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Over the years, "A Main Street Christmas" has grown to be the biggest one-day event in the Township of King, bringing more than 5,000 people to Main Street in Schomberg. The street will be closed to traffic from 3 to 9 p.m. so everyone can enjoy the carollers, the ice sculpturing, the reindeer and the big man himself – Santa!

The afternoon parade is a walk back in time with beautiful costumes, antique fire engines, marching bands, Mr. Scrooge and the Grinch. It is also a walk in the present with neighbours, local community groups and businesses joining in to give cheer for the holiday season.

Visitors will enjoy the Ben Show by Ben Burland, strolling costumed carollers, Steve Rupert and Jason Vincent on stage, The Stylamanders, live reindeer, Town Crier, as well as singers in the Presbyterian Church.

A craft show with 30 vendors will run in the Community Hall.

The Santa Parade begins at 4 p.m. and includes many local organizations, dignitaries, brass bands and costume-clad residents. Santa always comes at the end riding the vintage 1920s fire truck from Schomberg Fire Hall.

While the whole day is special and wonderful, the "Farmers' Parade of Lights" caps the night and brings awe to everyone.

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Council sworn in at inaugural

The new King council was sworn in Monday night during its inaugural meeting Monday night at The Country Day School. Mr. Justice Peter Tetley administered the official oath. Here, King's newest addition, Ward 2 Councillor David Boyd, signs his papers. Turn to Page 3 for the story.

Photo by Angela Gismondi

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

KING CITY FIRE HALL

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

9:00am – Closed Session

- Council Orientation, Education and Training of Members

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Monday, December 15, 2014

6:00pm - Public Meeting re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application

File #: Z-2014-06

Address: 2151 King Road

Owner: 1916014 Ontario Inc.

– Council/Committee of the Whole

– Budget Deliberations:

- 2015 Budget and Business Plan
- 2014/2015 Water & Wastewater Rates
- 2015 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

- Winter Parks Maintenance (Contract) (closes Dec. 4th)
- Booking and Events Coordinator (closes Dec. 10th)
- Recreation Coordinator - Programs and Special Events (closes Dec. 10th)

COMPETITIVE BIDS

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for competitive bid opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MUNICIPAL OFFICES HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Township of King Municipal Offices will close for the holiday season on **Tuesday, December 23rd at 4:30 p.m.**, and re-open for regular business hours on **Monday, January 5th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.**

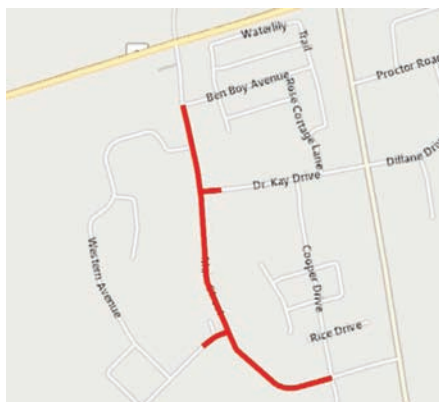
FOR URGENT TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

Please call (905) 833-5321 and the township answering service will relay your call to the appropriate personnel.

NOTICE OF DISRUPTION OF SERVICE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure of Main Street in Schomberg between Ben Boy Avenue and Cooper Drive on Saturday, December 6th, 2014, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. to facilitate the annual 'A Main Street Christmas' parade and festive event. Access to properties will be maintained for affected residents; motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period.

Map of Road Closure Area



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

For more information, please contact:
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REMINDERS

KING IS SEEKING COMMITTEE/BOARD VOLUNTEERS!

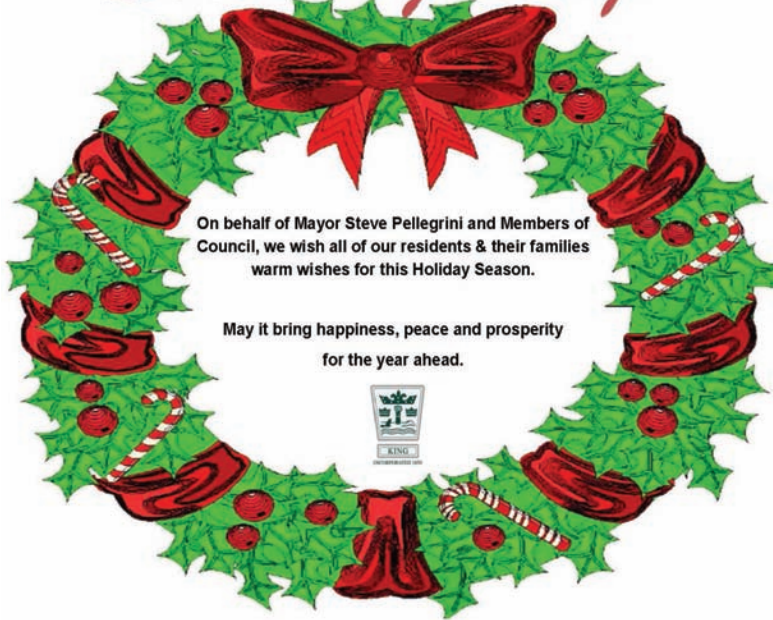
Want to make a difference in your community?
Want to influence how King looks, what King is, how King Works?
Apply to be on an Advisory Committee/Board to Council

This is your opportunity to become involved in King's new initiatives and projects! The Township is currently seeking interested individuals to participate in the following Committees/Boards:

- [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)
- [Committee of Adjustment](#)
- [Heritage Advisory Committee](#)
- [Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board](#)
- [Sustainability Advisory Committee](#)
- [King Public Library Board](#)

Volunteerism and involvement with our Committees/Boards is a great way for local residents to learn about key Township issues/initiatives. Applications will be accepted at the Township offices, to the attention of Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk, up to December 12th, 2014. For additional information on the Recruitment Process, and information about the Committees, documents are available at our Libraries, Municipal Office or on our website at www.king.ca

Season's Greetings



Join us for festive celebrations this holiday season!

Christmas in Kettleby
November 22nd & 23rd

Christmas in King City
November 29th, 5 – 8 pm, Keele St. between King Rd and Elizabeth Grove

Schomberg Main Street Christmas
December 6th, 3:30 – 9 pm, Main Street in Schomberg

Nobleton Christmas Tree Lighting & Toy Drive
December 7th, 6 – 8 pm, Gazebo at Highway 27 and Sheardown Drive

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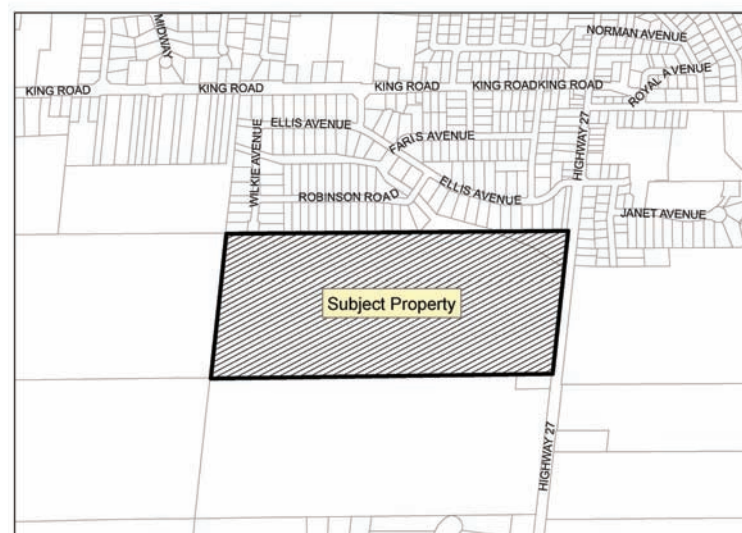
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS AMENDING BY-LAW TO REMOVE HOLDING (H) SYMBOL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to consider an amending by-law under Section 36 of the Planning Act to remove the Holding (H) symbol for the lands described below. The earliest Council will consider passage of the by-law is the Council Meeting on December 15, 2014 at 6:00PM at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law submitted by Tribute Nobleton Holding Corp. under Planning File Z-2014-09 concerns a 39.56 hectare parcel of land located on the west side of Highway 27, south of King Road, in the Village of Nobleton as shown on the attached map.

The subject property is an approved Draft Plan of Subdivision (file#19T-04K03) consisting of 207 residential lots together with an Institutional Block, a Commercial Block, an Open Space Block and an Environmental Protection Block. The owner has applied to remove the Holding (H) symbol from all the residential zones on the plan (R1N-1, R1N-2, R1N-3, R1N-4) identified on Map 4, Schedule A to the Zoning By-law. The removal of the Holding (H) symbol will permit the development of the residential portion of the subdivision to proceed while Holding symbols will remain on the Institutional Block and Commercial Blocks.

ANY PERSON may attend the Council Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the removal of the Holding (H) symbol. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the approval authority, the Township of King, in respect of the amending by-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the amending by-law is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2014-09 at (905) 833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING
THIS 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014

Kathryn Smyth, Clerk
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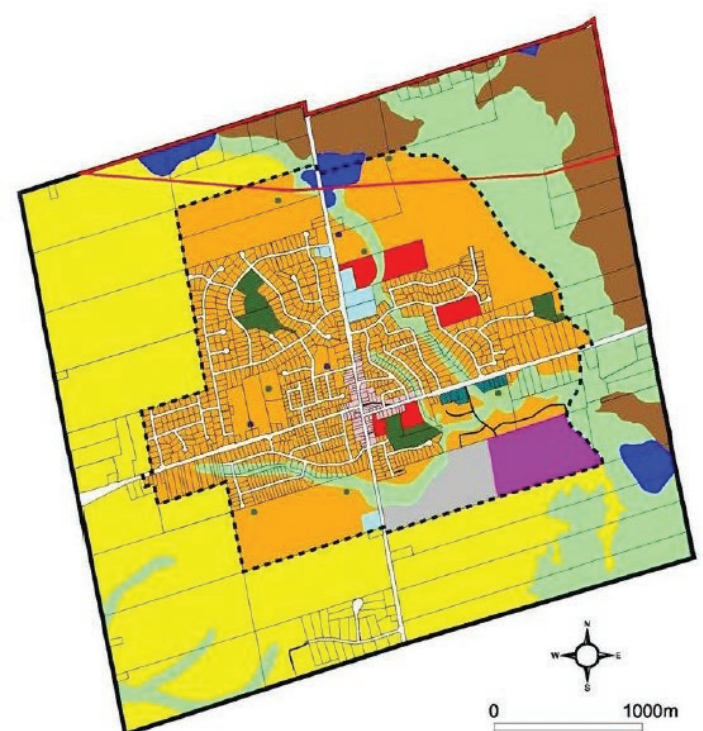
Nobleton Zoning By-law Review Public Open House #1

King Township has initiated a review of the Zoning By-law as it applies to the Nobleton urban area. All interested persons are invited to attend an open house to learn about this project and contribute to our understanding of the types of issues with the current Zoning By-law. The Draft Nobleton Zoning By-law will be prepared in the first half of 2015. Additional open houses will be held as the project progresses.

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The new Zoning By-law is being prepared for Nobleton's Urban Area (as outlined in the dashed black line above)

Council starts new term of office

By Angela Gismondi

The members of the 2014-2018 King Township council were sworn in at a special ceremony at The Country Day School in King City Monday.

While it is a new term, most of the faces around the council table are returning members, with the exception of newly elected Ward 2 Councillor David Boyd. Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Ward 1 Councillor Cleve Mortelliti were acclaimed and Ward 3 Councillor Linda Pabst, Ward 4 Councillor Bill Cober, Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer and Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek were re-elected by their constituents.

The mayor, six councillors, Township CAO Susan Plamondon and Township clerk Kathryn Smyth were piped into the inaugural meeting by Piper Master Peter Fleming and accompanied by King Fire and Emergency Services Honour Guard and fire officials. The ceremony was attended by family, friends and supporters.

Smyth called the meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members of council.

"You all demonstrated a conviction and professionalism in addressing local concerns and responding to issues and concerns during your campaigning," said Smyth. "I thank and commend each of you for your courteous, genuine interest in adhering to the permissions of the Elections Act, continuously displaying your respect, professionalism and compliance with all activities."

She acknowledged the accomplishments of the previous council.

"The 2010-2014 term of council were a cohesive, co-operative team, cognizant of their constituents' needs," said Smyth. "All respected each other, the staff and the issues that the public

brought forward at each meeting. The public were invited to speak freely, and more importantly, the council listened. They focused on creative solutions and compromises, many times arriving at alternative resolution based on fulsome and engaging consultations ... You can all consider yourselves fortunate to have such a dedicated team of individuals representing your best interest, and I, amongst many others, look forward to working with all of them over the next four years."

Justice Peter Tetley of the Ontario Court of Justice presided over the inauguration, conducting the official swearing in and Declarations of Office. Pellegrini was presented with the Chain of Office by his twin boys David and Joey.

Following entertainment from the Carrying Place Band, the mayor and councillors were given an opportunity to address the large crowd gathered at The Country Day School's Performing Arts Centre.

"Today marks one of the most important days in my life and career," said Pellegrini. "The responsibility is large and I am more grateful than words can express at the opportunity you have given me to lead King for another term. The past term was about laying the groundwork and dealing with development pressures. The coming term will be about innovation, partnerships and building on the momentum we have created. There are great times ahead in King Township."

A recurring theme throughout the evening was the success of the former council and their ability to work together.

"I am humbled by my own acclamation as mayor and believe it's a direct result of the good work and cohesion around our council table," said Pellegrini.

ni. "This solid working relationship, along with renewed community engagement, will set the tone for the coming term. As we enter this next stage of council, I am heartened and excited by the fact that this group of committed, community minded individuals shows the kind of promise rarely seen in a municipal government. We will bring together each individual's strengths and knowledge base to focus on being King's biggest cheerleaders."

The mayor welcomed Boyd to the "A Team" and thanked staff and his family for all their support.

Mortelliti took the opportunity to share his memories of growing up in King City and how he has seen the community change over the years. He also touched on some of the major developments happening in King City and throughout the Township including the revitalization of the King City core, the new residential and commercial developments, the expansion of Seneca College's King Campus and the new events in town - the King City Craft Beer and

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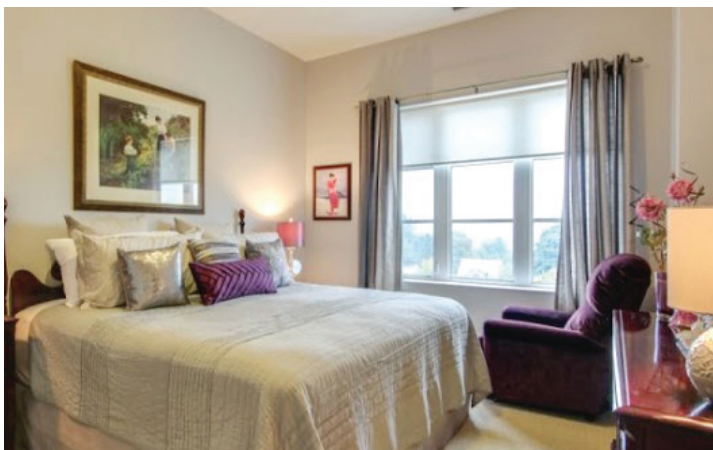
Rates as of Nov.28/14 are subject to change without notice.

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

Applications have been submitted to the Township of King to amend the zoning by-law to provide for a residential plan of subdivision consisting of 5 residential lots supporting single detached dwellings together with an extension of the public street.

The subject lands are located south of Northcott Way, between 29 and 33 Northcott Way. An informal public information session will be held at the Nobleton Library, 8 Sheardown Drive on Tuesday, December 9 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

For more information, contact KLM Planning Partners Inc. at 905-669-4055 ext. 237.



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In 100 years, no one will have heard of us or our accomplishments. And yet, we will leave behind plenty of legacies – huge subdivisions, large homes, traffic roundabouts, parking lots and skyscrapers that breach the clouds.

We tend to blame politicians, planners and engineers for what we see as urban design flaws or blunders.

Planning is a fluid exercise, not something that's limited to a short time frame. Given the current state of bureaucracy and the time it takes to go from concept to ribbon cutting, our entire process is flawed. We put various restrictions, limitations and rules in place for our own protection, and these very rules often cause projects to become outdated and inefficient once the shovel hits the ground.

You would think our movers and shakers, and civil servants have learned a great deal in the past 30 or 40 years.

For all intents and purposes, we should have the best asphalt, sewer construction and intersection navigation known to man. We should never experience power outages, floods or sink holes. Our nap should never be interrupted on the train ride to work.

And yet, it seems we have yet to build the perfect mousetrap.

We have somewhat moved away from the cookie-cutter subdivisions that were commonplace a decade or so ago. While we've addressed aesthetics,



Mark Pavilons

we've done little to create complete communities. We talk the talk, but we don't even get out to walk the walk!

When talking about shaping our own communities, some rather odd contradictions and dichotomies emerge.

The current "trend" is to embrace the live, work, play ideology by creating residential enclaves that include retail, offices and living spaces above. This necessitates heights of three storeys or more.

And simply building it doesn't mean it will take hold.

We all love the idea of being able to work, shop and engage in recreational activities close to home. In fact, consumers demand it.

And for our sins, they gave it to us. With every new commercial development we get banks, coffee shops, a gas station and an eatery or two.

We still crave fast-food, fast banking

and fast service at every turn. It's as if we're always racing to get to the next appointment.

We are a species of fossil-fuel burning loons.

While gas prices are on their way down, we've endured the highest prices in history. Yet our cars, maxi-vans and SUVs (that's intentional, sound it out) are getting bigger and bigger.

We are a species of drivers, not walkers.

And to accommodate our penchant for the automobile, we need garages – the blight on the residential landscape.

Garages are still prominent features of our homes. I see bungalows with beautiful brick work and nicely crafted roof lines. And sticking out like a sore thumb, a giant, ugly garage. There are massive, two-storey homes with turrets, but your eyes are drawn to the massive circular driveway and four-car garage.

Given our avarice and appetite, our houses are getting bigger – a lot bigger.

Published reports indicate home sizes have increased by 40% between 1984 and 2003.

Does anyone remember our parents' homes, back in the 1950s?

The average home size in North America in 1950 was 983 square feet! It rose to 1,500 square feet in 1970, and 2,434 square feet in 2005.

In King, I can only imagine at what the average house size is.

The sizes are growing because we're demanding higher-end homes. Today, custom-built homes range from 5,000 to 8,000 square feet.

In some new developments, the

homes are growing exponentially, while the lot sizes remain relative. Go up, not out.

To suit our lifestyles, we are now ordering "EnorMansions" complete with "Garagmahals."

Not only are the houses getting larger, but everything inside them is getting bigger, too. In 2004, around 40% of new homes had nine-foot ceilings. The number of homes built with four or more bedrooms came in at just under 40%. Multiple heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems are becoming commonplace. And two- and three-zone heating systems are becoming a standard feature.

Why? People want to buy a big house because they can!

In the green, green grasses of King, I seldom see people walking the streets, or hiking the sideroads.

The sad truth is no one wants to walk if we don't have to.

When I was a teen, getting my own car was out of the question, so we have to walk, cycle or hitch.

And the reality today is most municipalities don't put sidewalks high on their list of priorities because there are much more important infrastructure items.

Parking remains the biggest challenge in every village, town and community around the globe.

How often do we hear about public requests for a park bench, an outdoor recycling bin, some planters on the main street?

I think the question we have to ask ourselves is whether all of this is sustainable? Well, is it?

Hot New DVD releases Disney on top of the world

By Mark Pavilons



There's little doubt that Disney is the world leader in family entertainment.

And they've bolstered their holiday lineup.

We've likely all experienced the number one animated feature in the world – Frozen. If you have young ones, you already have the words to every song memorized. But if you haven't, there's the new full-length Sing-Along version, with lyrics to all the songs.

Japanimation is growing in popularity and Disney has released blu-ray combo packs of The Wind Rises, Princess Mononoke and Kiki's Delivery Service.

Award-winning animators from Japan are regarded as creative geniuses, who tell stories in unique ways.

If you haven't experienced this brand of animation, give it a try. It's cinematic magic.

And watch for Guardians of the Galaxy, due out Dec. 9.



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Brainteaser

In a game of chess, how many different choices do you have for your first move?

Last week's answer: God and kings rare see an equal.



King Township Trivia

In 1966 all King Township Fire Departments became "radio dispatched."

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Results from last week's poll:
Are you prepared for winter driving conditions?

a) Yes **100%**

b) No **0%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The suspension of NFL player Ray Rice, who was caught on video tape punching his fiancée in an elevator and knocking her out, has been ordered lifted. Should he ever play pro football again?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

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Environmental literacy for dummies offered

By Skid Crease



Skid Crease

Black Friday. Black Thursday. Black Friday Week. Or just the weekend.

The pre-religious holyday, pre-elf holiday sales always remind me how truly environmentally illiterate we are as a western society. It was headlined this week by a scene from a Walmart store where two customers battled over a \$5 Barbie doll.

Time for a refresher in environmental literacy.

The first rule of environmental literacy is that you cannot consume yourself into happiness. The inhabitants of Easter Island tried this and it did not turn out well for them.

The second rule is that if you do not learn from the patterns, the patterns will consume you. Noah understood this, which is why he built the ark. But like most who predict drastic climate change, Noah was considered a nutcase by mainstream society.

Environmental literacy has its roots in simple survival issues that were immediate to early humans. For example, you observe that the farming is good in the floodplain after the waters have receded. You build a village there. The village is wiped out in the next spring floods. You stop building your village there and move it to the highlands and farm in the lowlands seasonally. We are still working on this concept in the Red River Valley.

Another example is trees. Trees are the climate control centres of the world. If you take down too many trees in a short period of time, you do four things: disrupt the water cycle, remove the ability of the land to enrich the soil, release stored carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and degrade all aquatic life downstream. The peoples of the Sahara Desert, Uttar Pradesh in northern India, and the inhabitants surrounding the Bay of Bengal understand this very well.

Environmental literacy can be easily understood in this example. You see a dog whose ears are flattened to his head, fur on his neck is bristled, lips are curled back revealing all of his very for-

midable teeth, and he is snarling menacingly. Do you a) back away slowly with your eyes down, or b) rush up to pat him saying, "Good doggie!"

If we need to tell you the correct answer, you could be on your way to winning the next Darwin Award.

Here's another: you are in a busy office building waiting for an elevator at lunchtime. You know that many others will be on the elevator already either ready to return to work or leave for lunch. You a) press up close to the elevator door to get in first, or b) you leave room in front of the door for those leaving to get off before you enter.

Or try this one. You know that idling your car for longer than one minute builds up corrosive particles in your engine, wastes gasoline, and emits polluting effluent into the neighbourhood air. However, it is cold outside and your car has frosty windows. Do you a) leave your car idling for ten minutes until it is warm and the windows have defrosted, or b) dress warmly, brush off the snow, scrape the windows, and short idle before you drive away?

If you picked a) take the vehicle line-up behind Stephen Harper.

The Black Friday sales are simply an extreme example of environmental illiteracy. Here we take a season of the year in western society that is supposed

to be devoted to love and remembrance, to family and community, and we turn it into an orgy of excess. Even the Grinch realized that this season doesn't come from a store. Perhaps this season means something much more.

I remember when I first began my environmental speaking engagements back in 1989. My children received one very meaningful present each, wrapped in a pillow case, and one certificate for the WWF Guardians of the Rainforest Program protecting the jaguar sanctuary in Belize. Together, as a family we protected over 20 acres of rainforest in gifts given to family members. I had the opportunity to meet one of the park rangers in Central America in 1990 to ask him if those gifts really made a difference. He said, "We would not be able to patrol and protect the sanctuaries if we were not for those donations. Thank you."

I remember one relative at the time, scoffing at the idea of giving back to the planet and reducing our consumption. I saw him on television recently, with his family, volunteering at the food bank,

before heading out to all of the holiday sales. One step forward, two steps back.

Today, my municipality permits unlimited garbage bags the week after Christmas and New Year's holidays so that all of the Black Friday packaging can be carted off to the local landfill.

Perhaps this winter, or next, we can show a little greater level of environmental literacy in how we shop, commute, and care. If not, good luck with that Barbie doll.

Skid Crease is an award-winning outdoor and environmental educator; a keynote speaker; a storyteller; an author; and a community volunteer. He taught with the North York and Toronto District School boards for 35 years, and officially "retired" from the Faculty of Education, York University, where he was a Course Director and Environmental Science Advisor. Skid has worked with scientists from Environment Canada (pre-2005), NASA, and the Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research in a quest to put an understandable story behind the wealth of their scientific data.

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Home repair program expanded

York Regional council approved updates to York Region's Home Repairs Program, to allow more residents in need to apply for home repair financial assistance. The program is now open to eligible low-income homeowners in addition to seniors and people with disabilities.

This means those who have trouble making ends meet and can't afford important home repairs will be considered for funding so they can continue living in their own home.

In addition to expanding eligibility criteria, homeowners whose homes are valued at less than \$424,000 may now apply for funding more than once, up to a lifetime maximum grant of \$15,000 and a single award limit of \$7,500. This is an increase from the former one-time allowance of up to \$5,000.

Since the launch of the program in 2013, nearly 100 seniors and people with disabilities have benefitted from needed home repair assistance. Starting in 2015, homeowners can submit applications any time throughout the year for consideration. The Home Repair program operates on a first-come, first-served basis and funding is limited.

For more information on the Home Repairs Program, please visit york.ca/communitysupport or email homerepairs@york.ca.

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Polar Bear Dip raises money for Seneca students
 By Jeff Dwyer
 Seneca staff, faculty and students rallied together and took a chilly plunge for the third annual Polar Bear Dip to raise funds for the Campaign for students last week at the College's King Campus.
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 "I think one of the things that is special here is that the students

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King rescue facility saves the lives of 13 horses

By Mark Pavilons

“There is a touch of divinity even in brutes, and a special halo about a horse, that should forever exempt him from indignities.”

Herman Melville

For many of our equine gentle giants, the end of the road is a distasteful one indeed.

Horses who have outlived their usefulness often end up at horse auctions, sold by the pound for their meat.

But a group of animal rescuers from King’s Horse Haven/Dog Tales, made a difference in the lives of 13 animals last week, saving them from the slaughterhouse.

Georgette Dunn, media relations direction at Dog Tales, said their organization purchased 11 draft horses, one mule and one Arabian horse, loaded them up and brought them to their new King home. While they may have ruffled some feathers at the auction house, they were simply carrying out their mandate – saving horses and giving them a comfortable place to live out the rest of their days.

Dunn said many of these animals tend to be long-service working draft horses, who’ve performed their menial tasks faithfully for years. Their last stop, she said, is the meat buyer.

While some meat is sold in Ontario,

most is exported to foreign markets. Some horse meat is used as byproducts in pet food.

There was a sense of relief when the animals were unloaded at the local farm and let out to pasture. Some were quite distressed but they’re now finding their feet and enjoying a stress-free life of leisure.

Danielle Eden, who leads the efforts at Horse Haven, said some of the animals were scared and timid, indicating they may not have been treated well by their previous owners.

She was quite shocked at the auction process and how the animals are sold. One of their rescues still has the auction number glued to its rear haunches.

The facility can accommodate 30 horses and they have nine stalls remaining.

These equine rescues are not ridden or adopted out, but rather live out their lives in comfort. Most are older, perhaps 20. They live upwards of 25 to 30 years.

Dunn noted Ontario and Quebec are the “worst offenders” when it comes to slaughtering horses for meat. It’s banned south of the border, but that doesn’t stop our American neighbours from bringing their animals here to be sold.

“It’s just crazy to me,” Dunn said. “I’ve bought horses to ride, not for meat. It’s shocking.”

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Danielle Eden of King’s Dog Tales/Horse Haven, spends time getting to know her new rescues. She helped save 13 horses at auction.

Photos by Mark Pavilons

reported that 71,961 horses died in Canadian slaughterhouses in 2013 – more than 1,380 per week. There are five federally licenced plants in Canada, but none in Ontario.

Almost 60% of these horses originate from the U.S. where horse slaughter ended in 2007.

The Orangeville-based Canadian Horse Defence Coalition works to protect horses from slaughter by raising public awareness. They’re pushing for legislation that will ban such practices in Canada.

At the auction, potential buyers are told some of the horses are dangerous, meaning their only useful purpose is for meat. But Dunn contends no horse is born that way, quite the contrary.

Horses tend to be quick learners and can be very loyal companions to their owners.

Horses become confident and learn from positive experiences. Many young or inexperienced horses become anxious because they are uncertain and therefore more suspicious of new objects, sounds or new situations. Horses are herd animals and love the company of one another within a group.

Eden noted she considers herself a voice for these animals. Their facilities are limited, however, so they currently

concentrate on the hard cases – horses that no one else will take.

And in just a couple of hours, they made a difference.

The 48-acre property has plenty of room to roam and the animals are also encouraged to socialize with one another.

Eden also criticizes breeders who cast off the less-than-perfect specimens. There are no limits on breeding horses and Eden likens some breeders to puppy mills.

Dunn pointed out the plight of horses reached a low point two years ago when low hay production saw skyrocketing prices and many animals starved.

Horse Haven paid roughly \$500 to \$600 each for the horses. While these have been saved, the fate of other “gentle giants” is very sad.

But for Horse Haven, it’s “just the beginning.”

The prestigious facility, likely unrivalled by anything in the world, boasts all the comforts of home, the proverbial “dog hotel” if you will. Eden and Robert Scheinberg have spared no expense, for the simple reason that our four-legged friends deserve to be comfortable.

For more on the rescue efforts of Dog Tales/Horse Haven, visit www.dogtales.ca.



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

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

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



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

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

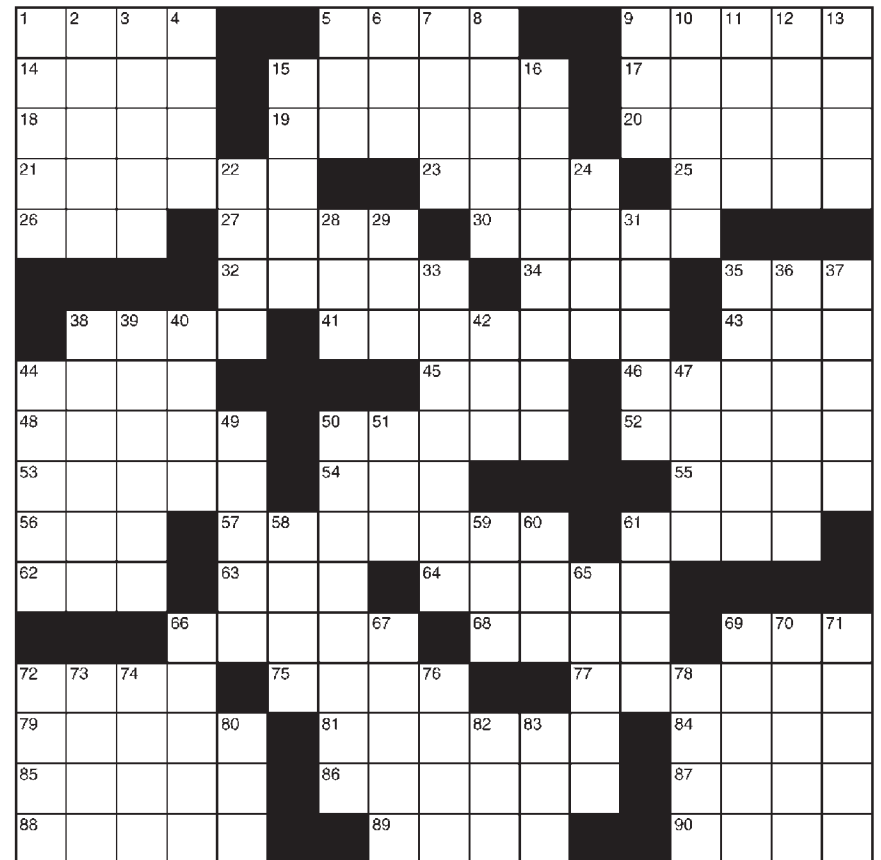
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| 9. A legal wrong | 54. Decay | 6. Unit of resistance | 51. City property |
| 9. Church song | 55. Lincoln’s coin | 7. Toga | 58. Cowhand’s footwear |
| 14. Network, as of nerves | 56. Greek letter | 8. Tot rod? | 59. Crude mineral |
| 15. Accomplish | 57. Felon’s friend | 9. Drivel | 60. Sharp blow |
| 17. Heart chambers | 61. Ice-cream drink | 10. Narration | 61. Netting |
| 18. Branding ____ | 62. Draw from | 11. Oratorio part | 65. Successful dieter |
| 19. Rum drink | 63. Shoe part | 12. Dryer fuzz | 66. Merit |
| 20. Gist | 64. Invasion occasion | 13. Partner | 67. Of trivalent gold |
| 21. Brunch quaff, often | 66. Stringed instrument | 15. Despots | 69. Establish a trust fund |
| 23. Enlarges | 68. Heroic verse | 16. Punk rocker | 70. “____ It to Beaver” |
| 25. Give a PG to | 69. Northern toymaker | 22. Mulligan’s dish | 71. Certain chicken |
| 26. Kind of rally | 72. Spotted cavy | 24. Eye woe | 72. Recreational area |
| 27. Math course | 75. Sightseeing trip | 28. “____ fleece was white . . .” | 73. Prayer conclusion |
| 30. Doorway | 77. Black eye | 29. Masterpiece | 74. Sheltered bay |
| 32. Aromatic compound | 79. Agave root | 31. Kidney-related | 76. Roster |
| 34. Shipboard yes | 81. Pique | 33. Italian menu option | 78. Unoccupied |
| 35. Indian title | 84. Invasion occasion | 35. Pivot | 80. Moray, e.g. |
| 38. Flat-bottomed vessel | 85. Follies | 36. Mouse, e.g. | 82. Radio-wave letters |
| 41. Jot | 86. Vacillate | 37. Like xenon | 83. Realize |
| 43. Were the victors | 87. Nil, to Newcombe | 38. “Moonlight ____” | |
| 44. Bubbles | 88. Genuflect | 39. Short snooze | |
| 45. Take legal action against | 89. Restaurant | 40. Neglect | |
| 46. Organic compound | 90. Water pitcher | 42. Couple | |
| 48. Shenanigan | | 44. Element | |
| 50. Dumbfound | | 47. Flaky mineral | |
| 52. ____ and onions | | 49. South American raccoon | |

DOWN

1. Kink
2. Cliff hanger?
3. Trample
4. Gambling game

**Solution
on page 16**

Christmas in King City brings community together



King City welcomed visitors Saturday evening to help kick off the festive season. From local choirs and performers to businesses, the streets were packed with residents enjoying holiday cheer.

Photos by Mark Pavilons

KCBA extends thanks

On behalf of the King City Business and Community Association and King Township, thank you to all who attended this year's Christmas in King City Event on Saturday, Nov. 29. The event was a resounding success on every front – the ambiance, the people, the food and the entertainment.

I saw more smiling faces than I could count! A special thank you to our vice-president volunteers, Dora Sabani-to and Lela Bojovic, branch managers from TD Canada Trust in King City for their generosity in helping us to organize this event, along with Annmarie Viola and Villanova College for their assistance as our media organizers.

Without the help of all our volunteers everything that you saw and experienced on Saturday would not have been possible. Last but not least, a personal thank you to all the businesses and organizations who sponsored and participated in our event, in particular our corporate sponsor, TD Canada Trust in King City and our Deck the Halls Sponsor, Country Day School in King City.

Thank you for making a difference in our community and kicking off the Christmas spirit.

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Council looks forward to shaping King Township

From Front Page

Food Truck Festival and Christmas in King City.

“King City is a place where quality living, quality education and quality employment opportunities are at our finger tips,” said Mortelliti. “It is a place that is within close proximity to quality universities within a world class city – made accessible by a major commuter rail line and it is a place that is only a few minutes’ walk from the Oak Ridges Moraine trails and only minutes away from an international airport. This is King, this is our home, and protecting and enhancing its legacy is what continues to motivate me to be your councillor.”

Boyd was humbled to be chosen the newest member of King council.

“I’m honoured the voters from Ward 2 gave me the opportunity to represent Nobleton and Laskay,” said the first-time councillor, thanking his family and campaign team for all their help. “You have provided me with an opportunity for which I am most proud. I’m eager to get started and enthusiastic about what we can accomplish together ... I trust this term of council will result in a number of advancements for our community.”

His focus will be on “clear and effective communication,” using person-to-person as well as online forums. He launched his new website earlier in the day and said it will be a community resource where residents can find out what is happening and voice their concerns.

Pabst said it is a privilege to represent the constituents of Ward 3 and all of King Township for a seventh term. Her family was instrumental in encouraging her to run for re-election, including her late husband Burt who “was her rock.” She also thanked her campaign team.

“I have been saying that experience matters and it does,” said Pabst. “I plan to use my experience and knowledge

to be the best representative for Ward 3 and will be a voice of reason at the council table ... More importantly I will listen to the voices of our residents and represent them to the best of my ability.”

She is looking forward to working with other members of council.

“I look forward to serving with you and shaping the future of King Township,” said Pabst.

Cober said he is thrilled to continue to work as the Councillor for Ward 4.

“Thank you for putting your trust and confidence in me,” said Cober. “I promise to continue to be a dedicated voice on your behalf and be proud to call King Township home now and forever.”

His key goals include continuing to enhance economic development and attract desired investors to the Township, infrastructure and asset management, growth management, attracting development which respects King’s rural roots and recreational enhancements.

“We will work together as a council to accomplish these goals,” said Cober.

Schaefer said she never thought she would be a municipal politician, but entering her second term on council, she realizes how important the role is.

“The potential of this role to influence how King will evolve, that’s why I decided to seek re-election,” said Schaefer. “I will do my research, I will listen to what you, my constituents, think about the issues, I will listen to my colleagues and staff and make my decision. By re-electing me, you have granted me a wonderful opportunity to participate at the council table and make decisions to support our vision.”

At first she was not pleased to learn that there were two other candidates vying for the position of Ward 5 councillor.

“I think I really benefitted from the campaign and made me think – why do I want to be a councillor,” said Schaefer. “It got me to get out and talk to my constituents and listen to what their concerns and issues are.”

The election was at a challenging time of year for Councillor Eek, who is also a farmer in the Holland Marsh.

“It was right in the middle of our onion harvest,” explained Eek adding it was difficult balancing campaigning and harvesting. She thanked her family for their patience.

This is her second term of council and she admits the first time around, she had no idea what she was getting herself into.

“We’ve come a long way since 2010,” said Eek. “In the past four years our council has come together to create a plan to move this municipality forward. I look forward to working with my council colleagues. This is a special and unique community and I am privileged and honoured to serve you.”

Mayor Steve Pellegrini was handed the Chain of Office by his twin sons, David and Joey. The new council was officially sworn in during a special ceremony at The Country Day School Monday night.

Photo by Angela Gismondi



Hair studio finds a new location

By Angela Gismondi

Maria J’s Family Hair Studio has moved.

After 10 years in a plaza on Highway 27 and King Road in Nobleton, Maria Joaquin had to move her business due to the new commercial development in the community.

“The people of Nobleton and everywhere else have supported me so much,” said Maria. “I have really great customers and most of them have been supporting me from day one. I really appreciate their support.”

The business started as a barber shop but when Maria took over, she made some changes. She specializes in style, cuts, colours, perms, up-does and waxing.

“I changed it to include the whole family so everyone is welcome,” explained Maria.

Maria has always been interested in serving people in some way. She recalls being a little girl in Guyana, going to the salon and peeking in the window to see what was happening inside. She came from a large family and after losing her parents at a young age, was left alone to take care of her siblings. She came to Canada 14 years ago to take care of a sister who was very ill.

“I took care of my sister, had two jobs and went to school at night,” Maria said. “After losing my sister – who was the only family I had here in Canada – it wasn’t an easy road, but I did it.”

She started out working in a salon in Toronto, then worked in Nobleton and eventually got the opportunity to run her own place.

“I was only able to make my dreams come true here in Canada,” said Maria. “It’s a great place to be if you are willing to work.”

Maria J Family Hair Salon is located at 5870 King Road in Nobleton. For more information, call 416-434-6452.



Maria Joaquin

Conservancy named top charity

As Canadians enter an important time of the year for charitable gift giving, MoneySense Magazine has ranked the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) the top environmental charity in the country for the 5th consecutive year.

The not-for-profit, private land conservation organization welcomes the announcement just published in MoneySense Magazine’s 2015 Charity 100 rankings.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada earned an overall grade of A. The magazine’s ranking, the only one of its kind in Canada, evaluates charities based on their overall efficiency, fundraising efficiency, governance and transparency and the size of their reserve fund.

MoneySense began grading Canada’s biggest 100 charities five years ago providing valuable information to guide Canadians as they consider where best to invest their philanthropic gifts.

“We work hard to earn the trust of our donors,” says John Lounds, president and CEO of the Nature Conservancy of Canada. “More than 80 per cent of the funds we raise are spent directly on our conservation program. Few charities can claim this level of efficiency, and we are grateful to be recognized and rated highly in the MoneySense Charity 100 again this year.”

“This announcement by MoneySense Magazine demonstrates the Nature Conservancy of Canada is a worthy charity of choice to protect Canada’s unique natural areas—safeguarding habitats for plants and wildlife, as well as providing a haven for recreation,” said Ian Barnett, vice-president of Regional Operations across the country.

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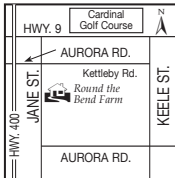


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Ring in the new year with a toast



New Year's Eve is a festive occasion, full of lavish parties or more intimate gatherings at home where food and drink are important components of the celebration. Many people toast the new year with a glass of champagne, but those who would like to buck tradition can raise a glass of any cocktail, including martinis.

Though martinis have many incarnations, traditional martinis are made with gin and vermouth and garnished with an olive or lemon twist.

Gin is an astringent-tasting liquor made from the juniper berry. Vermouth is a sweet wine that is added to counteract the tartness of the gin. Dry martinis are those that use a minimal amount of vermouth.

Because martinis can be an acquired taste, mixologists have breathed life into newer, flavored martinis that use vodka as a base instead of gin. These flavored cocktails have little to do with the traditional martinis but are served in martini glasses and have become quite popular.

Serving a nontraditional martini at a party is quite easy to do. Hosts can create a signature flavor to go along with the theme of the event. This way only one selection of ingredients is needed, rather than assembling spirits for a multitude of different martini recipes.

Many different martini recipes are available; hosts may find it difficult to settle on one. Here are three recipes that could fit in with a winter or New Year's Eve theme.

White Chocolate Martini

- 2 ounces vanilla vodka
- 1 ounce White Creme de Cocoa
- 1 ounce white chocolate liqueur, like Godiva
- 1 White chocolate bar

Pour ingredients into a shaker and shake thoroughly. Strain into a chilled martini glass. Garnish with white chocolate shavings on top.

Pomegranate Martini

- 1 ounce citrus vodka
- 1/2 ounce orange liqueur
- 3 ounces pomegranate juice
- Chopped ice
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
- Lemon slice for garnish

Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker. Add ice so that the shaker is about one-third full. Shake for several seconds and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with the lemon slice.

Spiced Cake Martini

- 2 ounces hazelnut flavor liqueur, like Baileys
- 1/2 ounce cake flavored vodka
- Sprinkle of nutmeg powder

Shake all ingredients together and strain into a martini glass. Sprinkle with nutmeg and serve.

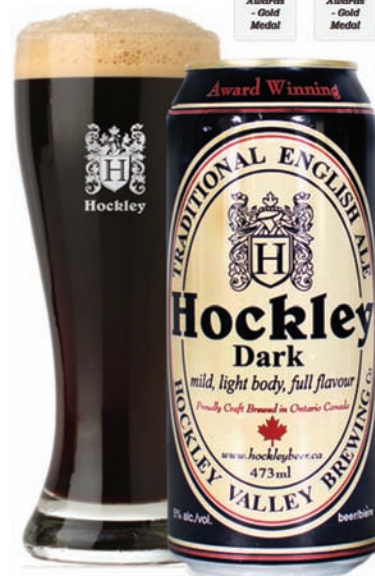
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Main Street transforms into a winter wonderland

From Front Page

The massive farm tractors, combines, haybalers, and threshers – some coming straight off the fields – are decorated from top to bottom with lights that brighten the hearts of all those lucky enough to witness the magnificent sight of these massive tractors rolling down Main Street. The local farmers have always made a point of saying this is their way of giving back to the community in which they live and work.

New entertainers this year include Dan the Music Man and The Amazing Corbin who has a comedy/magic act.

There will be an ice carving demonstration from 5 to 8 p.m. on Main Street near the Schomberg Pub. The Village Blacksmith will set up his forge and anvil and give demonstrations.

King Township will be providing a free workshop to make bird feeders.

A popular favourite, the King Curling Club will bring their "Rocks and Rings" to Main Street for everyone to try out curling.

Food vendors are mostly local community groups fundraising by selling roasted chestnuts, bacon on a bun, chili, hamburgers and hot dogs along with hot drinks. There will also be a Kettlecorn stand and Beavertails.

Each year, hundreds of people contribute to make the day special for everyone. Some of them work on this event for the day, some work for weeks and some for months. The crafters come to the Community Hall with their creations for sale; the food vendors representing the churches; the firefighters, Lions, and other local community groups, come with their offerings of peameal bacon on a bun, roasted chestnuts, mulled cranberry juice, hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, sausage on a bun, and even cotton candy. The entertainers come singing and dancing and making magic. And let's not forget that all of this is made possible by the tremendous support of our sponsors, and by the residents and businesses who allow us to use their properties.

Above all, events like this need someone who will coordinate, organize, delegate, and make decisions. Now, after 11 years leading the organization of "A Main Street Christmas," Susanne Prince will be stepping aside.

After her initial dismay, Angela Rose,

treasurer for the Schomberg Village Association, said: "An event like A Main Street Christmas requires vision, leadership and organization. Two years ago, Susanne and her husband were overseas when AMSC was on, yet the team of volunteers were able to carry on admirably without her at the helm. How? Because she had done much of the work beforehand and had everything organized to such an extent that we just followed the instructions in the binders she had assembled and applied some common sense. I admire leaders who are collaborative and decisive - she is both. And she's the ultimate volunteer - putting in hours and hours of her own time and energy for the benefit of the community. I dare to hope we'll find someone else like her, but she will surely be missed."

Jane Binions, secretary, Schomberg Village Association echoes those sentiments.

"Over the last 11 years 'A Main Street Christmas' has been blessed with a visionary at the helm. With a team of volunteers under her, Susanne took on the leadership of a relatively small event and created a community event that is envied far and wide. Her organizational skills, creativity, hard work and passion for her community will be a hard act to follow. As she steps down, she will pass on the reigns of an event that is run smoothly, is extremely well organized and loved by the whole community."

Schomberg's "A Main Street Christmas" is truly a special event – it epitomizes what the village is about – friends, family, community service, good spirit, celebration. If you would like to help carry on this wonderful tradition, think about volunteering with the Schomberg Village Association – for the day, a week, or months.

Contact Angela Rose at angela.rose002@sympatico.ca or Jane Binions at jbinions@rogers.com. More information can be found at www.schomberg.ca.

This Saturday's 'A Main Street Christmas' in Schomberg offers a host of activities for visitors, including ice carving and live reindeer. The parade kicks off at 4 p.m. and festivities continue into the night.

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Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program eyed as a model

By Mark Pavilons

The world's most successful program connecting seasonal workers with agricultural employers has kicked into high gear.

It continues to draw praise from area farmers and organizations and in fact, is recognized around the world.

Administered by Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.), the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) links some 14,000 requests for seasonal workers with jobs at Ontario farms during the growing season.

Not only does the 48-year-old program provide a long list of benefits to the workers and the farmers, but also it creates two Canadian jobs in the agrifood industry for every worker employed through SAWP at Ontario agricultural operations, according to FARMS president Ken Forth.

"Governments and agricultural organizations around the world are looking at this program as a model," Forth said. "For decades, this program has provided Ontario farmers a steady source of reliable labour as a supplement to local labour. At the same time it gives the seasonal workers well-paying employment, benefits and educational opportunities not available at home."

According to Jamie Reaume, president of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association, the F.A.R.M.S. program is Canada's greatest foreign aid program, one that sees economic improvements for the workers coming to this area, while having them return to their own nations not just with money in their pockets (the average hourly wage is about five to seven times what they would make in their own countries) but with technologies that lead to enhanced lifestyles for those involved in the program.

This area is one of the largest growing regions, along with Niagara, Leamington, and Norfolk, for its use of the seasonal worker program. As such, we have a vast array of knowledge built around their expertise. And it is this expertise that is relied upon.

"Many of the workers spend years on the same farming operation, building a 'family' rapport with the farmers. Wedding invitations, children, and other family-oriented events take precedent for these relationships. In fact, the aver-

age farm worker has been with the same farmer, in this area, for more than 13 years - a factor in many of the business decisions that these farmers are making," Reaume said.

He stressed that these workers are "key to ensuring Ontarians and Canadians have access to fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables, and to those who eat the product of the Holland Marsh beyond our borders.

"These individuals are instrumental in moving this area's \$170-million farmgate sector (and more than a billion dollars provincially) through all of its variable marketing channels. They are an integral part of Ontario's main economic engine (farming and food), without whom our system would likely collapse. But more so, they are vitally important to the countries that they arrive from, because they give back what they earn here to enhance their own family's wealth, raising their status, in many cases, towards middle and upper income levels."

Reaume added that many of those who come to Canada utilize the knowledge gained here to make improvements to their own farming communities, ensuring that the trend towards self-sufficiency of food supply continues.

"It is a remarkable program, filled with remarkable folks from both sides of the border, and one that is clearly the envy of the world," he said. "While the area, and the Holland Marsh Growers' Association favours local labour, and would love to see our fellow citizens putting forth the same efforts as our colleagues from the seasonal agricultural workers program, our time-filled occupation is not seeing a lot of movement towards farmer employees. Sadly, farming is not the easiest of life choices, but it is one that requires hard work, dedication, and a relentless drive that eludes many within our society today."

Canada's finest foreign aid program is seen in use every day in the fields in and around the Holland Marsh and that "should be cause for celebration at the diversity that continues to grow in your own backyard."

Seasonal workers benefit from signed contracts that guarantee them all the protections and benefits Canadian workers receive.

They receive an hourly wage rate set by Human Resources & Skills Development Canada. The hourly rate is not less



than the provincial minimum wage rate or the local prevailing rate paid to Canadians doing the same job, whichever is greatest.

"Ontario farmers pay the highest farm worker wages in North America and face intense competition from low-wage competitors," Forth added. "Without this program, many Ontario farmers simply couldn't continue to grow fruits and vegetables. They'd stop growing altogether or move into less labour-intensive crops."

King's Eek Farms has been part of F.A.R.M.S. (Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services) since 1998.

This program provides a necessary service to our agricultural community. It not provides an opportunity for a better life for the workers who comes here, but it also boosts our local economies, according to farmer and councillor Avia Eek. These workers spent a lot of money locally on items they send back home (tools, electronics, clothes, even washing machines).

Their farm is always struggling to find dependable workers and this program makes the connection between that needed work force and farms on which to work.

Eek said the two men they hire through SAWP have been with us for al-

most a decade now and they are among the more than 1,500+ workers who spend six to eight months helping grow the vegetables that feed York Region, the GTA and others in our province, country, and some of our international trading partners.

"I consider this program as part of a foreign aid program, to the extent that the people who come to work here, on our farms, are able to afford to build a better life for themselves and their families in their home countries. This program affords them the opportunity to pay for an education for their children, many learn new skills while working on our farms (skills they can use back home), and even though they are paid minimum wage (\$11 per hour) for the work they do here, once you factor in the exchange rate of their own countries, it works out to them making the equivalent of 6-7 times their own money.

"I believe many of our international trading partners would enjoy having access to a program such as this, if only, for the reliable workforce.

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Cougars offence on fire in back-to-back wins

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The Junior C Schomberg Cougars' roller coaster of a season continues, this week with an uphill climb after a pair of wins has them clawing back up the GMOHL standings.

After dropping three games in a row the Cougars hosted the last-place Midland Flyers at the Trisan Centre Thursday, who were coming off an 8-2 trouncing of the Orillia Terriers earlier in the week – only their sixth win of the season.

This night would be a much closer match up, with neither team gaining more than a one-goal lead.

Less than four minutes in, Schomberg goaltender Luke Gamoyda was beat shorthanded by the Flyers Evan Buehler, one of the few shining lights of the Midland squad.

Despite their position in the standings, Buehler leads all players with 39 points in 22 games.

Schomberg's Nathan Sinclair has had his own success as of late, tying the game at one at the mid-way point of the first period.

Only joining the team in late October, Sinclair has notched seven points in his last seven games.

From there it was a game of cat-and-mouse until the final minutes of the game, with the Cougars matching each Flyers goal shortly after.

Down 4-3 with only five minutes to play, defenceman Brandon Yorke showed why he is the team's top scorer by capitalizing on a 5-on-3 to once again square up the score.

Derek Neilly put the Cougars on top for the first time all game less than two minutes later with his first goal in almost two months, a lead they would hold on to until the final buzzer.

Gamoyda had a solid outing for the Cougars, allowing four goals on 37 shots faced.

Ten Cougars players made the score sheet in an overall team effort.

Sharmrocks wilt

Saturday's match against Erin almost seemed as if the Shamrocks were looking to give the points away. Early penalty trouble cost them the early lead, and plagued them throughout a game where the Cougars had an extra man almost more often than not.

In total, the Shamrocks racked up 62 minutes in penalties, giving the Cougars 14 power plays.

John Gage, Blake Culley, Joseph Mete, Neilly and Yorke all had multi-

point games in what ended as a 6-3 win for the Cougars.

With only five games under his belt this season, Justin Formenton earned his second goal in as many games.

This time it was Taylor Ewart picking up the win, his sixth of the season.

The 2014-2015 season has been an

unpredictable one for the Cougars, riding a number of winning and losing streaks but ultimately maintaining position in the middle of the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League standings.

After a relatively week schedule to end November, the Cougars are in tough this week with a home-and-

home match up against the first-place Alliston Hornets.

The Hornets visit the Trisan Centre Thursday, before the Cougars head north to New Tec. Rec. on Friday.

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



Cougars goaltender Taylor Ewart made 23 saves on 26 shots in Saturday's 6-3 win over the Erin Shamrocks.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



Ron Swan from the Harvey Station Curling Club in New Brunswick is Curling Across the Nation in efforts to raise money for his own hometown curling club. He participated in the King Country Men's Invitational Bonspiel held at the King Curling Club.

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Curler travels across the nation, curling 100 games

By SHELLEE MORNING

Ron Swan is slowly becoming a household name as he is attempting to curl in 100 sponsored games in 100 different clubs across the nation.

His journey began in October in Winnipeg with efforts to help raise money for his own hometown curling club in Harvey Station, New Brunswick. After calling a list of clubs last July to schedule games to play, he has gathered far more attention about his cause than he would ever have believed, including a segment on the morning television show Canada AM.

Members of his community have also grasped his energy with a fierce amount of pride seeking sponsors for every game he plays. All money that is raised will go directly towards the 53-year-old club and its repairs.

Recently, Mr. Swan was invited to play in the King Country Invitational hosted by the Men's League at the King Curling Club. His game in Schomberg was the second game for the day as he played one in Bradford in the morning, then completed his day with a 3rd game in Scarborough later that evening.

Swan, who has a cousin who lives in Schomberg and who

hasn't seen in many years, was able to visit in between games as the two travelled together for the day.

Swan, a very humble man, hopes that what he is doing will also shine some light and create more of an interest in the sport of curling. With many older clubs being shut down he says it is "vital" to help promote curling and get the younger generation involved in a sport that has minimal costs to join and can be played from an early age and well into the senior ages ... unlike many other sports.

King Curling Club Men's League is proud to support Mr. Swan's ambitious efforts with a generous donation on Ron's behalf and wish him and his club best of luck in the club's repairs.

Relatively a new club themselves, King Curling too was fortunate to receive aid in financial support from various local, regional, provincial and federal funding platforms.

The King Curling Club is pleased to "pay it forward" and wish everyone good curling in Harvey Station. It was an honour to have Mr. Swan join us in our bonspiel.

Anyone wanting to follow Ron on his "Curling Across the Nation" mission can visit him on Facebook and make a donation to his worthy cause.

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Boynton ties it by a touch in King curling action

By SHELLEE MORNING

Teams Boynton and Davis, two well-known veterans of the sport, went end for end in last week's Men's A Division action of the King Curling Club.

Both Skips taking charge of the house required precise rock placement for tight guards from their front end, as well pressure take-outs from their vices, all in preparation to setting up the rings.

Right from the first push from the hack, Skip Scott Boynton, Darren Campbell, Craig Hatt and Don Keogh applied pressure in the game of inches to Skip Karl Davis and his team. As millimeter misses popped up between both teams, the players were also able to collect themselves with rebounding shots to keep it close.

Gary Boose, Joe Burnato and Jack Purves (spare for Steve Broad) played with a force of strength ensuring a last shot was available for their Skipper. With the house crowded with Boynton stones in the 6th, Davis's only shot for a single point, was an in-off of one of his own against two counting rocks innocently perched in the 4-foot rings. It was a pressure shot that needed to be executed with exact weight and sweepers powerfully brushing to avoid the over curl. When the dust settled, the Davis stone stopped perfectly for the one-point lead.

During play in the final end, Boynton threw a perfect raise into the red 4 foot zone, once again leaving Davis having to remove one of his own off the top of the house hopefully to create an opening, just so he had a shot in the end. The angle raise on Davis's final throw appeared to be in counting range. Boynton with the hammer and not sure

whose rock was closest, took a gamble and attempted to throw an angle raise of his own just to make sure. After superior sweeping by Boynton's front end Hatt and Keogh, the rock hung out in the fresh ice not curling quite enough for impact.

A measurement was required to determine who had the closer stone and with a difference of just 5mm, the Boynton team in the end, did indeed have the closer stone for the point and tie the game.

Men's League 1st Annual Invitational

The first annual King Country Invitational, hosted by the King Curling Club men's league, was held last weekend in a two-day event that saw 14 teams from across southern Ontario compete. In all, 30 games were played in the 3-game round robin format with 2 teams in each division moving on to the elimination rounds between the A and B groups.

The final championship game was between Team Johnson from Sutton and Team Truscott from Scarborough Golf and Country Club. After the perfectly executed doubles and draws by both teams, Team Truscott claimed the inaugural event's victory title. Congratulations to Skip Gregg Truscott, Vice Greg Mulvey, 2nd Jim Chung, and Lead Andrew Stefaniuk.

The consolation championship game featured a family duo, both of which were from the King Curling Club. Skip George Gerrits, Vice John Headley, 2nd Andrew Gerrits (son) and Lead Chris Welch were matched against "The Young Bucks" another Gerrits team, skipped by son Tim Gerrits, Vice Andrew Welch (son of Chris Welch), 2nd



Jack Purves measures the final rock thrown by Skip Scott Boynton in last week's men's league action. The point per end game resulted in a 5mm difference after the measurement went to Team Boynton for a 6-6 tie.

Photo by Shellee Morning

Colin Gerrits (another son), and Lead Graeme Fleming.

Whenever the father and son teams pair up for a game, it's sure to be exciting and serious because it's all about the bragging rights.

Strategy, along with 100% team work, were key for the Young Bucks in their nail-biting victory that helped them take over for the victory in their first ever bonspiel win.

Skip Tim Gerrits sporting his trademark smile commented that "this was the most fun I've had at a bonspiel and (humbly said) our team really played well."

Gerrits also complimented the organizers on a great job for a very successful event.

The invitational also had a guest ap-

pearance from Ron Swan, who is curling 100 games in 100 different clubs across the nation, all in an effort to raise money for his own hometown curling club in Harvey Station New Brunswick. Due to the outstanding support of players that participated in the Raffle and the Cool Curling event, the Men's League was proud to donate \$300 to Mr. Swan's "Curling Across the Nation" Fund.

Special thanks to the many sponsors who contributed prizes for the winners and the Raffle table. To the Nobleton Lakes G. & C.C Food and Beverage staff for providing the dinner, and congratulations to the entire organizing committee for a hugely successful and memorable event. For more photos of this prestigious event visit the King Curling Club website at www.kingcurling.com.



Andrew Welch of Team Tim Gerrits, delivers his stone during the final game of the King Country Men's Invitational Bonspiel. The Young Bucks went on to win the Consolation Championship Trophy over a close game against their father's team.

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The Gerrits/Welch team (l to r) Graeme Fleming, George Gerrits, Tim Gerrits, Andrew Welch, Chris Welch, Andrew Gerrits, Colin Gerrits, and John Headley pose for the Family Duo winners portrait.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

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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.

Ring in the Christmas season and join us once again on the evening of December 7 at 7 p.m. as Haydn Evans (our retiring choir director) hosts a Christmas Carol Sing.

Mark your calendars for Christmas gatherings. On Christmas Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 24), we invite you to share in the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ at two services - one at 6:30 p.m. (great for families with young children). And the other at 8 p.m. Then again on Christmas Day (Thursday, Dec. 25) at 10 a.m.

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

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.

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League will hold its 17th annual Family Christmas Day, noon on Sunday, Dec. 14 in the basement hall of St. Mary's. The cost is \$25 for a family of four; children 5 and under are free and children 6-12 are \$5. Enjoy a hot lunch, crafts, carol singing and fellowship. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the St. Mary's building fund.

Nobleton United

Sharing the Spirit of Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 13, 7 to 8 pm. Old Fashioned Carol Sing, including Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Children are invited to play an instrument, or sing with a group or solo. Donations are accepted for the King Township Food Bank (cash, cheque or food). For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761.

Last year there was a terrible storm and there were not many people who braved the weather to come, but those that did had a wonderful time. If you

like to sing Christmas carols and have a favourite Carol, you can make requests, or if you can play an instrument, then bring it along. If you are just learning how to play and are willing to show your new found talent, please share with us. For more information, please contact Nancy Hopkinson, 905-859-0761.

Please join us at Nobleton United Church for our Annual Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 6. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and will include pancakes and sausages. Santa will be there for picture taking and each child will receive a gift. Admission is free to all with a free-will offering to the Food Bank. No reservations are required and we look forward to seeing you there.

Nobleton Seniors

Our Nov. 25 pot luck supper proved to be a winner.

The euchre winners were Edgar Clarkson, Kathy Jackson, Bob Fleury, Ruth McInnis, Doris Clarkson, John Burbidge, Loy Lostchuck, and Mary Lostchuck. Most lone hands won by Edgar. The bid euchre winners were Iva Hilliard, Herb Workman, Dorothy Gardiner, Pat Arlow, and Iva Rhind. Dorothy Gardiner and Betty McConnell went to the moon. The lucky draw winners were Joy Loschuck, Mary Stone, Mary Lostchuck, Kathy Jackson and Edgar Clarkson.

Schomberg Presbyterian

During the annual Main Street Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 6, make sure to drop by Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in the heart of Main Street where the ladies will be selling baked goods from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Starting at 5 p.m., you can also warm up with hot homemade soup, as well as coffee, hot chocolate, pie and desserts.

The group Vivace will be upstairs at 7 p.m. Director Irene Ilic, and accompanist, Jenn Reitzel.

Remember the Farmers' Parade of Lights begins at 8 pm.

Again this Christmas we will be presenting the Humber River Shakespeare Company's adaption of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call Mary Asselstine, 905-939-7544 for tickets.

Nobleton Skating Club

It's registration time again! The Nobleton Skating Club offers a January session of CANSkate and Power Skating. Skaters are assessed and grouped based on age and ability. Groups are a maximum of 10 skaters, and skaters are with a coach at all times. There are also program assistants helping with each of the groups.

The Nobleton Skating Club has been a part of this community since 1958! Remember, all it takes, is a pair of skates. Should you have any questions, please

do not hesitate to contact our club office at 905.859.4943.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Remember Jamaican folk song popularized in the mid 1950s by Harry Belafonte as the Banana Boat song "Come mister tallyman tally me banana ... daylight come and me want go home?" Well, when Tropical Race 4 the soil borne virus that has decimated banana plantations from Australia and Papua-New Guinea where the fruit originated, across Asia and into Africa reaches the tropical Americas, both the banana loader who's paid by the bunch and the tallyman who keeps account of the number of bunches loaded will be unemployed.

In the 1920s a much milder version of this virus called Panama (where it first hit) Banana Disease or banana wilt wiped out the most important banana cultivar "Gros Michel" grown in the tropical Americas and the only banana sold in fruit stores in North and South America causing sellers particularly in the U.S. and Canada to lament "Yes we have no bananas -we have no bananas today."

The good news is that fortunately banana plants that proved to be resistant to the Panama Disease were found growing in the greenhouses on the estate of the Duke of Devonshire in England. These were all descendants of one plant sent from China to William Cavendish, the 6th Duke of Devonshire, in the early 1800s. From these plants a Panama Disease resistant cultivar was developed and in a few years bananas were once again being grown in the tropics and sold throughout the Americas.

The Cavendish, compared to other banana species, is rather bland tasting but favoured by growers and the companies that control their operations because the plant which is of easy culture making it much less expensive to grow produces numerous amounts of large fruit (although in the trade it's referred to as dwarf Cavendish) that can be picked green to ripen slowly en route to market. As well their thick skins/peels protect against bruising. The Cavendish banana accounts for well over 50% of all bananas grown for export and some 99% of bananas found for sale in our local markets!

The banana plant grows from a large underground corm about 12 in./30 cm. in diameter. The stalk rising from this corm is called a pseudostem or false stem as it actually is a sturdy columnar construction of tightly packed leaves from which the regular large grow.

When the plant matures the corm stops its leaf making and starts to form a spike of maroon and orangy pink flowers. Each plant grows only one of these spikes often referred to as banana heart and on it the banana fruit is formed. Once the fruit ripens the whole plant dies back to the ground. Cultivated ba-

nanas don't produce seeds and only tiny black specks of what were once seeds are found inside the fruit.

At the base of the dead stalk shoots sprout and these are cut and used to grow new plants. Most growers allow only one shoot per plant to develop. Of surprise to me is the fact bananas are botanically classed as berries!

And yes wild seed producing bananas are still found if only rarely in the less accessible parts of their original habitat. Their fruit is evidently almost non-edible but their large, hard seeds may hold the key to the banana's survival.

From its flower spike or banana heart a plant will produce a hanging cluster of fruit made up of from 3 to 30 tiers with up to 20 bananas per tier. Each cluster is called a bunch, each tier is a hand and each banana - you guessed it - is a finger. Now hold your hand up so fingers point up - that's it. This is the way banana fingers grow. A cluster or bunch can carry up to 170 fingers and weigh from 66 to 110 lbs./30 to 50 kg.

Banana plants must have at least 14 months of frost free weather to survive and develop. For this reason there are no commercial banana plantations in the continental U.S. as even Florida can't guarantee such weather! The freezing temperatures of just a few days ago in the States even touched Hawaii, putting banana plantations there in jeopardy.

In Australia, Europe, and North America scientists are working to genetically alter the banana's make up so that it can successfully fight off viruses like Tropical Race 4.



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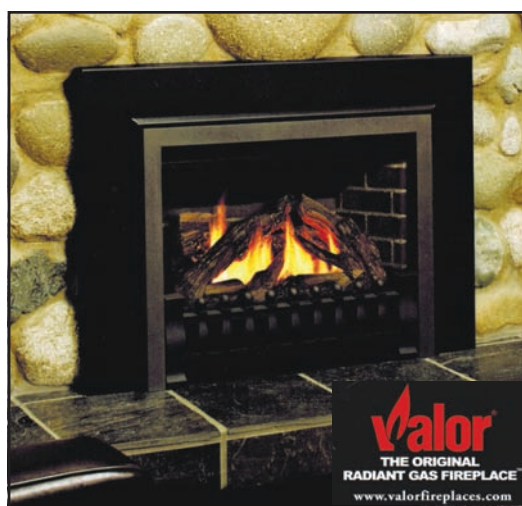
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Coyotes pose no real threat to people or large dogs

By Mark Pavilons

The GTA and our green King Township is home to many coyotes.

They are wild animals to be enjoyed and not feared, according to local wildlife experts.

In fact, coyotes will rarely attack medium-sized dogs or even deer, despite beliefs to the contrary.

According to Nathalie Karvonen, executive director of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC), the reality is there's more of a "people problem" than a coyote issue in the GTA. These animals can thrive in urban centres and especially love the natural hydro corridors and tract lands.

In largely rural King Township, it's a wildlife haven. People may wish to pick and choose which animals to live with, but it's not really our decision to make.

Coyotes, she said, prefer small rodents like field mice, squirrels and rabbits. If hungry enough, they may attack cats or very small dogs like Chihuahuas.

"They're not evil villains," she said, adding those types of pets can also fall victim to birds of prey.

Coyotes tend to use vocal and posturing tactics, but will defend themselves if provoked. Karvonen said in most encounters with pets, it's the dogs who chase the coyotes. The wild animals will seldom instigate anything. She pointed out there are literally hundreds of cases where dogs attack people each year, but few involving coyotes.

People believe coyotes are pack animals but Karvonen said they typically travel in family units of five or six - the parents and their young. When they howl at night, they tend to sound like a huge pack, but it's usually only the family unit.

Under normal circumstances, coyotes are "terrified of people," she said.

She suggests people simply enjoy their beauty, but advises against feeding them. This can change their behaviour and they will return, looking for these food rewards.

"Wild animals don't need to be fed," she pointed out.

What she does tell residents is to report any coyotes that act or appear strange. They are prone to mange, a condition where ticks burrow into their skin and they end up scratching vigorously trying to get rid of them. This often leads to open wounds and infection and can be fatal. But this contagious condition can be treated and the TWC can help in this regard.

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The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair this year was yet another positive experience for Fieldstone Farm, a Mono farm owned by residents Chris and Shannon Smith.

Their young filly, Abbey Road FF, was awarded the Governor General's Cup in the competition, after competing against a large field of 24 horses.

The award, which is considered a prestigious one, is awarded based on a judging scope of 50 per cent on conformation/type and 50 per cent movement. The horse must be suitable to become a Sport Horse, which is defined as a horse capable of excelling in the hunter, jumper, dressage or eventing disciplines.

In order to qualify for the competition, the 3-year-old horses, which must be Canadian bred and foaled, have to earn enough points to attend The Royal for the cup classes. Abbey Road FF came first in both qualifying classes at the Royal Canadian Riding Academy Qualifier.

Abbey's mother, a Secretariat Thoroughbred mare named Heartbreaker Heff, was Grand Champion at The Royal through the thoroughbred classes two years ago.

"The mare is a great producer," said Shannon Smith. "She has produced

some lovely horses, and Abbey is a lovely example of excellent conformation and temperament. She's a sweet horse."

Fieldstone Farm, which breeds one to two horses a year, has had three of their horses win in the prestigious Cup classes at The Royal.

"It's definitely something we are very proud of, we don't breed for quantity we focus on quality," said Ms. Smith. "We ensure that they get a great start with excellent nutrition and care, and our trainer starts them gently and respectfully. Abbey Road FF is aimed for the hunter ring, and we have huge hopes for her there. We look forward to watching her career blossom."

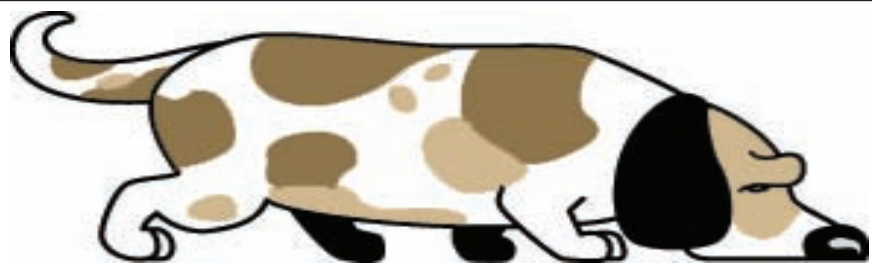
The next chapter for Fieldstone Farm will include the pursuit of further successes, both with the launch of Abbey's career, as well as training another filly, Eye Candy FF, to prepare for the Cup classes in three years.

"Our first Cup horse Tangerine Tango FF who just retired as a Preliminary eventer is in foal for a July 2015 baby," said Ms. Smith. "If that baby shows the potential, that's another we will prepare for 2018. It's a lot of hard work and preparation, but what an honour it is to win it, we are so grateful."



Fieldstone Farm enjoyed success at the recent Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. Their young filly, Abbey Road FF, was awarded the Governor General's Cup.

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Santa to visit local churches, school

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

The first Sunday of Advent. We lit the blue candle, the Candle of Hope.

Rev. Evelyn's sermon - "Waiting in Hope." Zechariah and Elizabeth had been waiting for years in the hope of having children. But it never happened. Now they are old. Then an angel appears to Zechariah in the temple, telling him his prayers will be answered. Elizabeth will bear a son.

A story appeared in the Toronto Star recently about a couple from Schomberg - Becky and Craig Eveson. Their 17-month-old daughter Abby was born with congenital heart defect. They are waiting for a miracle for their daughter, but in a different way. Becky dropped a \$5 bill on the floor of a hallway in Sick Kid's Hospital with a note - this money you have found is to make you smile.

Buy a coffee for someone, spread the smile, and ask them to pay it forward.

The Evesons are waiting with hope, love and compassion. They are offering hope to so many others. Let us offer a prayer that this miracle will happen for them.

This Advent Season we wait to celebrate with friends and family. What awaits us is something miraculous. We wait holding hope in our hearts as we prepare for the birth and the renewal of our faith.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make The United Men's Dinner" such a success. From preparing, cooking, serving, entertaining, cleaning up, selling tickets, and special thanks to Sheila for driving from her new location in Orillia to play piano for practises and performances. A big thanks to all who attended. Wasn't it worth it? See you next year!

This coming Saturday, Dec. 6 is "A Gift of Christmas." If you know of or have children ages 5 - 10 years we will entertain them from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. while

you have a day to yourselves. Lots of activities are planned, including lunch. It's all our gift from King City United and it's free. Call our office to register 905-833-5181. email kcuc@bellnet.ca.

Third Sunday of Messiah Bible Study will be Sunday, Dec. 7 in the sanctuary 7 p.m.

Lunch With Santa is Saturday, Dec. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soup with sandwich, pizza and cupcake for children. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults, \$20 for family (2 adults, 3 children). Tickets now available. Call 905-833-5181 or 905-833-1631 to order yours.

We need cookies for the "Cookie Walk" - items for the silent auction and bake table. How can you help? Gingerbread houses will be auctioned and, of course, Santa will stop by.

Sunday, Dec. 7, Peace Worship - Advent II PEACE 10 a.m.

December 14 - Advent III - JOY and Sunday school presentation, followed by a potluck lunch.

December 21st - Advent IV - LOVE, 10 a.m. Caroling from 1-3:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch.

December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight service starts at 7 p.m.

Can you attend any or all of these special services for the Advent Season? Hope to see you there.

King City Seniors Centre

A foot clinic is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. downstairs at the King City Seniors. Appointments are required. For further information and appointment, please contact Kay Brooks at 905-833-5555.

Having problems with your computer? Classes for seniors are available at



the King City Library every Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. Bring your questions or problems and our instructor, Mark Cornell, will be happy to help you out.

Schomberg Presbyterian

During the annual Main Street Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 6, make sure to drop by Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in the heart of Main Street where the ladies will be selling baked goods from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Starting at 5 p.m., you can also warm up with hot homemade soup, as well as coffee, hot chocolate, pie and desserts.

The group Vivace will be upstairs at 7 p.m. Director Irene Ilic, and accompanist, Jenn Reitzel.

Remember the Farmers' Parade of Lights begins at 8 p.m.

Again this Christmas we will be presenting the Humber River Shakespeare Company's adaption of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call Mary Asselstine, 905-939-7544 for tickets.

Christmas Truce

The King Township Historical Society presents a 1914 Christmas Truce Concert: Carols and Letters from the Trenches of WW1. It will be held Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at The Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake, 13760 Keele St, King City (just west on the 15th). Tickets are \$15, children 12 and under free. Call Elaine, 905-841-4041; Diana, 905-859-3965. It features Villanova College's Senior Concert Band and a Vocal Quartet from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music.

The 1914 Christmas Truce was a spontaneous and sporadic ceasefire along the Western Front that has become famous from the numerous letters and diaries that mention it. German, British and some Belgian and French soldiers, sang carols, played music, held joint services for their dead and traded food and drink. The soldiers wrote how wonderful it was to have peace, even if it was only for a day or two.

Holy Name School

Mark your calendars.

Holy Name Catholic Elementary School will be hosting their 10th annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Many volunteers are working long hours to decorate the school and prepare for the festivities. There will be pancakes, fruit, hot chocolate, juice, coffee and so much more. Crafts, games and caroling sung by our choir!

See 'Aurora's' on Page 19

Annual tour of Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol'

The Humber River Shakespeare Company proudly presents its annual production of Dickens' holiday classic, A Christmas Carol.

This December, gather with friends and family as five actors, armed with exquisite costumes and a trunk full of story-telling treasures, bring to life the timeless tale of greed, ghosts, and salvation.

This year's tour of A Christmas Carol will visit 10 unique venues, including two King locales.

Humber River Shakespeare's adaptation of A Christmas Carol started as a reading for three holiday events in the GTA. After two years the script was expanded, scenes, masks and puppetry were added, and the result is an hour long production that audiences have embraced as an annual tradition. HRSC artistic director Kevin Hammond explains the motivation behind the production.

"Performing 'A Christmas Carol' is our way of giving back and sharing a universal message of hope and charity and kindness. It is a treat and an honour to perform the show each year and I am always amazed at how moved the audiences are."

Whether by the fire in a Victorian era hotel at Montgomery's Inn, in a picturesque gallery of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, by gas lamp at Black Creek Pioneer Village, or in the beautifully refurbished Alton Mill, this charming one-hour performance will warm the hearts of Tiny Tims and Scrooges alike.

They will perform Dec. 9 at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, on Main Street, Schomberg, at 7 p.m.

The next local performance will take place Dec. Dec. 18 at Christ Church Parish Hall, Kettleby, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Seating is limited. Guaranteed tickets are available on line at www.humberrivershakespeare.ca or call 416-209-2026.

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The Schomberg P.S. choir entertained the crowd at the seventh annual Tree Lighting on Main Street Sunday. The 40-foot tree was lit with hundreds of lights and ornaments.

Christmas season arrives in Schomberg with tree lighting

Christmas may be three weeks away, but the residents of Schomberg are already singing carols and decking the halls.

Sunday was the seventh annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in the small community, marking the start of the festive season.

Main Street was filled with families looking to get a glimpse of the 40-foot tree, which was lit up ceremoniously with hundreds of ornaments and bulbs.

Hot drinks and cookies were served, and entertainment was provided by the Schomberg Public School choir, who sang classics such as "Silent Night" and "O Christmas Tree."

Aurora's citizen of the year shares at church

From Page 18

The Christmas spirit is already buzzing in our school and it is contagious. And of course, Santa will be there to greet and take photos with all the children. Please come and see for yourself.

It takes place from 9 a.m. to noon in our school gym. It's always a wonderful time and all of our students and their families are invited. We are located at 65 SpringHill Drive, south of King Road between Dufferin and Keele Street.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 7 as Pastor Mark continues our series "Philippians - A Guide to Maturity" with Living While You Wait.

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

The Overtimers is our seniors ministry group, but all ages are welcome to join! They meet the second Tuesday each month at 1 p.m.

Come and join us on Tuesday, Dec. 9

at 1 p.m. for a carol sing and presentation by Beverley Wood; Aurora's Citizen of the Year! She will share with us God's impact on her life as well as some information on the outreach group she founded, Welcoming Arms. We will begin our time with refreshments and fellowship followed by the program.

We invite you to our Family Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Our children will be performing "Unfrozen."

Please also join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and a 7 p.m. Service.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us this Advent Season as we prepare our hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas. Our Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. John Vissers preaching. Sunday school and nursery care run concurrently and following the service, everyone is invited to stay for coffee and chat time.

Thank you to Dr. Riina Bray and her children for doing the reading and lighting the Candle of Hope on the first Sunday in Advent. Each Sunday during Advent we are hearing the Christmas Story from the perspectives of Zechariah, Joseph, the Magi and Simeon who witnessed the wonder of the birth of the Christ Child.

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! How can our God bless you?

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.

The Christmas in King gifts and the Special Food Hamper items were collected last Sunday and are off to "the North Pole" to get ready for distribution. Thank you to all who made contributions.

The Tree of Warmth items for Evangel Hall continues to grow in the narthex. They will be delivered mid-De-

ember in time for Christmas. These include, mittens, gloves, warm socks and hats and scarves. If you would like to contribute to this Christmas sharing project call the church office. We'll be happy to collect them if you're not able to drop them off.

Saturday, Dec. 13 is our Congregational Christmas Potluck and Children's Party starting at 5 p.m. Let us know if you can come and if there are children. Santa will be visiting and would love to know!

The Junior Youth will be meeting at 7 p.m. with Lynn and Gillian this Friday to bake cookies for King City Lodge residents.

Our Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service starts at 7 p.m. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service.

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 Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. www.standrews-kingcity.ca.

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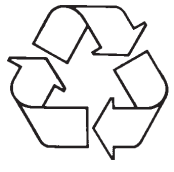
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