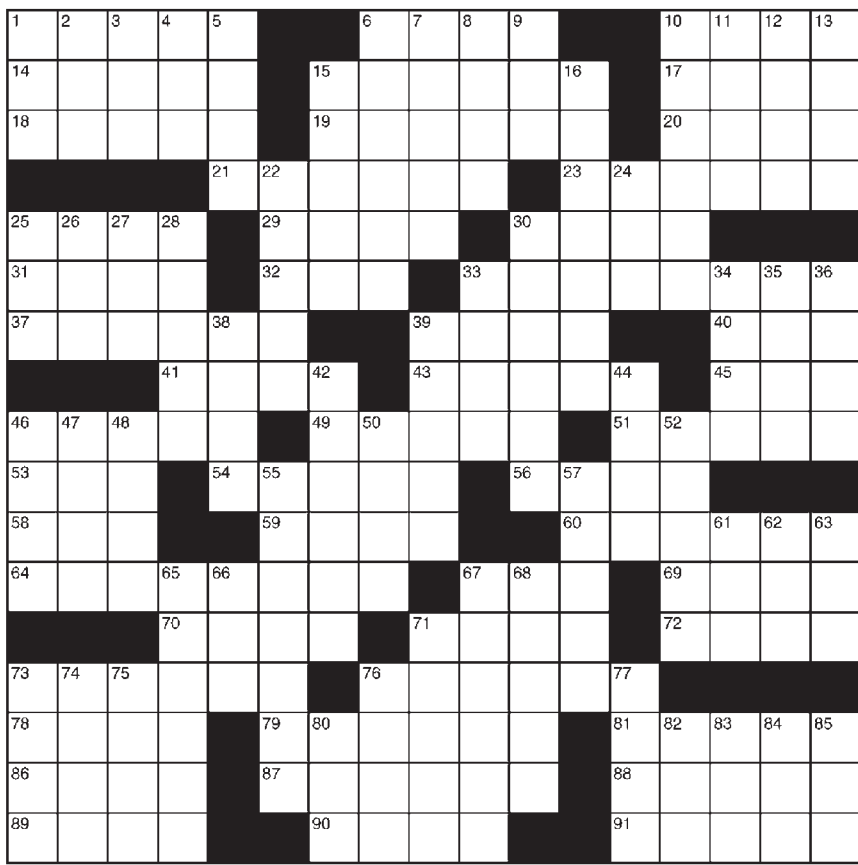
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- 57. Television sound
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- 63. Sum up
- 65. Develop
- 66. Nipped
- 67. Narrative poem
- 68. Shoelace tip
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King fire station marks its 60th anniversary

By Mark Pavilons

King Township has a long history of serving and protecting its residents.

The local firefighters are a dedicated bunch of local heroes. They're inviting the public to help them celebrate the 60th anniversary of the King City Fire Station.

The open house will be held Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the station on King Road in King City.

Driving around King City, you'll notice streets that have the names Walkington, Way, Scott Crescent, Crossley Court, McBride Crescent, Chuck Ormsby Crescent, Austin Rumble Court, Langdon Drive, Dennis Drive and Stan Roots Street. They may not mean much to many of us, but in fact many of those names honour the pioneers who developed the small hamlet of Springhill into our present day village of King City.

Many of these names belong to the first firefighters of King City. Others belong to the residents who were strong supporters of the firefighters.

Sixty years ago there was no such thing as a fire department in King City. Fire protection for the village was provided by the Town of Aurora.

A group of local businessmen petitioned the township and were authorized to form a fire department. One fire truck, a 1940 pumper with a front mount pump, was procured and housed at the rear of Frank Unterlander's Service Centre on Keele Street just south of the King Road. This accommodation was necessary because there was no fire station in the town.

The property for the new fire station was donated by Pat McBride. The town built the fire station for King City at the corner of Keele Street and Elizabeth Grove taking about 6 to 8 months. The original building was shared by the water works and hydro, both of which were run locally at that time.

The small, hardy group of volunteers held many fundraisers in order to purchase equipment, hoses and turnout gear for the firemen. The firefighters held dances, turkey shoots, card nights, horseshoe tournaments, dinners, etc. The wives and families of the firefighters worked tirelessly in support of their husbands' passion, the fire department and the safety of King City residents. These functions were widely supported

by the residents.

Later on, the fire Department acquired a 1955 pumper and a tanker truck to meet the needs of the growing town.

When regional government was introduced in 1972, the utilities were taken over regionally or provincially and the fire department became the sole occupant of the fire station. The town was growing and the need for more equipment became quite obvious.

The fire department inherited a van from the hydro operation and converted it into a rescue van for auto accidents and medical calls.

Harold Kirby was one of those cornerstones of King City. He was very active in the community as well as the fire department. You don't get a nickname like "King" Kirby by sitting home and watching TV. Kirby Sideroad is named for the Kirby family.

The story goes the local Sears delivery man gave the road that name and it stuck. The Kirby homestead is on the north side of Kirby Road just west of the driving range which is located to the west of Keele Street.

Harold's son Wayne was also a member of the King City fire department as were the sons of many of the early members.

That tradition continues to this date in all three of King's stations. Sons love what their dads do and dads love to see their sons enjoying the same passions in the fire service.

In August of 1999, King Fire and Emergency Services was formed by joining the fire departments of King City, Schomberg and Nobleton. Plans were under way at that time to construct a new fire station in King City. That fire station, located at 2045 King Road was officially opened on Oct. 13, 2001.

The volume of calls has risen over the years requiring the purchase of more sophisticated equipment. In addition, the level of training has increased to the point where King Fire and Emergency Services now provide a wide variety of services (no longer just fire calls).

Your fire department meets and trains to a high standard for structural firefighting operations. Other services include and are not limited to; emergency medical response, auto extrication for motor vehicle collisions, trench rescue, ice-water rescue, and carbon monoxide incidents. In short, if there is

an emergency in your village you will likely see a King Fire and Emergency response to it.

Public education has proven to be an integral part of what the Fire Service provides for the public. Your fire department is very active in the Township with Public Education and Fire Prevention.

Currently, fire station in King City houses one rescue pumper, one pumper, one aerial device, two tankers, and two utility vehicles. The personal protective equipment the firefighters wear is top of the line. The first aid and rescue equipment is top grade. The volume of training that the fire department undertakes is impressive. The dedication, the

pride, and the professionalism in the firefighters is priceless!

The fire service has come a long way in King City. Fire station alumni and all residents of King Township are invited to attend the Nov. 1 open house.

Under the direction of Fire Chief James Wall, King Fire and Emergency Services protects an area of approximately 333 square kilometers (129 square miles) and a population of 21,000 residents. The municipality is served by three fire stations and a complement of 120 dedicated volunteer firefighters.

With a submission from Captain Gerry Binsfeld, King Fire & Emergency Services.



The group photo was taken in 1962 at the old fire hall on Keele Street. Shown are (back, l to r) Don McCallum, John Robb, Jack Walkington, front row; Harold (King) Kirby, Harry McBride, Jack Monkman, Pete Glass, Al Laplante, Stan Roots, John Langdon, Ron Robson, Vic Doner, Bob Berwick, Harry Noakes. The King City police officer is Constable John Hughs.

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Family tradition continues at Bolton's Tello Jewellers

By Mark Pavilons

The tradition of excellence, and finely crafted jewellery continues in Bolton. Tello Jewellers held its official re-opening Saturday in Bolton.

Backed by decades in the jewellery design and retail business, 17 years of which were in Bolton, members of the Tello family have teamed up to provide Bolton shoppers with a unique experience. They've stepped it up a notch with their new design centre and showroom.

Edgar Tello and son Gabriel spearhead the local operation.

When it came time for a change, the Tellos wanted to stay in Bolton so they relocated closer to the core, where it all first began almost two decades ago. Edgar said they've met so many local customers, who've become friends, they wouldn't think of leaving Bolton.

"I'm enjoying it," Edgar said. "It was my dream and it came true."

Edgar himself is a goldsmith, designer and GIA certified gemologist, with a career that spans more than four decades. He creates one-of-a-kind pieces from scratch and a long list of "famous" pieces to his credit.

His most recent creation was a ring for actor, martial arts expert Chuck Norris, presented to him this past spring from the World Black Belt association. Tello, a martial arts enthusiast himself, was pleased that Norris loved the gift.

The Tellos have won numerous awards throughout the years in the business and gained the reputation as the jewelers to the stars, Edgar Tello has created many custom pieces, examples of these include a unique diamond set gold boot pin for Nancy Sinatra to commemorate her 1966 hit song, "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'" as well as a colourful "Goofy" pendant set with white diamonds, rubies and blue sapphires designed for Disney to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of the character. Edgar admitted that one of his favorite creations was a life-size solid gold shoe, to adorn the 1989 Golden Slipper Stakes trophy for the famous Australian horse race.

A master of remodelling, Tello and his staff sit down with customers and help them design their new piece. From drawings, photos or 3D images, Tello begins his work. At Tello they are always looking for designs that will challenge their skills and assure that every new



Caledon councillors Patti Foley and Rob Mezzapelli were on hand Saturday to assist Gabriel, Patricia and Edgar Tello re-open Tello Jewellers.

Photo by Bill Rea

project is exciting because you never know the piece that will take you to the next level.

And that's what keeps Tello going – seeing the ear-to-ear grins on customers' faces when they see their finished products. Local customers can attest to the "wow" factor that Tello comes up with.

Popular these days are rose gold, cushion and princess cut diamonds. The round, brilliant diamonds never go out of style, he observed.

A new sensation are the "Dancing Diamonds" which involve stones suspended on tension wires and they move and "dance" as the wearer moves about.

The outlet will also be offering the famous Swarovski products.

Tello is known for his unique spinning rings and the outlet has evolved into a one-stop destination for repairs, remodelling, engraving, watch repairs and sales.

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MS fundraiser at In This Corner

By Mark Pavilons

A local restaurant is boosting a cause that's close to home. Schomberg's In This Corner Bar and Grill is hosting a fundraiser for MS, with employee Martina Scinocco leading the charge.

She's elated that the restaurant owner is kind enough to support her and her dream of finding a cure for this disease.

There will be a live country rock band performing an acoustic set starting at 9 p.m. The fundraiser starts at 8 a.m. and admission is free. There will prizes including Toronto Maple Leaf tickets to raffle off as well as a 50/50 cash prize. There's also a jellybean count for kids.

"It's going to be a fun filled day," Scinocco said.

The life-long King resident has lived in both Nobleton and Schomberg. Scinocco, 27, was officially diagnosed with MS in June of 2013.

"My limitations have become apparent and I recently had to give up my favorite form of exercise due to weakness and pain," she said.

She is taking her schooling part time (vet tech at Seneca King campus) because her memory does not function as well as it used to.

While the effects of the disease are evident, Scinocco prefers to be optimistic and proactive.

"By creating awareness and understanding we will be able to improve treatment options for example instead of taking a needle every day," she said.

Scinocco said she would love to be able to take some form of oral medication. Eventually a cure would be ideal and Scinocco remains hopeful. For more information, or to donate, contact Scinocco at 905-939-1000.



Martina Scinocco and Gord Franjic, owner of In This Corner Bar and Grill, are holding a fundraiser for MS.

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First ASK Adventure Car Rally rolls through King

Almost a hundred people "ASKed For a Ride" and joined in the fun of the Adventure Car Rally through King Oct. 19.

The weather co-operated with a mix of sun and clouds, and the leaves hung precariously on to the trees, creating spectacular vistas through hills and valleys, around kettle lakes and into quaint villages. Drivers and their teams found many new and unusual stops along the route. They used their navigational skills, their collective memories, their reading ability, their drawing techniques, and their aptitude for observing closely, to perform many tasks en-route - visiting the world's largest inukshuk; sampling local honey produced by King

bees; getting up close and personal with equestrian heroes; wandering in a very secret garden; admiring the work of several well-known artists; cozying up to a deadhouse; dressing up as firemen, and much more.

The route to their final destination led them through construction sites and around dead ends to the Bray Museum, a jaw-dropping collection of memorabilia from the last 100 years. The history of transportation from the late 1800s, with all its accompaniments, is displayed on the two floors of this beautifully restored and maintained building. Car rally guests were mesmerized, and it took the ringing of a very loud school bell to get them to line up for dinner.

Dinner was another delight - the main course a suckling pig roasted on-site, with salads, vegetables and sauces. Desserts were prepared locally - apple crisps from Pine Farm Orchards, and carrot cake prepared by Dorio's Kettleby Bakery with carrots grown in the Holland Marsh. The beer was local too, from King Brewery.

The awarding of raffle prizes, a live auction, and rally winners filled out the evening. Prizes included a chance for guests to improve their social life with dinner with Mayor Pellegrini and 6 friends, or wine tasting for 10. They could learn to wakeboard, go to the theatre, put up a birdhouse, read about the Holland Marsh or Carrying Place Trail, or get their car washed.

After a day of fun and adventure, supported in so many ways by contributors all over the township, everyone went home a winner.



The winners of the ASK car rally were Team Ardill (top). The firefighter's challenge was a great aspect of the rally. Prize for best-dressed went to Mayor Steve Pellegrini and his dad Lido (top left). The piper met the car rally participants at the final destination. The pig roast was a great way to cap off the adventure.

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Spooks abound at Cold Creek's Haunted Forest



Screams filled the air at Cold Creek Conservation Area last week, as resident ghosts and ghouls welcomed visitors for the annual Cold Creek Haunted Forest. From the Boo Room to the Frightful Maze, young and old were in for some scares, thanks to volunteers and King Township staffers. The weather brought in record numbers to enjoy guided walks and wagon rides.

Photos by Mark Pavilons



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Public elementary students continue EQAO success

By Mark Pavilons

While York and King students are keeping up with their counterparts across Ontario, math appears to be a bit of a struggle for some.

The York Region District School Board lauds its continued success with the 2014 results from Ontario's Educa-

tion Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

York Region public school elementary students continue to perform at levels well above the provincial average.

"Teachers and staff in York Region District School Board continue to create successful learning environments, which are resulting in positive assess-

ment outcomes," said Anna DeBartolo, board chair. "Our board is incredibly proud of the academic achievements of our elementary students, demonstrated through their recent EQAO results."

Among Grade 3 students in the York Region District School Board, 77% achieved the provincial standards in reading, 85% in writing and 79% in mathematics. This compares with provincial averages of 70%, 78% and 67% respectively.

Among York's Grade 6 public school students, 86% achieved the provincial standard in reading, 86% in writing and 68% in mathematics. This compares with provincial averages of 79%, 78% and 54% respectively.

"EQAO results provide a snapshot of student achievement," said J. Philip Parappally, York's director of education. "Combined with other measures, such as teacher classroom assessment, EQAO data helps us to identify areas for further improvement within our schools."

At King City Public School, in the junior category (Grade 3), 78% are at or

above the average in reading and math, while 90% were at levels in writing. In Grade 6, 85% were at acceptable levels in reading and 82% in writing. Math appears to be a bit of a problem, with only 58% at or above the standard.

At King City Secondary in Grade 9, 51% of students were at or above the standard in applied math in 2011-2013, a slight improvement over 2012. In academic math, 88% were at or above standards.

In OSSLT, 94% participated fully and 88% were successful, as of the spring of 2013.

York Region District School Board is the third largest school district in Ontario with over 121,000 students in 174 elementary schools and 32 secondary schools. York Region students consistently perform above average in provincial testing and the Board is one of the top achievers in Ontario. For more information about the York Region District School Board, please visit our website: www.yrdsb.ca and follow us on Twitter: @YRDSB.



Animals receive blessing at York Pines

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Lions, churches gear up for coming holiday events

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
905-859-5174

St. Paul's Church

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series entitled "Love One Another." His message this week – A New Commandment.

FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKonnection and NextStep Program (for children ages 4 to 11) takes place at the same time.

Jeff has a blog and he records his weekly messages there after worship each Sunday. Anyone interested in listening to his messages can go to www.passionatelyhis.com to hear them.

The Ladies Who Serve group will meet for an afternoon of quilting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, starting at 1 p.m. They are always looking for extra helping hands so please come join them!

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

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. See www.immanuelreformed.ca. If you are interested in meeting to learn about the Bible, call Pastor Maurice Lumes at 905-859-8581 for arrangements.

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.

Nobleton Lions

Upcoming in the month of November is the annual clothing drive to be held on Saturday, Nov. 1. Good used clothes, and small household articles will be accepted and put to good use by the Salvation Army. Residents are advised to have donations on their porch or curb

as pickups will begin by 9 a.m. and be completed by noon. Watch for a flyer which will be mailed prior to the event, and can be attached to bags or boxes which are set out.

Residents are asked to remember that the Lions have arranged to collect old eye glasses and refurbish and distribute them to those in need. Old eyeglasses can be dropped off at the Pharmacy, where they will be collected for this purpose.

Upcoming community events in December include the Annual Skating Party, which will be held at the Nobleton Arena with free skating for all, and Santa will be visiting to see the children. Watch this space for more details.

For information on these and other events, please visit our website: www.NobletonLions.com

St. Mary's Church

Christmas planters at \$35 each as well as Christmas table arrangements are available at a variety of sizes and prices. You can choose your own colour scheme as well. Sales will be starting Nov. 8. Call Noreen to order yours, 905-859-5490 or 416-845-1762.

Nobleton Seniors

The October 14 evening euchre winners were Edgar Clarkson, Joe Tasca, Joy Lostchuck and Bob Fleury. Most lone hands won by Farmer George. The lucky draw winners were Bernice Tasca, Cathy Kiekebelt, Ethel Ireland and Mary Lostchuck.

The Oct. 21 afternoon euchre winners were Ruth McInnis, Farmer George, Carol Sharer, Herb Workman, Bob Fleury and Ethel Ireland. The Oct. 21 Bid Euchre winners were Herb Workman, Dorothy Gardiner, Joe Tasca and Louise DeCecco. We had five people on the shuttle to the moon, Herb, Dorothy, Reta Borg, Betty McConnell and Bob Fleury.

Musical Black Family Returns to Schomberg

Join in on an afternoon of old time fiddle music as the Black family performs at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Schomberg at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30.

Nine youngsters from the Black fam-

ily will perform (Christmas songs) old time fiddle tunes and sing along favourites from years past.

The Black family lives near Markdale, Ont. and began performing about 10 years ago. The Black household has two pianos, a keyboard, guitars, a mandolin, an accordion, step dance shoes and a variety of other instruments.

The Black family has quickly made a name for itself as a musical sensation that gets your toes tapping and your spirits soaring.

This afternoon of music and song would be a great early Christmas gift for that someone on your list that is hard to buy for – grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle or that special neighbor.

You can get tickets from any member of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church or call 905-939-2277.

Horticulture By John Arnott

"Yes We Have No Bananas" the Frank Silver-Irving Cohn song introduced by Eddie Cantor in the 1922 Broadway musical "Make It Snappy," was written because of the sudden scarcity of bananas in North America at the time due to a blight that wiped out most of banana crop in Brazil the chief supplier of this fruit to the USA and Canada in the 1920s.

We may well be hearing that song again as another more deadly blight seriously threatens banana plantations not just in one place but around the globe!

This new blight named Tropical Race Four is a soil borne fungus that can survive in the soil for decades only to suddenly to flare up making the large leaves of banana plants to turn dirty yellow starting at the edges and spreading across the whole leaf. Within weeks all the plant's leaves wilt and hang down around their main stalks. When stalks were cut open it was found that a vascular blockage had occurred which caused the normally white stalk tissue to rot turning blood red then brown and black and give off a disgusting stench. Eventually the much weakened root system of rot damaged plants could no longer support the often 10ft./3 m stalks and they collapsed.

Tropical Race Four first surfaced in Taiwan in the 1980s then spread to China, Malaysia, the Philippines, In-

donesia and Australia. Thousands and thousands of lush, thriving banana plantations across Asia into Africa have been decimated. In Papua-New Guinea and Australia, where it is thought bananas originated, the story is the same.

American Mike Peed, a reporter with the New Yorker, tells in his 2011 article "We Have No Bananas" about Australian Robert Borsato who saw and seized the opportunity of establishing banana plantations around Darwin in Australia's Northern Territory where the soil, the stretch of sunny weather and adequate rainfall all insured good banana crops year after year. On his 1,000-acre property at Humpty Doo near Darwin he grew plants grew 10 ft./3 m high and each stalk produced up to 170 bananas.

In 2006 Cyclone Larry devastated the traditional banana growing area along the coast in the Innisfill area of eastern Australia. I visited my first banana plantation near the town of Tully in this region. The devastation caused the price of bananas rise from \$10 a carton to more than \$130 a carton and made Borsato and his fellow plantation owners very wealthy men. Yet within a couple of years Borsato would spot banana plants on a neighbouring property showing unmistakable symptoms of the dread Tropical Race Four.

Spread by something as simple as mud on tractor wheels and on the boots of workers or by unwittingly transporting infected cuttings to further afield plantations or by the thoughtless government inspector who drove down a restricted dirt track ignoring the warning signs and carried infected mud away on his tires, Tropical Race Four by 2011 had wiped out 90% of banana plants in the Northern Territories.

Strangely enough, the only plant affected by this fungus is the banana, especially the Cavendish variety, which accounts for most of bananas grown and most often the only one found for sale in our area. To date there is neither a natural nor man made substance that will destroy or at least control this deadly fungus.

Botanists are certain that its only a matter of time before it turns up in the tropical Americas from where the vast majority of our bananas come.

So dig out that old Roaring Twenties song book and brush up on the lyrics to "Yes We Have No Bananas!"

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KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Tough games prove too much for the Cougars

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

After falling to Penetang at their home rink a week earlier, the Cougars hosted the Kings at the Trisan Centre last Thursday in a back-to-back with the league's top team.

The Cougars were able to put 36 shots on net, but the high-flying Kings' offence proved too much for the Schomberg squad. League scoring leader Craig Robinson led the way with two goals in a 4-2 Penetang win.

Although he picked up the loss, goaltender Taylor Ewart was solid between the pipes making 27 stops on 30 shots.

A raucous crowd was on hand Friday at the New Tecumseh Centre in Alliston as their hometown Hornets welcomed the Cougars.

Despite giving up a quick goal to the second-place Hornets, the Cougars showed defensive signs of success early.

After the Cougars' first power play of the game, the penalized Hornet came out of the box for a clear 2-on-1, but a nice quick glove save by Ewart kept the game close.

Killing off a penalty of their own later in the period, Ryley Egerton provided some inspiration for his team as he was on the puck for almost a full shift spent mostly in the Alliston end.

The first period ended under some confusion. With under a minute to go, Francesco Corona threw the puck out to JP Crescenzi from behind the net, who thought he buried his sixth of the

year.

With his hands in the air, he was tackled by a Hornet defenceman, and the play was ruled a no goal.

The game turned chippy mid-way through the second when Ryan Lewis of the Hornets laid a blatant hit from behind on a Cougar player, sparking a fiasco that would stop play for more than 15 minutes.

When the smoke cleared, five misconducts had been handed out, three majors, and 41 minutes in penalties.

Despite four power plays in the third frame, the Cougars were not able to register a shot in the period. Meanwhile, the Hornets had one shot in net in what became less of a hockey game and more of a wrestling match.

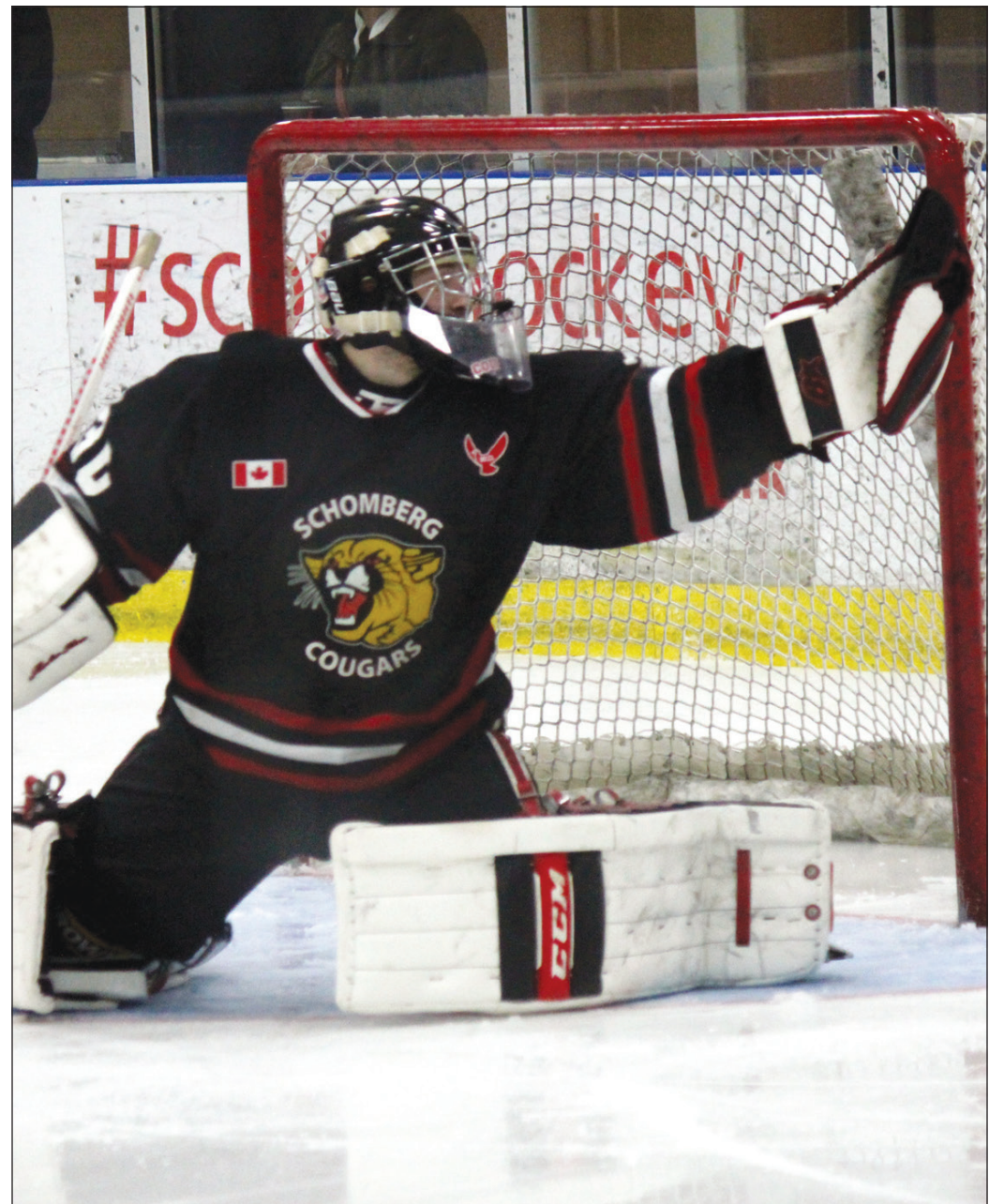
Alliston added one more with thirty seconds left to take the game by a final score of 2-0.

The Cougars looked to be on pace once again after a slow start to the season, earning four wins in a row in late September. However, this four-game losing skid has sent their record back below the .500 level.

On a positive note, they remain right in the thick of the GMOHL standings as only four points separate third and eighth place.

The team takes their game on the road this week, heading up north on both Thursday and Saturday to face the Stayner Siskins and Orillia Terriers respectively.

More stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.schombergcougars.com.



Taylor Ewart makes a glove save on an Alliston Hornet player last Friday. Despite giving up only five goals over two games this week, the Cougars lost both.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

Friday night a family affair in King curling

By Shellee Morning



For the sheets of King, Friday night curling wasn't your typical night on the rings of red and blue.

The family names of Barber and Kamstra were matched up during the late draw this past weekend in what was truly believed to be an entertaining round. Both Barber teams, one led by Father Dave and the other by Son Kyle, battled for bragging rights on sheet 2, while Sheet 3 featured the teams of husband and wife; Peter and Rosie Kamstra who were engaged in an end for end, animated match that captured the ears of attention across the rink.

The Barber game consisted of dynamic doubles between father and son with great rock placements by both team's front end. Dave Barber had some great shots delivered from his Vice (spare) Peter Wasylkiw while the front end of new curler Heather Vickers and Claire Murphy balanced out the strength they needed to try and overcome the young Skip (Kyle) Barber.

At times the game got tense, but Skip Kyle controlled his team's energy and collected a solid performance by all. Vice Patti Agnew delivered great effort on her rocks to help set up the house for her skip while new curler John Mulrooney played a simple and confident game as Lead. The final end proved to be the most challenging as son Kyle took over his dad's team to capture the well-earned win by 10-6.

On the neighbouring rink, the atmosphere was totally opposite.

Kamstra versus Kamstra was a spirited affair, which is a given by those who know

Rosie, in what was to be the game to watch.

For Skip Rosie Kamstra, it's more about the fun that's at stake rather than the score. Having the hammer in most ends, Rosie and her team certainly made Peter's team earn their one point per end throughout their game of love.

Vice Charles Levine executed some timely draws applying the needed pressure and keeping his team in the chase. Glancing across the ice, one would see a cluster of "Rosie" red rocks around the target sitting patiently for skip Peter to test his skills for the steal. Holding their breath in the 4th, Rosie had a chance on a button throw for 3 points, but only managed to collect a single. New curlers Julie and Chris Sonnen for Peter's team and spare Shelley Courneya played a solid game earning honourable assistance.

Veteran (husband) Peter offered some "skip advice" to his wife, but independence was key for Rosie in her efforts in hopes of winning the contest. Only once did we hear a cry for the mercy rule as Rosie and her team of Mike Murphy, Ruth George and Charles Levine gave it their all in the narrow loss of 7-3.

Other winners during Friday play included Team Dave Swackhammer who was golden at the helm, along with Teams Doug Brown, Scott Gilpin, Ian Donaldson and Gerry Duffy.

Men's League

Monday Men's League posted some interesting games as teams exchanged points on the score board for their 4th game of the season.

For Teams Sheardown and Barber, the score board looking like the pendulum of a clock, traded ends collecting no more than a point or two and creating a tight match from the get-go.

Skip Dave Barber made a perfect chip into the rings in the first end to collect 2, and got things going. Mid-way, Skip Larry Sheardown facing 2 opposition stones, threw an impeccable pressure draw collecting a point for his team in the exciting stone for stone match. Hit after hit left very few rocks in play by the time the skips were called to throw.

In a tight pressure-filled competition, the 5-4 score was laid out perfectly for Team Barber in the 7th as they assembled a 3 point end to capture an 8-4 win.

Men's Invitational Bonsel

The first annual King Country Men's Invitational Bonsel will be held Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23 at the Trisan Centre, welcoming 16 teams for 3 guaranteed 8-end games.

The 4 division, round-robin format concludes with the top 2 teams in each division advancing to the championship and consolation rounds.

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Happy trails ahead for King's Happy Valley Forest

By Jake Courtepatte

Calling all nature enthusiasts – as if you needed yet another reason to explore the beautiful outdoors of the Township of King!

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has opened the official trail of the Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve at Happy Valley Forest, well on its way to becoming one of the GTA's few old-growth forests.

The 40 or so community members and local hikers who took part in last Wednesday's trail opening hike and reception were given the grand tour, as Nature Conservancy of Canada's Thomas Unrau pointed out the unique characteristics of the area.

The forest is home to more than 110 breeding bird species, mature sugar maple and beech trees, and many other plant and animal species.

Located in the upper area of the Humber River Watershed just south of Pottsgroveville, the Happy Valley Forest is one of the largest remaining upland deciduous forests on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The headwaters of the streams in the forest flow from the hilly topography of King.

"It's really amazing that you can see crystal clear drinking water here ... it's so important," said Unrau, who says he plans on getting a tattoo of a pulaski, a tool used to cut trails.

To allow for proper water runoff from the trails, much of the path is shaped into a "bench cut," where the full width of tread is cut into a slope to create a level walking path. This form of a trail needs little maintenance, and should last indefinitely.

The entire Happy Valley Forest cov-

ers 1,560 acres of land, almost 280 of which the Nature Conservancy of Canada has helped protect from demolition.

"That's why Nature Conservancy is focusing so strongly on this area," said Unrau. "The forest is just continuous."

According to the NCC's website, "the core of the Happy Valley Forest will become a model for old-growth ecology and forest stewardship in eastern North America."

For more information and upcoming hikes, visit www.oakridgestrail.org.

The Happy Valley Forest is one of the largest remaining intact upland deciduous forest on Canada's Oak Ridges Moraine.

This 1,560-acre (631-hectare) area supports more than 110 breeding bird species, and is an outstanding example of the mature sugar maple and beech upland forests that are characteristic of the Moraine. Ecologically and aesthetically significant, the area's wetlands and upland forest are critical to the survival of nationally significant species such as Acadian flycatcher and cerulean warbler, and provide an ideal home for many other plant and animal species, including a wide range of wildflowers and several salamander species. The area also holds special cultural significance, given its association with the Toronto Carrying-place, a historic portage and travel route.

The Happy Valley Forest is a special area that features all the elements necessary to achieve old-growth structure in the next 50 years, at a scale large enough to allow for natural disturbances such as wildfires, insect outbreaks, disease and severe storms. These events can significantly impact the structure and composition of any landscape, however because larger landscapes can ac-



Ed Millar and Brian Millage of the Oak Ridges Trail Association holding the ribbon while Barb Davies, York Region Environmental Services, Todd Farrell, NCC, Nancy Dengler, Toronto Field Naturalists, Councillor Linda Pabst, and Wilma Millage, President of ORTA cut the ribbon to open the Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve.

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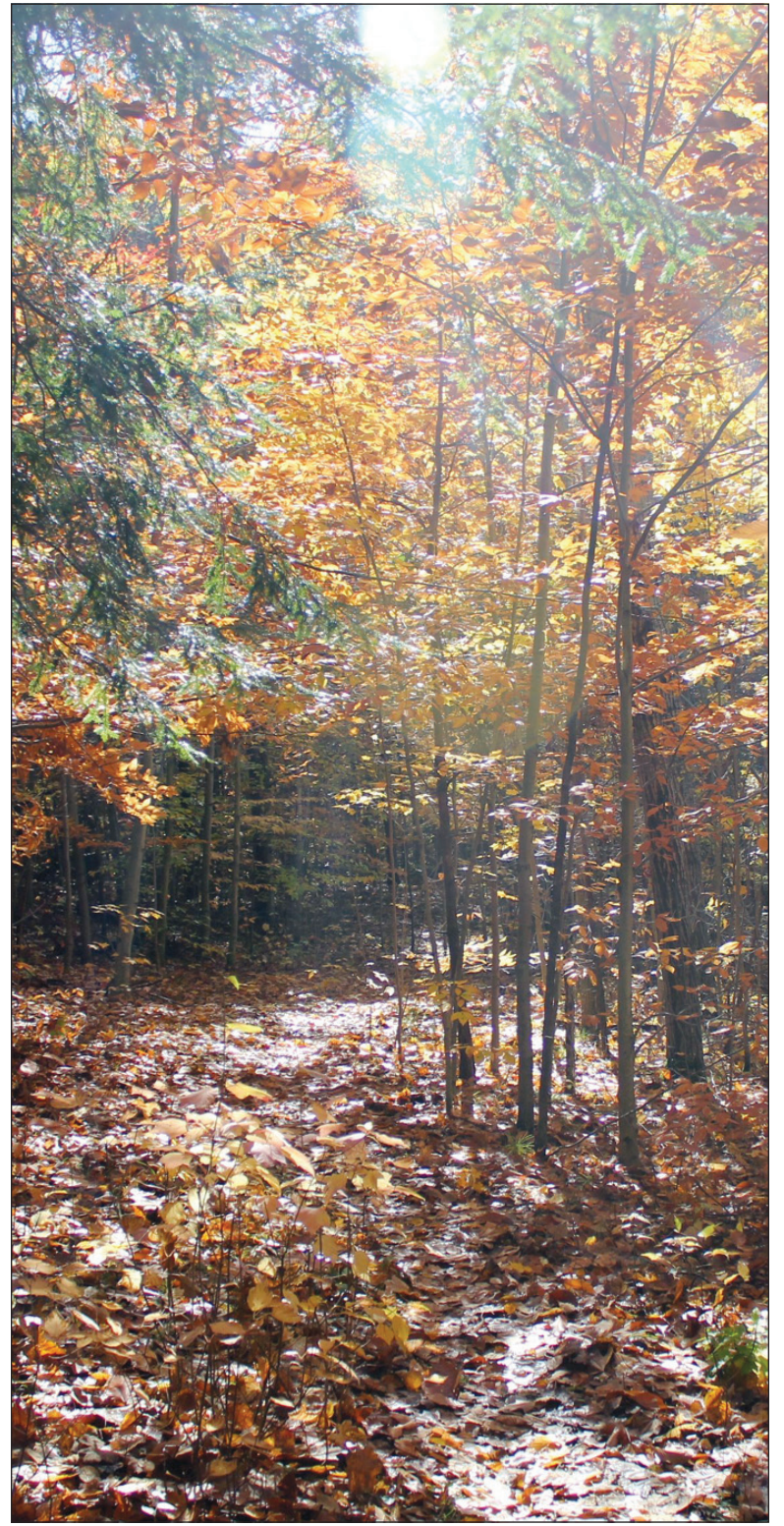
commodate the impact of natural disturbances, it is important to protect the Happy Valley Forest at this scale. Nowhere else on the western Moraine or within the GTA is old-growth forest of this extent achievable. Old-growth forests provide important functions in the ecosystem, from fostering complex relationships and dependencies with wildlife, to carbon sequestration and stream protection. Essentially, old-growth forests act as a reservoir for biodiversity.

Over the past 30 years, the Nature

Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has helped protect more than 2,500 acres (1,011 hectares) of the Oak Ridges Moraine, of which almost 280 acres (113 hectares) are in Happy Valley. NCC's long-term goal for the area is to mobilize enough funds and create partnerships to protect and manage a 500-acre (202-hectare) heritage forest. Under NCC's careful management, the core of the Happy Valley Forest will become a model for old-growth ecology and forest stewardship in eastern North America.



Nature enthusiasts were given the grand tour last Wednesday of the Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve, a new trail in Happy Valley Forest.



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Dufferin Marsh gets a facelift in Schomberg

By Jake Courtepatte

Helpers came from as far as Toronto last Saturday to give the Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg a nice touch-up before the winter months.

The volunteers worked on a number of projects, perhaps the largest being the spreading of two dump trucks worth of wood chips over the trail that winds through the marsh.

"It keeps the area cleaner, and much easier to maintain," said Mary Asselstine, the Environmental Stewardship Coordinator for the Township of King. The Township is in charge of maintenance of the area.

Asselstine is part of an organization called the Dufferin Marsh Committee, which monitors the area, plant trees, plan events, and generally works on habitat restoration.

Celebrating their 25th anniversary

this year, the committee also works with the Township to facilitate educational programs within the local schools for kids.

"There's no naturalist group in town, so this is the closest you will find to a naturalist group," said Asselstine.

A remnant feature of the Schomberg River, the Dufferin Marsh provides a variety of natural functions over its six acres. During major rainfall or spring melting, the area becomes overloaded with water, protecting other areas from flooding.

The water in the marsh then filters into the ground through biological processes, ending up back in the groundwater system.

Located in the heart of Schomberg on Doctor Kay Drive, the marsh "makes a great spot for people to commune."

As far as exploring the marsh, the area consists of two different trails, an



Volunteers dig up dead trees while cleaning up the Dufferin Marsh last Saturday (above). Volunteers pose with Mayor Steve Pellegrini while a dump truck pours out its load of wood chips at the Dufferin Marsh (top right). The volunteers used the wood chips to cover the walking path in the marsh.

Photos by Jake Courtepatte

open grassy area, and a gazebo.

Asselstine said that preservation is a main priority.

"The marsh itself is quite sensitive, so we try to control access into it."

Although short, the trails give walkers a view of the pond area, where a number of species of turtles can often

be found sunbathing on a log. It is also home to more than 50 species of birds, including the Coopers Hawk and the Red-Bellied Woodpecker.

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CDS wins public speaking competition in Hong Kong

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The top 6 Canadians from this tournament qualify for 6 of the 12 Canadian spots at the World Championships, also to be held in Hong Kong in April 2015.

The talented CDS team competed in a gruelling series of events such as Persuasive Speaking, Interpretive Reading, Dramatic Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking, After Dinner Speaking, and Parliamentary Debating.

CDS finished in first place overall out of 35 teams from 8 different

countries, and was also the Top Canadian Team.

Natalie Ganzhorn (Aurora) finished in 1st place overall out of 121 participants, and she also finished 1st in Persuasive Speaking and was 2nd in Dramatic Interpretation. Olivia Railton (Aurora) finished in 5th Place overall, and she won the St. Margaret's Trophy for top speaker Under 16. She also qualified to compete at the World Championships in Hong Kong in April being both a finalist in Impromptu Speaking and Persuasive Speaking. Magellan Jull finished 3rd in Dramatic Interpretation.

Shanee Moran was a finalist in Interpretive Reading. Jackson Empey achieved impressive scores in Persuasive Speaking, and Daniel Rajkumar received outstanding marks for his Interpretive Reading selection taken from To Kill a Mockingbird.

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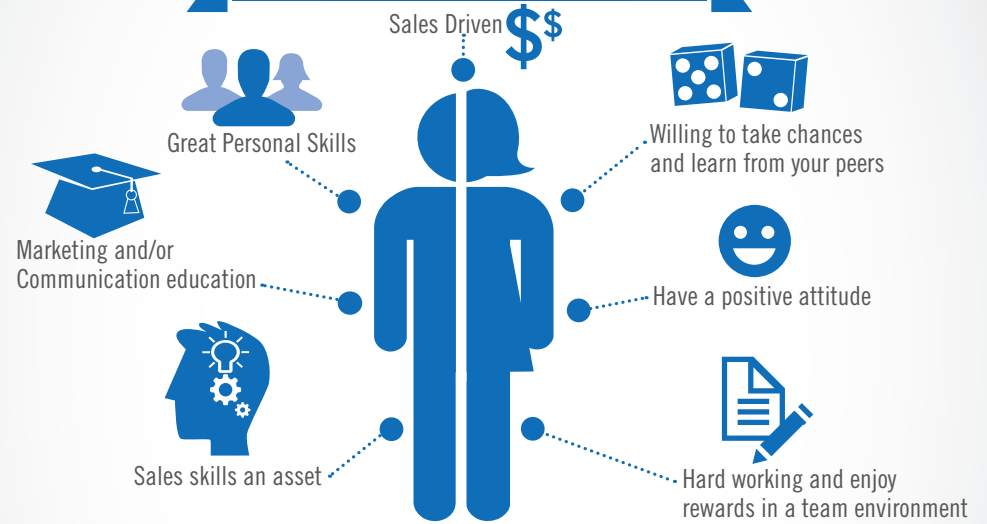
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King's Corners

King City United By Eleanor Fry

Rev. Evelyn was on study leave for Sunday. We welcomed once again our dear friend Rick McKinley to lead our worship. Rev. Evelyn's Friday email shared with each of us her thoughts of this past week's events in our nation's capital.

What we do with these emotions is a test of our faith. Remember, extremists hope to zero in on our fears. We will be strong. We will walk in faith. We pray for those and the families of who were injured or died. We lit a candle of PEACE. We prayed for peace and strength. We sang "O! Canada" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Rick's Sermon was "The Greatest Gift ... LOVE."

We are getting closer to our Vendors' Market this Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We now have 18 vendors for you to check out their wares. Bring your broken pieces of Tupper Ware for replacement. We still need baking for the UCW Bake Table. Please bring these to the church on Friday evening if possible for pricing and display. Can you spare some time to help at the bake table or the used book table? If so, email Evelyn kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

Crossley Honey and Maple Syrup, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Irena's aesthetics, Thompson Funeral Home, Bowen Therapy, Party Lites, 3 different Jewellery tables, crafts, etc. all for your browsing.

Bible Study will resume Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Discuss the upcoming scripture to be used in worship, join in to talk, read, sing, pray, and sometimes go for lunch. Join in to be fed, spiritually and physically

Rev. Evelyn is considering offering a different Bible study based on Handel's "The Messiah" - the scriptures the music is based upon. This could be on a Sunday evening 7 - 8:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 23 for perhaps 4 weeks. We could possibly attend a concert of the Messiah. If you are interested, sign up on the bulletin board.

Those who met for the UCW last week were really entertained with Wendy's expansion of her theme "Pet Peeves." What are they? Are they really worth worrying about? Give me the strength to fix what I can, and the ability to deal with what I can't - don't sweat the small stuff. June Cane's "snacks" were the topper.

Mark your calendar! Sat. Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for all children ages 5-10 years. The theme is "The Gift of Christmas" and includes games, singing, crafts, storytelling, a movie, lunch.

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day, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. We need lots of help with this fun day. Please consider giving some of your time.

United Men host their fabulous Dinner, Nov. 28 and 29. Tickets are \$30. Roast beef dinner, singing, great skits. They cook, they serve, they clean up, they share laughter and fellowship. Call Al at 905-833-5047 for tickets for your choice of Friday or Saturday evenings. Bring a friend who has not been yet, or 2 who have.

We gather each Sunday for worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday School. Join us after for coffee and conversation. 50 Elizabeth grove King City. For any information - office 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bellnet.ca Reverend Evelyn McLachlan email kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

King City Seniors Centre

Arrangements have been completed for the return of a Foot Clinic at the King City Seniors Centre. Along with standard nail clipping, our new registered chiropodist will offer excellent care on corns and calluses.

The first clinic will take place downstairs in the Centre on Friday, Nov. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Please note, this service is available to Seniors Centre members only and all visits are strictly by appointment. The doctor's charge is \$40 per visit and is cash only.

We welcome any new members who may wish to join the Seniors Centre. Membership fees for King Township residents are \$10 for a single and \$15 for a couple at the same address.

For an appointment time or information, call Kay Brooks at 905-833-5555.

Seniors Travel Club News

If you've been out shopping you know that the stores are filling up with Christmas items. To help put you in a holiday mood, the Travel Club is planning a "Christmas Magic" trip to Port Hope and Cobourg to enjoy Christmas decorations at several locations on Friday, Nov. 28. We will visit the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope to view the 75 decorated trees, the Victoria Concert Hall in Cobourg for a history tour, and St. Peter's Anglican Church for a history tour and recital by the organist.

Dinner will be at Arthur's Restaurant at the Best Western, Cobourg. We will finish with a guided tour of the light displays in Cobourg's Victoria Park and Port Hope's Memorial Park. The only meal included is dinner. However, our first stop of the day will be at the On Route Port Hope for a bite to eat at your own expense, or you may bring your own snacks. The coach leaves the arena at 11:30 a.m. and returns around 8:45 p.m.

The cost is \$78 due Oct. 31. To reserve your seat, contact Jane at 905-833-5870 or Nora at 905-833-6162

Museum Workshops

Get ready for the next set of workshops at the King Township Museum!

PhotoMosaic Workshops for teens runs Thursdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 or Saturday, Nov. 22, from 7-9 p.m. It's taught by photographer Robert Brown.

Help us create a giant banner to be displayed in the township. An expert photographer will teach us the essentials to create beautiful photographic creations. The workshops will also study archival photographs from within King Township. The final masterpiece for this workshop will be a photo mosaic banner of The King Township Museum Train Station, one of Canada's oldest train stations. Bring your own digital camera. The Saturday workshop is a condensed version of the Thursday workshop.

Call 905-833-2331 for more information and to register. Ask about earning Community Involvement Hours.

York Pines Church

A range of activities is happening in November at the York Pines Church. You may wish to join the United Church Women for their tour of the Aurora Cultural Centre on Nov. 5 and for the exhibit there about the Aurora United Church.

On Nov. 9 the Cenotaph Service in Kettleby begins at noon. For supper on Nov. 11 enjoy a traditional Turkey Supper served between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. This tasty church supper is a fundraiser for the UCW. Tickets are \$15 for an adult; children age 5-12 are \$5 and children under five are free. Tickets are available by calling the church office at 905-727-8118.

The next Messy Church is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21. The theme will be the story of Joseph and how God's plan is accomplished in spite of jealousies and betrayals. Adults and children with adults will find much to engage them. Arrive for 5 p.m. and stay to 7 p.m., though you are never late for Messy Church.

On Nov. 23, the last Sunday of the church year, the Hodgson Bursary will be presented and the sacrament of baptism will be celebrated. If you wish to be baptized, or to be confirmed in your faith, please contact Rev. Ross Carson at the church office.

On Nov. 26 the Book Club will review the title, "Sweetness in the Belly" by Camilla Gibb. November 30 marks the first Sunday of Advent and the after service work-bee, "The Hanging of the Greens," will keep all busy for an hour or two.

Spiritually, the Sunday worship themes in the month will focus on the topic of prayer. You can be assured of your walk with the God known in Jesus Christ by joining us for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning. All are welcome. The York Pines United Church is located at 3150 the Aurora/Lloydtown Road,

Kettleby.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 2 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "Philippians-A Guide to Maturity" with Where is My Confidence?

We have Celebration Zone available downstairs for kids aged 3-Grade 10. We also have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

Please join the Overtimers seniors group Tuesday, Nov. 11 when we will be joined by Bob McRoberts who will take us on a trip down memory lane! Bob will share his passion and pictures of old postcards depicting Aurora's history.

We will begin with refreshments at 1 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Join us this year for our mid-week kids program! This year we are continuing the VBS theme with Treasure Seekers - an adventure where kids can discover who God is! KidZone is for kids in JK-Grade 6 from 6:45-8:15. We hope to see you there!

Christ Church bazaar

Christ Church, Kettleby, will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Church Hall at 292 Kettleby Road from 1 to 4 p.m.

There will be a bake table, vegetables and preserves, white elephant treasures, books and crafts. Also, a beautiful queen-sized quilt and more prizes for a Draw. Coffee and Tea plus homemade breads will be available in the tea room.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and nursery care running concurrently. Following the service all are invited to stay for Coffee and Chat time while the children play.

Questions? Want to discuss? Coffee and Conversation (Adult Bible Study) is held Wednesdays in the church office with Lynn Vissers at 10 a.m. This is proving to be a wonderful time to discuss thoughts and questions from the Sunday sermon. Call the office for more information.

The Ladies' Prayer Time is at 9 a.m. each Tuesday, held in the Church narthex. Come for fellowship, a time of sharing or quiet contemplation. God promises to be there!

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. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Road.

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Unsung police officers saluted by Minister Peter MacKay

By Brock Weir

In tense situations, York Regional Police Constable Todd Woods always has his partner's back.

They trained together, anticipate each other's moves and, until they pinpoint the perfect time, they move as one. But, unlike his partner, Constable Woods has a voice of his own.

As a member of the YRP's Canine Unit, Constable Woods knows all too well the dangers police officers of the four-legged variety are put in every day and welcomes the introduction of new federal legislation creating new offences prohibiting the injuring or killing of service animals trained for law enforcement, the Canadian Armed Forces, and persons with disabilities.

Dubbed "Quanto's Law" honouring a police dog killed in the line of duty in Edmonton last fall, it is legislation that has been a long-time coming as far as Constable Woods is concerned.

"I think it is a great thing that it is finally here," he said. "I have been in situations where, unfortunately, someone has hurt my dog and nothing was done about that. This is great because (the dog) is a police officer too and works very hard for

us and we expect a lot from the dog."

Constable Woods's dog was struck by the hands of a suspect during a theft case. While he says officers always worry about their partners, it is clear from demonstrations held at York Regional Police Headquarters in Aurora recently that officers with the Canine Unit have special bonds with their partners.

"We will usually get a dog that is around 12 or 13 months old and the person selected will bond with a dog for anywhere from a week or a month prior to starting the course," he explains. "Once they start the course, they learn together. The dog has no prior training and we teach both the handler and the dog the basic course and the bond builds through that, as well as the trust in each other.

"We look for somebody who likes to work hard because it is very physical. There are long nights and sometimes it is a dirty job going through the bushes [with your partner] searching for missing persons."

Constable Woods was one of several officers on hand, along with dogs Cirk and Kye, as Federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay visited the unit to mark Quanto's Law, accompanied by Richmond Hill MP Costas Menegakis.

MacKay was able to see first-hand the bond between partners as the dogs took on agility courses and demonstrated how officer and dog can work in tandem to nab a suspect.

"I am delighted to be here with (Mr. Menegakis) as he is the individual who is, perhaps, most responsible for having brought forward Quanto's Law," said MacKay as he left the YRP headquarters. "Speaking to these officers and having worked previously with Canadian Forces members who also use service animals, it is important that we protect them and

that is exactly what is at the root of this law. It is about special recognition within the law that these animals put themselves at greater risk by virtue of the work they do and the work is extremely valuable.

"At the same time, they are also targeted. We have in place already in the Criminal Code laws that specifically protect police and First Responders. We believe animals are very much a part of that special protection that is needed, so this is the reason behind the legislation."



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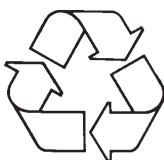


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