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Crowe begins new term as chair of the York Catholic School Board

By Mark Pavilons

King's Elizabeth Crowe will continue to lead the York Catholic District School Board.

Crowe was acclaimed as chair at the board's inaugural meeting Dec. 2.

Crowe was re-elected trustee for Aurora-King-Whitchurch-Stouffville in the municipal election.

She has served as board chair for the past 16 years.

As far as priorities are concerned, the board will be approving Action Plans for the new Strategic Plan in the new year and will also be approving a new Long Term Accommodation Plan this spring.

She said staff is working on developing a comprehensive IT strategy that will include, hardware, software, upgrades to WAN and LAN, and teacher training in using new technologies as effective tools in the classroom.

Marlene Mogado, Trustee for Markham Area 2, Wards 4, 5, 7, 8 was named vice-chair.

The unanimous decision is a testament to the board of trustees' unified vision for Catholic education in York Region.

Dominic Mazzotta, Trustee for Richmond Hill, nominated Crowe.

"In her 20 years as trustee, and 16 years as chair, Trustee Crowe has a proven record of service.

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A Main Street Christmas thrills

The 20th annual 'A Main Street Christmas' in Schomberg was another huge success, hosting record crowds. The Saturday event included a parade and family fun well into the night. Here, this entertainer balances a flaming torch on his nose. Turn to Pages 10-11 for more photos of the event.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Monday, January 12, 2015

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Summer Student Positions

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES
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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:

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REMINDERS

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- [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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

2015 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

2014/2015 WATER & WASTEWATER RATE STUDY AND BY-LAW

2015 MISCELLANEOUS FEES & CHARGES AND BY-LAW

**** REVISED DATES, SEE BELOW ****

Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City

RE: **Consideration of 2014/2015 Water & Wastewater Rates, Monday, December 15th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of By-law for Adoption, January 12th, 2015

The Township of King 2014/2015 Water and Wastewater Rates Study Report will be considered at the December 15th, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered at the January 12th, 2015 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: **Consideration of 2015 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges, Monday, December 15th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of By-law for Adoption, January 12th, 2015

The Township of King 2015 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges will be considered at the December 15th, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered at the January 12th, 2015 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: **Draft - 2015 Budget & Business Plan**
Monday, December 15th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King Draft 2015 Budget & Business Plan will be considered at the December 15th, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, December 11, 2014.

RE: **Consideration of By-law for Adoption - 2015 Budget & Business Plan**
**** REVISED ** Monday, January 26th, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.**

The Township of King adoption of the 2015 Budget & Business Plan will be considered at the January 26th, 2015 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 22nd, 2015.

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact:

Alan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca

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(Note: If necessary, Committee of the Whole may retire into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters)

Kathryn Smyth, Clerk

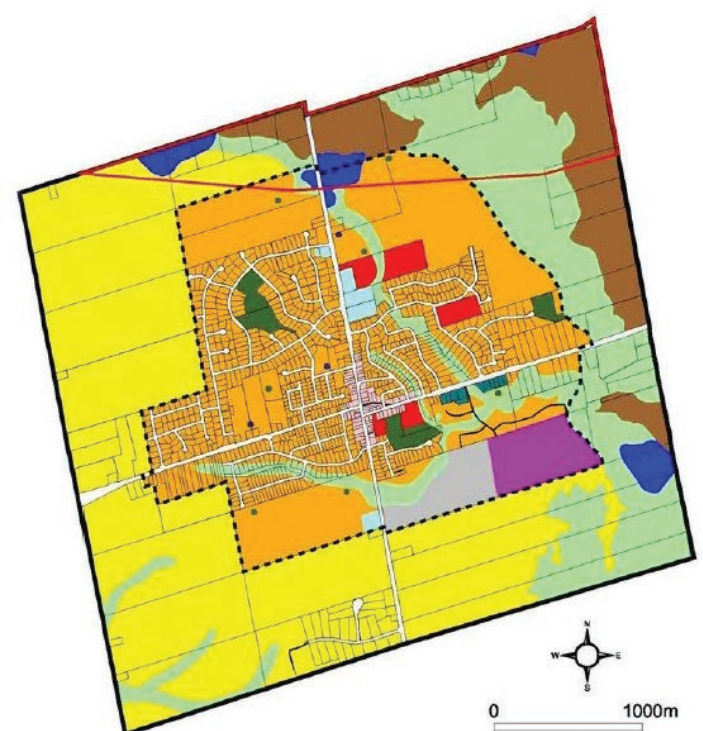
**Nobleton Zoning By-law Review
Public Open House #1**

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)

Board faces challenges ahead

From Front Page

She has worked diligently and served on many board committees. Trustee Crowe is committed to working tirelessly to enrich our Catholic education system and to improving programs that address the needs of all of our learners.”

At the inaugural, Crowe said there is “a new-found excitement, a renewed commitment to four years of working together towards a common vision, that of implementing 21st century teaching strategies that will address the unique needs and talents of all students so that our graduates become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.”

She said in the coming four years, the board will face the prospect of addressing a surplus of unfunded pupil places in the elementary panel, negotiating contracts in a new labour environment, and ultimately striving to meet the complex needs of all students in a budgetary “paradigm that leaves little room for flexibility.

“At the same time, we will continue to face challenges in the public domain that will threaten the very existence of our Catholic system. I have no doubt that we will remain strong, as one board, united in our vocation as Catholic school trustees, making hard decisions when necessary so as to achieve the goals we set forth in our Strategic Plan. By being effective guardians of the public purse as well as strong champions of the prodigious learning happening in our Catholic schools, we will prove to all that there is an intrinsic public value to having Catholic school boards in today’s quickly changing materialistic society.”

In her address, Crowe thanked trustees for their continuous support.

Mogado, who has served on the board since 2006, said she looks forward to working with her fellow trustees and staff to ensure a successful year. “After eight years of hard work, it is humbling for me to be vice-chair of the York Catholic District School Board, and to be entrusted with this responsibility,” said Trustee Mogado.

All trustees were sworn in as they took the Oath of Allegiance and reaffirmed the York Catholic District School Board’s Trustee Code of Ethics. His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins was appointed as Honorary Chair of the board for the four-year term, and His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick was appointed as the board’s Honorary Trustee.

The York Catholic District School Board is made up of 10 elected trustees, and two non-voting student trustees. The role of the trustee is to provide effective and accountable use of the board’s fiscal resources and to develop, maintain, monitor and evaluate policies and organizational structures that support and promote the board’s goals of quality learning by all students.

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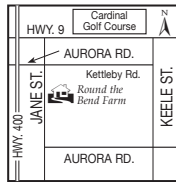


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Cardinal Collins officiated at the mass, welcoming the new board of the York Catholic District School Board. Board chair, King’s Elizabeth Crowe (centre right) was acclaimed chair.

Submitted Photo

King 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, December 11 to Wednesday, December 17

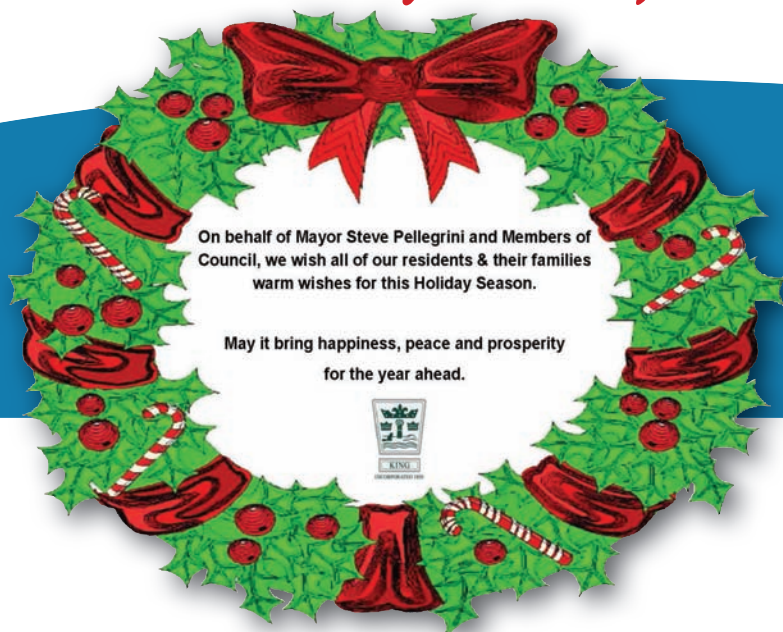
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Season's Greetings



Holiday Events

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January 2nd, 1:00-2:20pm

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December 24th, 2:00-2:50pm
December 29th, 2:00-2:50pm
December 31st, 2:00-2:50pm

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December 26th, 2:00-2:50pm
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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"Public opinion shapes our destinies and guides the progress of human affairs"

~ Frank B. Kellogg

Disappointed by online customer service

"How you think about your customers influences how you respond to them."

Marilyn Suttle

Yes, dear friends, it seems parts of the world are getting bigger and bigger.

Those of us in the GTA should be used to it by now – in the past decade we've seen large-scale development in almost every municipality in southern Ontario.

While King Township may have been reluctant to welcome development, it came and we've seen more of it in the last term of council than ever before.

More commercial and retail development is on its way.

While commuters, consumers and local shoppers embrace the arrival of convenient retail outlets, there is always a price to pay.

You can expect a bit more congestion and traffic in the coming years. But shopping locally is a key ingredient to success and boosting the local economy. It's vital to our community's health.

That being said, I'm amazed and confused by the "necessity" of corporate giants to make a splash everywhere they go.

One of the first things to appear on our landscape is a new retail bank branch, even though the bricks and mortar buildings are seemingly a thing of the past. The large Canadian chartered banks encourage online transactions and have scaled back on tellers. They've expanded their services tenfold over the years to include everything from mortgages and loans to insurance and financial investment advice.

Granted, for some of these services, it's nice to sit and chat with a real, live person who can explain your options and all the intricacies involved.

I've been lucky in that I've had good, knowledgeable people help my wife and I along the way.



Mark Pavilons

But there have been times when I'm sitting across the desk from a 20-something college graduate, who neither has a home, loan or car, giving me advice on my finances! It is to laugh.

And, the days of getting free toasters with your account are long gone. Okay, I'm dating myself.

I've always been a fan of in-person banking. I really enjoy going to my local branch, seeing the familiar faces behind the counter and exchanging small talk. I used to be asked whether I'd prefer to do my banking online, but they know the answer, so they've stopped asking.

Banking has changed dramatically in the past decade. More user-friendly they claim?

I beg to differ.

I have, reluctantly, engaged in online transactions and checking account details, since passbooks are also a thing of the past in most cases.

I am an avid online shopper and my efforts have kicked into high gear this holiday season.

Even the large banks have become online retailers, through various reward point programs.

One would think ordering from a

large conglomerate would be a fast, easy, efficient affair.

But a recent disappointing experience has left me scratching my head. There are spots on my head that are almost bald!

I ordered a gift from a rewards program Oct. 2, well in time for Christmas.

I gave it three weeks and then called. I was told it was shipped on Oct. 22.

A week went by. Then another, and another, and another. I called 6-7 times, asking just where this item was, as the holidays approached quickly.

Oddly enough, no one seemed to know. Paperwork was missing or incomplete. Customer service rep after customer service rep apologized, but had no clue how to handle this.

My points were reimbursed last week, with the only explanation that the item was "undeliverable." What does that mean? It couldn't be delivered, was the response.

Did I mention I was scratching my head a lot? One last-ditch attempt at getting my displeasure across resulted in more apologies and a note that my complaint will go up the ladder.

I really do like to give people the benefit of the doubt, but this has not reaffirmed my faith in humankind. Is it that people just don't care, or the low-paid customer service reps

are not trained to deal with "issues?"

It may not be a big deal in the grand scheme of things. But little things – like ensuring good customer service for the average Joe – are the heart of good corporate citizenship.

Perhaps it's the price we pay the further removed we become from reality and the "in-person" shopping experience.

We're so tied to our devices and computers that we want instant access and instant gratification.

I will admit that dealing with some websites and online retailers can be a bit of a chore, especially if a problem crops up.

There are countless websites (including many large Canadian companies) where finding a contact email is next to impossible. Canada Post is a good example. One of my packages inbound from the U.S. was held up at Customs for almost two weeks. But Canada Post had no idea where or when this package would arrive. Finding a email on their website was next to impossible, likely because they don't have the staff to handle complaints.

It seems many online services sure want your business and your money, but do not want to ever hear from you.

There are times I really hate the online apocalypse!

Letter to the Editor

Parade of Lights impressive!

The following letter arrived just 20 minutes after the annual Farmers' Parade of Lights in Schomberg Saturday evening.

Every year, I say, "This year is the BEST parade" then comes the NEXT year, and the farmers surpass their previous year's efforts. How do they do it?

I worry that when I go to buy fresh vegetables next summer, there will be a big sign in front of the Holland Marsh: "Closed. Signed to a big media contract following our Christmas parade. Gone to Hollywood. Love from your local farmers!"

Thanks to all our wonderful farmers. Not only do you grow the best vegetables, you put on one heck of a show!

Vicki Hotte



Brainteaser



Two ducks in front of a duck, two ducks behind a duck, one duck in the middle. How many ducks are there?

Last week's answer: There are 20 opening moves in chess (16 pawn, 4 knight).

King Township Trivia

The 1st covered arena in York County was built in Nobleton in 1906

<p>KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL www.kingweekly.com</p> <p>Results from last week's poll: 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?</p> <p>a) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 33%</p> <p>b) No <input type="checkbox"/> 77%</p> <p>The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.</p>	<p>THIS WEEK'S QUESTION</p> <p>Do you believe some police shootings are racially motivated?</p> <p>a) Yes b) No</p> <p>So go to the website and cast a vote!</p>
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Miller questions Growth Plan's effectiveness

By Mark Pavilons

The province's plan to curb urban sprawl through its legislation just isn't working.

That message came from Ontario Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller, in his report released Oct. 7.

Miller is concerned that Ontario's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe is not on track.

In his 2013/14 annual report - "Managing New Challenges," Miller said the 2006 Growth Plan was intended to reverse the pattern of unsustainable growth and development within the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

"Driving population growth towards urban areas helps create stronger communities and make more efficient use of infrastructure. Better managed growth also protects our agricultural lands and natural areas from the relentless sprawl of development."

The environmental commissioner is troubled, however, about how the Growth Plan is being implemented. De-

spite the goal of intensification, the Ontario government has authorized lower density targets for 9 of the 15 municipalities in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe beyond the Greenbelt.

"The government is allowing communities to continue the pattern of low density development that is too sparse to support even basic transit services."

As well, last year the government extended the population and employment forecasts in the Growth Plan to 2041, essentially pushing out the status quo growth pattern for another 10 years.

"If the Growth Plan is not on track to curb sprawl and increase intensification, continuing on the same trajectory only aggravates existing problems, and puts pressure on municipalities to open more land for development," Miller said.

"Indeed, the extended forecasts continue to allow low density development to sprawl into the less urbanized outer parts of the Greater Golden Horseshoe rather than concentrate more growth in the more urbanized inner ring," he said. "I expect the government to address these issues when it reviews the Growth Plan in the next few years."

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said this township is unique in that it contains both the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt. It's more difficult to develop here. It's really King's "saving grace," and the restrictions government growth in these areas can't be argued at the OMB.

Protecting the environment is second-nature in King and Pellegrini admitted he would hate being in a municipality that doesn't have such governing environmental legislation.

Minister of Community and Social Affairs, Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek said Miller's recommendations are useful for the government to be aware of the issues and address them.

The Province, she said, is committed to maintaining the Greenbelt and if anything, they hope to expand it.

Their environmental commitment is seen in one portfolio. Glen Murray is Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, a first for this province.

Jaczek said a lot of groundwork and input has already been done on the 2015 plan reviews and she believes the review should be wrapped up by the end

of next year.

York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro said growth is noticeable in her riding as new homes continue to spring up. This, she observed, makes one wonder just how the Greenbelt is slowing urban sprawl.

She recalls when the Growth Plan was originally discussed and passed and said she's been worried that the Greenbelt would simply be a buffer and development would leapfrog over it.

"We haven't made any progress," she said.

King submits tab for last year's ice storm relief costs

By Mark Pavilons

While critics blast Queen's Park for delayed ice storm funding to municipalities, King's updated tab will meet the provincial deadline.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said King's estimate for related costs to the ice storm was \$325,000. Their actual costs were nearer to \$310,000.

The submission will happen by end of this week, the mayor said, which is before the claim deadline of Dec. 15.

But provincial PCs are not happy with the way the Liberals have treated the matter.

Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP and PC Critic for Municipal Affairs, questioned the government's ice storm assistance program, which has failed to deliver a single dollar to a municipality.

"Minister, winter has started and areas from Buffalo to the East Coast have already been hit with massive storms, but here in Ontario municipalities still haven't seen a single dollar of assistance for the ice storm that hit them a year ago," said Hardeman during the question. "It turns out the delay is that your Ministry took nine months just to produce an application and didn't give them training on the forms until 11 months after the storm. Is that your idea of emergency assistance?"

Application forms were emailed to municipalities in September but the training required to fill out the forms didn't occur until webinars on Nov. 18 and 20.

"It's almost a year after the ice storm that created havoc and huge expenses for municipalities but due to this government's mismanagement they haven't been able to get any of the promised assistance out the door to municipalities," said Hardeman.

Hardeman also questioned the government's decision to pay \$2.7 million to a private company, Landlink Consulting Ltd., to assist with processing the claims. Landlink became well-known last year after they had numerous problems with the Alberta Flood Relief Program they were hired to administer, resulting in the Alberta government publicly ending the contract.

"You hired an Alberta company to help with the accounting and processing of the 58 municipal claims and yours to the federal government at a cost of almost \$2.8 million. So they are getting over \$46,000 for each claim they process," said Hardeman. "Minister, a year later not a single dollar has gone to help municipalities but nearly \$3 million went to an Alberta company. Would you call that a great success of a disaster relief program?"

Ontario is helping municipalities affected by the December 2013 ice storm by working with the federal government to fund 100 per cent of their eligible recovery costs through a one-time Ice Storm Assistance Program.

Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP for Oak Ridges-Markham, and Minister of Community and Social Services, said the province came up with the numbers based on the requests by municipalities and she's "hopeful they'll get what they asked for."

The money will provide a cushion. A group of Greater Toronto Area (GTA) mayors and chairs gathered in Mississauga several months ago to send a please to the province and federal government to share the costs of the ice storm.

They passed a motion calling on the feds and Province to treat all municipalities "equally and equitably" when it comes to distributing the funds.

Letter to the Editor 20th event a huge success

On behalf of myself and all the directors of Schomberg Village Association, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this 20th Anniversary year for "A Main Street Christmas" such a wonderful success.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work on the day and throughout the year, the community groups and churches who participated, King Township staff, Main Street businesses and residents who allowed us to use their premises and especially to everyone who came and took part in the event.

And a very special thanks to all the farmers and their families who made the "Parade of Lights" such a wonderful finale.

The event would not be possible without the financial assistance received from our many sponsors, who not only donate funds but also equipment and services.

Susanne Prince

Chair, A Main Street Christmas Director, SVA

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Mark Abramavich

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Dale Pastirik

"I just buy for my wife mostly these days. The kids are out of home, so I haven't started."



Miranda Bilsley

"It's getting there. I've got young kids so a lot to buy."

Documentary will reveal 'The Other Side of the Hero'

By Mark Pavilons

It's all about revealing the true face of humanity and all of its frailties.

Heroes are all around us. Remove their stiff outer shell and perhaps you can catch a glimpse of "the other side."

That's the focus of a new documentary that hopes to shed some light on post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and its impact on first responders. The fact that almost 30 front-line emergency workers have committed suicide in the past seven months should be a massive wake-up call. But it hasn't happened yet.

Hopefully, the efforts of Heroes are Human/Tema Conter Memorial Trust, backed by Peabody-award-winning Canadian director Karen Shopsowitz and actor Enrico Colantoni, will bring the issue to the forefront.

King's Vince Savoia, founder of Heroes are Human, has been diligently working on making PTSD among responders a national issue. For the past few years, Nobleton's Colantoni, known for his role as a police officer on the Canadian TV series Flashpoint, is using his talents to further the cause. He acts as national spokesperson and will also

appear in a new documentary, "The Other Side of the Hero," by Shopsowitz.

At a press conference in Vaughan last week, Heroes are Human representatives accepted a generous \$20,000 donation from #IveGotYourBack911, a group of emergency personnel from Elgin-St. Thomas.

Their campaign, IveGotYourBack911, started Oct. 1. A group of paramedics, Jill Foster, Stephanie Romano, Denise Laing and Shaun Taylor, were at a point of desperation after hearing the news that two more emergency first responders had committed suicide.

The group said enough is enough and felt something must be done! They wanted to attach a human side to first responders and PTSD so they launched the #IVEGOTYOURBACK911 campaign.

The goal of this campaign is to create social awareness and to spread the word by having people post pictures on social media holding a sign that says #IVEGOTYOURBACK911. The campaign was developed out of nothing but love and support for first responders everywhere, as well as, all allied agencies.

"We aren't fancy, we don't have corporate funding, we don't have major organizations sponsoring us, but what we do have is all of you! We have photos, we have messages, we have amazing stories of courage and perseverance and most of all we have each other," Foster said.

For more, visit www.ivegotyourback911.com.

The film will plunge viewers into the world of the first responder; the camaraderie and dark humour back at the station and the flip side to all of this - depression, darkness and solitude. These are what happen when a "hero" discovers they are not emotionally immune to what they encounter during a typical shift at work.

Things are changing and the consciousness is growing bigger and bigger. This cause is still grass-roots, Colantoni observed, but "we're on the right road."

The level of increased awareness is seen in small communities. Savoia led a cross-Canada tour this past summer, doing workshops and presentations literally from coast to coast.

"It's very exciting when you meet people who fill a need in their own community," Colantoni said. By featuring the testimony of other human beings,



EMS workers from Elgin-St. Thomas Denise Laing, Stephanie Romano, Jill Foster, Shaun Taylor presented a cheque for \$20,000 to filmmaker Karen Shopsowitz, actor Enrico Colantoni and Vince Savoia.

Photos by Lisa Scale

the impacts can "become viral."

Shopsowitz said the support from the Elgin St. Thomas crew is a great sign of confidence in this special project.

Savoia noted that Shopsowitz joined his team during their tour, in cities such as Calgary, St. John's, Kelowna and Kingston, all on her own time, to film some first-hand accounts.

Shopsowitz said following the Tema team around, she was simply "blown away" and now she can't wait to see the film completed.

The Indiegogo campaign for "The Other Side of the Hero" offers several "perks" at a wide range of prices, from coffee mugs and a heartfelt thank you, to breakfast made by Colantoni and Savoia, to a VIP treatment at the annual gala for the Tema Conter Memorial Trust, held Feb. 28, 2015.

Executive producers are Stephanie Morgenstern and Mark Ellis producers of Flashpoint and the upcoming Project X.

The funding campaign is ongoing, to meet the costs of finishing the project.

"I think the biggest compliment we got for Flashpoint is how we really showed police officers in a vulnerable position, having an emotion, and suffer-

ing the consequences of a bad day," Colantoni said. "I think that's what people watching the show identified with. So why is it easier to see it on television, and not in real life?"

For Savoia, Colantoni and Shopsowitz, that's the question they hope to answer in the documentary.

Savoia is quick to point out that not every first responder will be affected by PTSD, but the resources need to be in place to deal with them when they do need help.

For more, visit tema.ca.



Actor Enrico Colantoni, of Nobleton, is the national spokesperson for Heroes Are Human/Tema Conter Memorial Trust.



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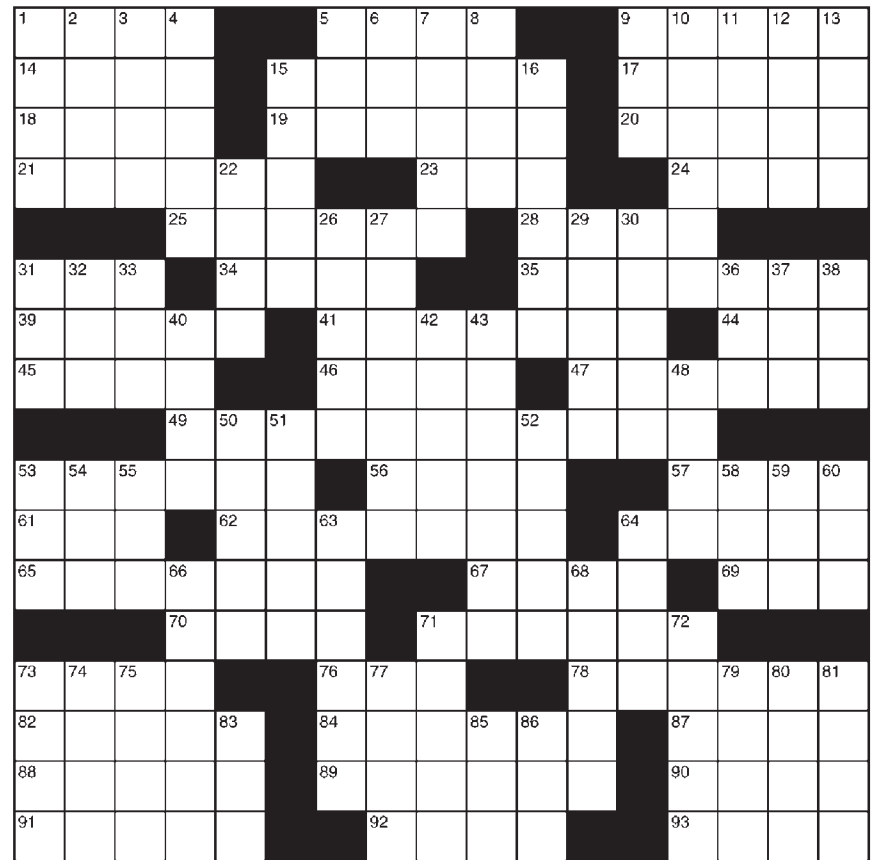
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- 37. Sooner than, in poetry
- 38. Insect egg
- 40. Jotted reminder
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- 68. Western
- 71. Soil
- 72. TV's "Trial and ____"
- 73. Stewpot
- 74. Extract juice from
- 75. Walking aid
- 77. Border on
- 79. Sitar music
- 80. Where one's goose is cooked
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- 4. Raptor
- 5. Eat late
- 6. Ampersand
- 7. Relieve thirst

Solution
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King Chamber of Commerce gets into the spirit of giving at luncheon

By Mark Pavilons

The generosity of King's business community was front and centre last week, during the King Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Lunch.

The well attended event saw a record number of toy donations to local charities, including the Nobleton Christmas Drive.

"It gets better and better every year," said Chamber member Patty Fleetwood. "There are toys here I've never seen before."

Fleetwood praised the efforts of Mimi Buchanan, who has worked tirelessly for the past 19 years with the Nobleton charity. Organized through Nobleton Public School, the drive helps to provide children and their families with everything from clothing and essentials to toys and turkey dinners.

This is the third year the King Chamber has helped this cause and Fleetwood had nothing but praise for Buchanan. "If you met her, you'd be surprised," she said.

"This (Chamber donation) is a phenomenal effort," Fleetwood added. "It's my favourite event of the year because you give from the heart ... for children in King Township."

King Fire Chief Jim Wall said he's worked with Buchanan for some time, noting she actually works year-round helping youngsters with graduation clothes and even salon visits.

Both Buchanan and the volunteer firefighters who help distribute the donations, work right through Christmas Eve, literally making spirits bright.

The firefighters help to ensure the donations get to their destinations, but "you (donors) deserve the credit, not us," Wall said. He also pointed out the firefighters work with the King Township Food Bank throughout the year by accepting donations.

Chamber president Tom Allen thanked members for attending this special event.

"Our business community is generous," he said. "It's so nice to see the businesses reach out and donate."

He also thanked the firefighters for gathering all the donations.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said he's



proud to be a partner with the King Chamber. He, too, thanked members for their donations this year.

He introduced senior staff members and Councillors David Boyd and Avia Eek. He urged local businesses to call upon Jamie Smyth, King's Economic Development Officer, "24/7" to help with any business related matters.

The mayor encouraged Chamber members to attend his Feb. 26, 2015 Mayor's Lunch, which will feature a major announcement for King Township.

"It's exciting news. We're bursting to get it out," he said.



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

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Tim Hortons opens new location in King City

By Jake Courtepatte

If it seems like each week a new business conveniently pops up around King Township, you're probably right.

Three new businesses were welcomed into the community recently, two in the ever-expanding core of King City.

The commercial plaza at King Road and Dufferin Street welcomed another franchise into the neighbourhood, as Tim Hortons opened just in time for the cold winter months.

The new location, owned and operated by Len, Rita and Andrew Mizzoni, has a "modern" look, sporting a fireplace, lounging chairs, and television. It also has free WiFi.

The Mizzonis own and operate the Nobleton location and are generous community supporters.



The ribbon was cut, officially opening the Tim Hortons in King City. On hand for the ceremony were Tom Allen, president of the King Chamber of Commerce; Len Mizzoni, Andrew Mizzoni, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor Cleve Mortelliti, Rita Mizzoni and Patty Fleetwood.

Photos by Jake Courtepatte

Hydro warns of 'phantom power'

Hydro One is reminding homeowners to check for electricity usage due to "phantom" power.

Also known as standby power, phantom power is energy consumption that is being drawn by many household gadgets, electronic devices and appliances while they are switched off, but plugged in. Up to 20 per cent of your household electricity consumption could be caused by phantom power.

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Hortons boosts Nobleton Christmas Drive

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During this time of the year, shopping malls are inundated with the glitz and glamour of the holiday season. Window displays are filled with shiny new gadgets, beckoning shoppers to spend their hard-earned dollar on the latest and greatest.

In the midst of this Christmas chaos, Villanova's 8th graders spent their time at Hillcrest Mall to sell something with humble beginnings. From Nov. 24-29, Villanova participated in the Sharing Fair, which called students to put their best effort forward to sell hand-crafted items made by women in developing countries. Although the products sold did not come in elaborate packages, students worked hard to showcase the colourful scarves, dolls, and bags made by these hard-working women.

All the proceeds from the Sharing Fair are sent back to the women in their respective countries, and funds are used to help with the basic necessities of life.

This worthy cause is in support of the Sisters of Good Shepherd, and Villanova can proudly say that it is their ninth year hosting the event.

Mrs. Redhead and Ms. Murphy, teachers and organizers of the event, attest to the students' ability to collaborate and support one another, and applaud both staff and students for the countless after-school hours that went into the running of this social justice initiative. Most importantly, amidst all the expensive items in the mall, students offered the most valuable thing of all – the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.



Food Bank distributes Saturday

This Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9-11 a.m., the three Distribution Centres will be open to receive registered families. This will also be the time for families to collect their Christmas in King items, as requested.

The next distribution will be held Saturday, Jan. 17.

If you wish to receive assistance for food or for Christmas assistance, please call the Food Bank number 905-806-1125 and leave a message. All inquiries are treated confidentially.

The last distribution of the year, this concluded 10 years of helping families make ends meet across King Township. This not for profit organization is a registered charity and is entirely run by volunteers.

The Food Bank is grateful for the community support received. The only source of funding to provide food, donations from businesses, organizations, churches and individuals are the life blood of the organization.

King Township Food Bank wishes all a Merry Christmas and all Good Things for the coming year!



Nobleton resident among group of lottery winners

By Mark Pavilons

A group of 10 co-workers will have a very merry Christmas, thanks to a recent lottery win.

The group is celebrating after winning a second prize worth \$120,123.50 in the Nov. 28 Lotto Max draw. That gives each of them a little over \$12,000.

"We were all on a coffee break and every Friday we play Lotto Max," recalled group member Sonia Staffiere while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto where the group claimed the prize.

Some members of the group went for lunch. "We decided to check our tickets," recalled Traci Dunn.

"When I saw the amount I started to sweat," said Sonia who ran back to the food court to share the good news with the rest of the group. "I told them, 'We won the lottery! A whole bunch of numbers!'"

Traci and Salvatore Del Mastro couldn't believe it. They went back to the store to see for themselves.

The group plans to pay off bills, go on vacations and buy Christmas gifts with their windfall.

"It's awesome. It came just in time for the holidays!"

They have been playing as a group for only a few months. "It goes to show that this can happen to anyone," concluded the winners.

The group members are include Sonia Staffiere of Woodbridge, David Shubrook of Puslinch, Gloria Obanao of Brampton, Graziella Giuliano of Nobleton, Laura Borg of Bolton, Lesley Probe of Brampton, Palma D'Elia of Richmond Hill, Rosa Galluzzo of Woodbridge, Salvatore Del Mastro of Toronto and Traci Dunn of Toronto.

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A Main Street Christmas celebration makes a splash



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Parade of Lights photos by Tom Wray

Old fashioned carol sing at Nobleton United

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series entitled Love One Another. Jeff's message this week - The Key Factor.

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.

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.

Immanuel Reformed Church

What is a Christian?

A Christian is someone who knows he is a sinner. There was a time when he would have denied it. There was certainly a time when it did not bother him. But it became a matter of real concern. A sense of personal sin and guilt before a Holy God is the first step to anyone becoming a Christian. If we do not face up to this and take our sin seriously, we will never become Christians.

A Christian is someone who knows he can do nothing to deal with his sin. Turning over a new leaf, pulling yourself up by your boot straps, trying your best, are all the remedies of religion. A Christian probably tried them all at one time or another and found them to be useless in dealing with his sinful nature. No Christian ever came to believe this quickly or easily. It goes very much against the grain of human pride, but, again, it is an essential stage in becoming a Christian.

ing a Christian.

A Christian is someone who believes that there is only one answer to sin. The answer is the one that God provides for us. A Christian is a sinner who has been saved by the grace of God from the consequence and power of sin. Grace means that salvation is the free gift of God to sinners who deserve the exact opposite. God, in love and grace, sent Jesus His only Son into this world to take the responsibility of our sin. That involved taking our guilt and punishment, and when He died on the Cross, He died as our substitute, taking our place.

Now God offers us salvation because of what Jesus did for us. This is the only way of salvation. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest for your souls." To "come" means to believe in Jesus, to trust what He did on your behalf and to commit your soul to Him and look to Him alone for forgiveness and salvation.

Come join us for A Festival of Nine Carols and Lessons, on Monday, Dec. 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the United Church building at 6076 King Road, Nobleton. Celebrate with us as we remember that Jesus came as the only way of salvation to Heaven.

Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton also meets for worship service every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All are welcome! If you are interested in learning about the Bible, call Pastor Maurice Luimes (905) 859-8581. Website: www.immanuelreformed.ca.

Ladies Coffee Break continues at the church (same as address above) Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. Any ladies interested in studying the Bible are welcome to join. Call Mary at 905-729-2728 for more information or email immanuelcoffeebreak@gmail.com.

Nobleton Seniors

The winners of the afternoon Dec. 2 euchre were Iva Hilliard, Herb Workman, Ruth McInnis and Mary Bullock. The evening bid euchre winners were Mary Steed, Iva Hilliard, Herb Workman and Elly Niedermaier.

The next afternoon euchre and evening bid euchre will be Dec. 16.

St. Mary's Church

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.

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.

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Christmas season arrives in Nobleton

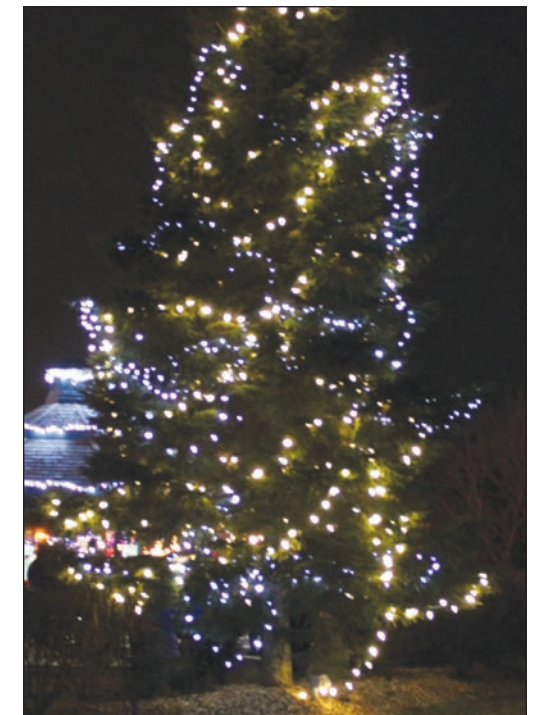
The Nobleton community is officially in the holiday spirit with the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in front of the Nobleton Public Library.

Over 100 residents filled the area around the gazebo at Hwy. 27 and Sheardown Drive on Sunday to ring in the season, complete with a visit from Jolly Old St. Nick himself. The event was put on by the Nobleton Village Association.

Members of the Nobleton fire station brought a truck to entertain the kids with tours and displays. Local farmers brought out their decorated tractors to really light up the gazebo.

"It was a real treat for all the farmer's to bring out their tractors for a big display tonight," said newly-elected Councillor David Boyd. "They made the night really special."

The fir tree, lit with strings of white and blue lights, should make for a festive centrepiece for the Christmas season.



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SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Hornets' high-powered offence too much for Cougars

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The Junior C Schomberg Cougars found out the hard way last week how difficult it is to take on a team averaging over six goals a game in a season.

The Cougars kicked off December with perhaps their toughest week so far this season, facing the first-place Alliston Hornets in a two-game home-and-home series.

Schomberg's own two-game winning streak was overshadowed by Alliston having won an impressive 13 of their last 14 games.

The high-scoring Hornets' offence quickly asserted their dominance at the Trisan Centre on Thursday, putting up the only two goals of the first period on back-to-back powerplays with Schomberg's Justin Formenton in the penalty box.

Goaltender Taylor Ewart was chased from the net shortly into the second, after three quick unanswered goals had the Cougars in a 0-5 hole.

Luke Gamoyda didn't fare much better in relief, allowing one more before the end of the period to put the game out of reach.

The Cougars' lone spark of offence came off the stick of Blake Culley, breaking the shutout in the third while riding a five-game point streak.

Alliston added one more tally for good measure, handing the Cougars an 8-1 loss.

They had to shake it off just one day later as Friday night they took on the Hornets on the road at the New Tecumseth Rec Centre.

This time it was the Cougars who got on the board first, as John Gage picked up his sixth of the year while enjoying



Luke Gamoyda made 15 stops on 22 shots in last Friday's 7-5 loss to the Alliston Hornets.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

his own five-game point streak.

Ryley Egerton scored midway through the frame, this time sending the Alliston goaltender to the bench after TJ Sherwood gave up two goals on six shots.

After a fairly evenly-matched first

period, the teams headed to the dressing room squared up at two.

It was much of the same in the second, with Ryley Egerton earning his second goal of the game and Justin Formenton capitalizing on a late power play.

Alliston matched goal for goal, sending the game to the third period in a 4-4 tie.

Unfortunately for the Cougars, the third period began to show shades of the previous evening.

Three quick unanswered goals had the Hornets up 7-4 barely five minutes into the frame, and the Cougars in a hole that they could not crawl out of.

Despite a late marker by JP Crescenzi, they would not get any closer while dropping their second game in a row 7-5.

As the gap between the higher and lower ranked teams in the GMOHL continues to grow, the Cougars will be looking to make up some ground with less than two months to go in the regular season.

They can start this Thursday when they take on the Orillia Terriers at the Trisan Centre. The Terriers have had Schomberg's number this year, taking two of three games so far.

Puck drop is at 8:30 p.m.

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



Villanova's junior and senior squads defeated their St. Andrew's College rivals in hockey action recently.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

Villanova Knights take both games in double-header

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

High school hockey season is under way, and with it comes a rebirth of CISAA rivalries between local independent schools.

A doubleheader was played recently as the Junior St. Andrew's College Saints battled the Junior Villanova Knights, while S.A.C.'s Junior Varsity team took on Villanova's Senior team.

Villanova's Junior squad was in search of their first win of the season, after falling to De La Salle in their season opener the previous Monday.

The game was close from start to finish, as strong goaltending from both sides in the first period kept the score knotted at zero after one period.

Villanova got a chance on the power play shortly into the second, after a Saints' player laid out a hard and high hit in the neutral zone.

However, the Saints penalty kill was impressive, never allowing the Knights to get set up properly in the offensive end.

Back to even strength, they opened the scoring mid-way through the frame on a nice backhand that found the five-hole of the S.A.C. goaltender.

The Saints would come storming back, as less than a minute later a 2-on-1 ended with the puck carrier holding on, eventually roofing a backhand to tie the game.

A few minutes later, fans were witness to the most exciting

play in hockey as a Saints forward was brought down from behind on a breakaway for a penalty shot.

The glove-side attempt was no good, preserving the 1-1 tie. With time winding down in the second, a cross-ice feed by Villanova was put in back door to once again restore the lead, albeit for a short time. S.A.C. tied the game 30 seconds later.

The closer came with just over two minutes to play in the game, as a Villanova shot from the top of the slot found the top corner over the S.A.C. goalie's sprawling glove.

Despite some strong pressure with the net empty, the Saints weren't able to crawl back for a third time, as the Knights took the game 3-2.

In Senior hockey action, the Knights took on S.A.C.'s Junior Varsity team across the rink.

Coming off an 8-2 victory in the season opener two days earlier against Hillfield Strathallan College, the Knights looked to hand the Saints their third loss of the year.

Villanova came out pressing, in a game that was over from the start. Up 2-0 less than five minutes into the first frame, three quick goals in under three minutes at the tail end of the period had the Knights up 5-0 after just 15 minutes.

The offensive explosion was paired with a strong special teams, as the Knights killed off back-to-back penalties at the end of the first.

By the final buzzer, the scoreboard read 9-1 and the Knights were off to a start scoring 17 goals over their first two games.

Coaches & Parents:

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Email Mark at editor@kingsentinel.com



Curlers rocked in Christmas parade in Schomberg

By SHELEE MORNING

King Curling Club made a spectacular "Double Hit" in Schomberg's Main St. Christmas parade this weekend.

Kids and adults could try their hand at the Rocks and Rings display with some of the club's very enthusiastic members offering helpful tips on how to throw the rock and aim for the target. Even those famous curling words, "Hurry Hard" could be heard amongst the spirited youngsters as they enjoyed their hand at the game.

The afternoon parade with a jam-packed street of bustling spectators, delivered musical bands, colourful floats, dogs and horses, and even a couple of dancing curling stones!

The float, driven by Jack Campbell, presented a giant curling stone as well as being loaded with members from the club's Little Rockers program. Equipped with their trusty brooms and broad smiles these future young stars waved to the street filled crowd completing the day's perfect parade.

Playoffs set to begin

With Christmas and the holidays just around the corner, the curling club is winding down their opening half of the season with the three social leagues determining their first half playoff positions.

The playoffs always deliver brilliant shot making that dazzles the opposition and usually produces some nervous jitters leaving a few surprises along the way.

Sunday Social League played their final game with Team Heise securing first place after an exciting game against Team Curtis. The Heise team consisted of a father/son duo as well as a mother/daughter duo from 2 different families.

Skip Stephen Heise and father Eric along with Ingrid (mom) and Heidi Beck led the game 2-1 after 3. Skip LouAnn Curtis scored 3 to take the lead after superior sweeping by her front end Joanne and Kevin Thompson while Veteran Jim McKinley controlled the position of Vice. With a steal of one more in the 5th and up by 3, Team Curtis placed themselves in the comfort zone.

Heise remained focused and battled back to a 5-5 tie after 7 ends. In the 8th and final end team Heise had a lone stone covered by a guard in the four foot ring, and Team Curtis was unable to knock it out allowing Heise to hang onto the 6-5 win.

Friday Social has determined their playoff run and finishing on top of their draws are Teams Kyle Barber and Team Gerald Duffy. The Friday league anticipates some great playoff curling from all the teams and wishes everyone good curling in their playoff round.



King Curling Club had a float in Saturday's parade as part of Schomberg's "A Main Street Christmas." These "rocks" had a lot of fun along the parade route.

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Olympian Rosie MacLennan at Special Olympics gala

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The red carpet was laid out at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto last Saturday for a night of celebration and support for Special Olympics Canada and its athletes.

Among those at the SOC "Limitless" Gala was King City's Rosie MacLennan, Olympic champion in trampoline.

"It was incredible," said MacLennan. "It's always a fun event, but it's also really inspiring. Every single one of those athletes has this incredible story. They are really the definition of determination, and overcoming adversity. So it's always amazing to chat with them and hear about their goals and backgrounds."

MacLennan was invited to the gala for the first time a few years ago along with her teammate Karen Cockburn, and has since become a strong supporter of the Special Olympics program.

Through the movement, she has gotten more involved with a sub-organization by the name of Motionball, a non-profit group that has raised over \$4.5 million since 2002 for Special Olympics Canada.

"Once you get introduced to the movement, you get hooked," said MacLennan.

The star-studded roster of supporters at the gala also included Maple Leafs Dion Phaneuf, Jake Gardiner, and Morgan Reilly, Olympians Kyle Shewfelt, Patrick Chan and Ryan Cochrane, sportscasters Jennifer Hedger and Bob McKenzie, among other Canadian A-list athletes.

MacLennan said it is always a treat to see her fellow Olympians.

"We meet each other throughout our careers, and obviously follow each other very closely, so it's always nice to catch up with them."

Even MacLennan, who herself has an Olympic gold medal in trampoline from the 2012 London Games, found the roster of athletes who support the event annually to be "incredible".

"You see how passionate all the athletes and celebrities are about the movement, and how excited they are to get involved and have a chance to pair up with the Special Olympic athletes."

"It was a great event, that raised a lot of money for Special Olympics programs in Canada along with a lot of awareness," said Bill Wilson, Director of Marketing and Communications at Special Olympics Canada.

For MacLennan, events like these truly embody the Olympic spirit.

"From an athlete's side, regardless of whether you are involved in the Olympics, Special Olympics, or Paralympics, there's a comradery that's shared between athletes. We all have the same passions and values. They're so inspiring to me."



Olympic Gymnast Kyle Shewfelt, Special Olympian James Stoneburg, and Olympic gold medalist and King City native Rosie MacLennan.

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NobleKing Knights pay it forward at Peel Youth Village

The NobleKing minor peewee A hockey team prepared and served dinner to the residents of Peel Youth Village on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Peel Youth Village (PYV) serves a community of approximately 1,600 people in the Region of Peel through residential and community services. PYV is a multi-use development which incorporates a transitional housing program for 48 homeless youth for up to 364 days, an after-care program for youth transitioning out of the residence and a two-storey community centre.

PYV is committed to helping improve the quality of life for youth with housing needs by fostering independent living skills and providing inclusive spaces for Community engagement. PYV is owned by the Region of Peel Housing Corporation on operated by Supportive Housing in Peel (SHIP). SHIP is committed to the promotion of Healthy Housing, the implementation of best practices in service provision and the development of housing that enhances quality of life of tenants and benefits surrounding communities.

In addition to serving a hot meal prepared by team head coach Rob De Rose, and NobleKing past-president Danny Macedo, the minor peewee A players presented each PYV resident with a gift bag. Through product donations received from the players' families and from the generosity of product donors NobleKing Minor Hockey, CST Arwin, Fusion Hair Lounge, and Smiles First Family Dental & Specialty Clinic, the players were able to present each resident with a gift bag filled with shampoo or body wash, shaving cream, disposable razors, deodorant, socks, soap, dental care items, feminine products, snacks and NobleKing t-shirts and long-sleeve polo shirts. Two large boxes of excess NobleKing apparel and hygiene products were also collected which will be distributed at PYV and to families at its sister facility, Angela's Place.

After presenting each of the residents with their gift bag, the players served the residents water and juice bottles, a plate of pasta with homemade sauce, sausage and peppers, veal parmesan, salad, and a dinner roll. An overwhelming amount of baked goods were donated by team parents providing the residents with an extensive selection of desserts to cap off the meal. Some of the

staff of PYV were also on hand to enjoy the meal and were overwhelmed by the generosity of the young Knights.

A big thank you goes out to the other generous sponsors of this event. Cash and gift card donations were received from the Clark family, Maniatis family, McPhillips family, Selvaggi family, Kevin Riley, Allure Window Décor Inc., and Waste To Go Inc. which were used to purchase meal ingredients and as monetary donations to the residents. A special thank you goes out to Rob and Sabrina Critelli of Sabrina Foods, who donated crushed tomatoes, pasta, sausages and drinks for the meal.

Lina Termini, manager of Peel Youth Village, took a few moments during dinner to thank all of the players and team management. The following statement she made resonated with everyone on hand: "Often times this age group of 16-30 year-olds at PYV is forgotten around the holiday season and we are truly thankful that the NobleKing minor peewee A team chose to remember us at this time." She then turned to all of the residents and reinforced to them: "You ARE remembered, you are not forgotten ..."

Mrs. Termini held a meeting with the residents of PYV immediately following the team's departure, at which time she informed the residents that excess sponsorship funds of \$550 had been donated to them. Having been impacted so greatly by the evening's generosity, the residents collectively decided to donate the excess funds to another group less fortunate than they – a true example of the spirit of "paying it forward."

For further information about Peel Youth Village, please visit: <http://www.peelregion.ca/ow/ourservices/community-program/housing/pyv/>



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Record donations at 10th annual Country Toy Tea

The holidays will be a little brighter for families living in shelters this holiday season, thanks to donations from the Country Toy Tea.

The 10th annual event took place Dec. 3 in King City. Guests were asked to bring one or more unwrapped toys, a cash donation or gift card(s) which will be distributed to some of the many needy children and their families in the York Region area. Many of the children receiving these toys will be living in shelters during the holiday season.

As a result of this year's drive, 2,500 toys have been distributed and over \$15,000 was raised in cash and gift cards.

The Country Toy Tea supports a number of local charities including Blue Door Shelter - Leeder Place Family Shelter, 360 Kids (Pathways of York Region), The Women's Centre of York Region, Sandgate Women's Shelter and The York Centre for Youth and Families.

The event featured a fashion show

with fashions from Want Boutique, Injoy Boutique and Second Skin sportswear and hair and make-up done by James Dimitri Hair Atelier. Those in attendance also enjoyed sampling some seasonal treats, sipping some Starbucks tea and coffee. The Pickering College Choir was on-hand to entertain with holiday music.

The Country Toy Tea organizing committee includes Linda Brown,

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701 COMING EVENTS

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701 COMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE: In recognition of Palgrave Orange Hall Closure, the members of L.O.L. 288 invite you to the Orange Hall in Palgrave for an afternoon social from 2 - 4 pm on Sunday December 14, 2014. Everyone is welcome. B49-50

505 GENERAL HELP WANTED

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St. Michael students prepare for mission work in Dominican

By Mark Pavilons

Students at St. Michael Catholic secondary school in Bolton will be extending their compassion for a mission trip in the Dominican Republic in January.

It's a mission of aid, self-awareness and personal growth.

The students won't be doing any sight-seeing or ordering room service. This will be a hands-on working and learning experience, one that will expand their horizons.

Teacher Randy Sanabria will once again guide the enthusiastic group of students to El Seibo, Dominican Republic. They will be assisting the Haitian community there, staying at a missionary centre run by the Daughters of Mary (les Filles de Marie). Also joining them will be students and staff from Father Michael Goetz secondary school in Mississauga.

They will work to support the Haitian community this area near Consuelo, the majority of who are sugar cane workers.

Students will be in a dormitory, eating meager meals and rolling up their

sleeves to pitch in.

The situation on the island nation of Hispaniola is unique. It's a case of the poor (Dominicans) exploiting an even poorer neighbour (Haitians).

While the Dominican Republic enjoys certain economic and tourism income, Haiti remains impoverished (rated as the poorest country in the Americas). Conditions there were exacerbated by the massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake in 2010 that left more than 300,000 dead and 1.6 million homeless. The country has yet to recover from this disaster.

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

Long known for sugar production, the DR's economy is plagued by unemployment, government corruption, and interruptions in electricity. International migration affects the Dominican Republic as it receives and sends large flows of migrants. Haitian immigration and the integration of Dominicans of Haitian descent are major issues.

And yet, the efforts of a handful of



Lexie Hesketh-Pavilons accepts the generous donation of 300 grocery bags from John Ciarallo, of John's No Frills in Nobleton. The bags will be used to hand out food and supplies to sugar cane workers in the Dominican Republic in January. Lexie is shown (below) handing out the supplies during last year's mission trip.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

high school students from the area help bring smiles to the faces of strangers thousands of miles away.

For Bolton's Lexie Hesketh-Pavilons, this will be her third mission trip.

"I found that it changed me, making me the person I am today. It keeps me grounded and reminds me of who I am and who I'm meant to be.

"This experience has given me everything I could have asked for. It has helped shape me and given me wisdom and perspective."

The 16-year-old said while we in North America see them as "desperate," they are resilient and strong. They are guided by hope and their faith. They definitely showed their appreciation last year when student volunteers dished out food and clothing and spent

time interacting with local children and teens.

The students will help put the donation bags together and then distribute them to the locals. They are asked to bring extra clothes and donations and basically leave everything behind, including their own suitcases.

A King grocer has stepped up again to pitch in.

John Ciarallo of John's No Frills in Nobleton, donated 300 of the President's Choice reusable shopping bags. These will go a long way to not only distributing the supplies, but will be put to good use by the recipients.

If you would like to donate to the cause, contact Randy Sanabria at St. Michael, 905-951-8935, Randy.Sanabria@dpcdsb.org.



708 DEATHS

Harvey, Irene Louisa (née Racicot)

Our free spirited, tree hugging lover of the environment, a wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend to all, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2014 at the age of 86 years, at home, according to her wishes. Irene was ahead of her time when it came to conservation and preserving the earth and everyone respected and loved her for that. She taught us all the right way we should be doing things and most times with humor and fun. Her teachings will live on especially in her grandchildren, Lisa (Brad), Nathalie, Dean and Andrew whom she impressed with her wisdom and unconditional love.



Her joy to hold her great granddaughter Soleil was evidence of her loving nature. Her husband Phil and children, Paul (Lola), Jane (Mike) and Bob, along with her surviving siblings, Gerry (Edna), Audrey (Dave), Eleanor (Howie) and Wally (Justyne) predeceased by her brothers Jim (Elayne), Doug and his surviving wife Ivy, will miss her spontaneous dancing, her giving nature and her knack to always be there when needed. She will always be with us. A private family funeral will be held after cremation and a celebration of her life will be held for family and close friends on December 13th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, 16 Burton Grove, King City. No flowers please, just go hug a tree for Irene. B49

708 DEATHS

BROWN: Douglas Reide. At Simcoe Manor Beeton, on Tuesday December 2, 2014. Doug Brown at the age of 83 years. Loving father of Ross (Jean), Larry, Jim (Michelle) and Helen (Vincent) Fowler, and missed by their mother Phyllis. Remembered with love by his ten grandchildren and his two great-grandchildren. Pre-deceased by his sisters Elsie, Rhea and Betty. The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Saturday December 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. A private family service will be held at a later date. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B50

BRUNO: L. Donald. Peacefully at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Tuesday December 2nd, 2014. Don Bruno, in his 76th year, beloved husband of Joanne (Callaghan). Loving father of Shirley Bruno, Donna (Philip) Healey and Len Bruno (Susan). Sadly missed by his grandchildren Justin, Leanne, Jeffery, Christopher, and his great-grandchildren Nathan, and Nicholas. Pre-deceased by his brother John Bruno. Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. The family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the nurses, doctors and staff at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, and to the nurses of St. Elizabeth and CCAC. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Friday December 5th, 2014 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel, 11:00 am Saturday December 6th, 2014, followed by interment in Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave. Donations in Don's memory to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, 200 Fletcher Cres., Box 4000, Alliston, On., L9R 1W7 or LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society, 555 Rexdale Blvd., Box 156, Toronto, On., M9W 5L2 (416-675-3993, Ext., 3440) would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com B50

710 CARDS OF THANKS

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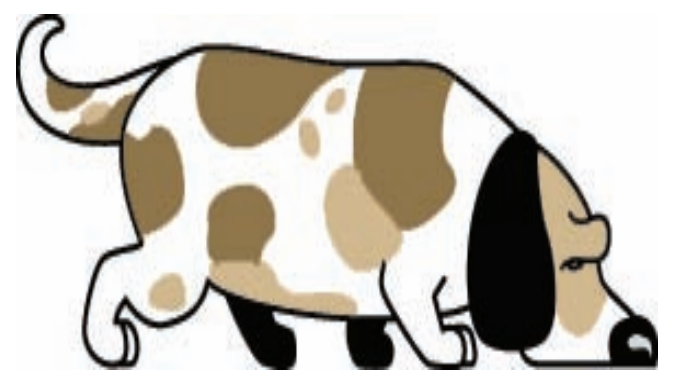
October 25, 1921 – December 3, 2014



Mary passed away peacefully at the Briton House, with her great-grandson James holding her hand, on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at the age of 93. Mother of Wendy (Wallace) Watson, Lorne (Leona) Ross and Stuart (Linda) Ross. Grandmother of Jennifer (Rob) Durham, Wallace (Sigrun) Watson, Kim (Sam) Aguado, Peter Ross, Terri -Lyn Ross (Nelson Amorim), Doug (Amber) Ross. Great-grandmother of Brittany & James Durham, Wallace & Alexander Watson, Lucas & Liam Amorim, Lily, Thomas & Emilie Ross, Cody & Tyler Covington, Jacob & Sophie Aguado. Predeceased by George Godson (2003), her best friend and companion of 30 years. Mary spent the first 24 years of her life in England, immigrating to Montreal with her young sons Stuart and Lorne shortly after WWII. Wendy-Anne entered the world shortly thereafter. In the early 70's Mary bought a cottage in Venise-en-Quebec and spent her weekends and vacations indulging in her passions of gardening, walking, fishing, cribbage, tea and the chaos of hosting her grandchildren! Mary was a patient and forgiving soul who quickly made many friends at "the lake" which led her to retire to Venise in the mid 80's. Not one to sit idle, Mary added an interest - watercolours - learning to paint the flowers and birds that will now surround her every day. As her grandchildren grew-up and dispersed, Mary revelled in their visits. Always loving, welcoming and receiving them with a warmth far beyond that of the wood-stove that she kept stoked in the centre of the cottage. With the physical challenges associated with time moving so swiftly by, Mary moved to an apartment in Nobleton, Ontario to be closer to family support. Although disappointed at moving away from Venise, Mary frequently expressed the good-fortune she had for the great friends she had made and loved during her time there. With the support of her good friend Tyna, Mary was able to return to Venise for visits in the ensuing summers until declining health no longer allowed her to do so. Mary made many friends in Nobleton and delighted in being able to walk to all the amenities that were nearby. Due to her failing eyesight, she could no longer drive, but the proximity of the bakery, coffee shop and family enabled Mary to maintain the independence she coveted. It was during this time that she developed her close relationship with her great grandson James, collecting him from school, walking with him and playing hide-and-seek in the graveyard - all with declining eyesight! Eager to maintain her independence, Mary moved into a retirement apartment at Briton House as the last of her eyesight was taken from her. Although legally blind, and soon completely blind, Mary's spirit was never diminished. She remained active walking, swimming and exercising with the support of her friends and the staff at her new found home. All the while looking forward to visits from family and friends, Sunday dinners with the Durhams and calling family and friends from Texas to Ottawa to Toronto to Kingston to Cobourg to Florida to, to, to! Never one to worry about herself - nor take pity on herself - Mary was always mindful of others and the news of their lives. Mary was the epitome of grace and kindness. An original woman with a warm soul that is missed and lives on through those she touched. Many thanks to the wonderful staff at Briton House who have taken such good care of Mary over the last 7 years. In honour of Mary's memory, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.ca). As Mary wished, a funeral will not be held; rather a celebration of her life will be held in the Spring. Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymilesnewbigging.com. Arrangements under the direction of the HUMPHREY FUNERAL HOME A.W. - NEWBIGGING CHAPEL, Toronto, 1-800-616-3311.

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Enjoy breakfast, lunch with Santa Dec. 13

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Second Sunday of Advent. The candle of Peace is lit by the Ongaro Family.

Reverend Evelyn's sermon – "The Movement of Lent."

Mary was really no one special. She was just a young girl, yet through her the world was changed forever. Last week, when we read about Zechariah being told he would become a father, he tried to talk the angel out of it. He ended not being able to speak until his son was born. Mary tries to understand her mission, then quietly says, "Let it be so."

What are we being asked to do as we wait through Advent? On Saturday, a group in our church were being "God-bearers." Eight children heard the stories of Jesus being born – against all the ones of Santa and buy, buy, buy. They sang about the birth of Jesus, they coloured about it, they made angels, they played games, they watched a movie, they helped to make lunch of shepherd's pie, and angel food cake.

"Go tell it on the mountain" with actions was their favourite song. Will they come back next year? Only time will tell. But for a brief time they were part of a group of "God-Bearers" – witnesses to the story of Jesus being born in their time. Thanks to all who helped to

make this a special day.

The December newsletter is out. Pick yours up in the narthex. Take an extra one to pass on to a friend, neighbour. Edited by Earle Laycock, full of Christmas stories and events. Lots of pictures of fun times at KCUC and coming and past events. MaryLee writes another insight into the life of a special boy in Willka Tika, Peru and how he was helped. Thanks once again to Earle for a great job.

Thursday, Dec. 11 bell choir practise is at 6:45 p.m. Last Sunday they played "The Bells of Winter." This is special music now led by Sandra Kirby. Thanks to all.

The evening group of UCW has organized a "Sharing Tree" during Advent. Place mitts, hats, scarves, sweaters, pairs of slippers, gently used washed blankets, afghans quilts,. Put them under the new "Sharing Tree" in the Narthex by Jan. 4. All items go to the King Township Food Bank.

Saturday, Dec. 13 is our Lunch with Santa, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soup and sandwich for adults, pizza and cupcakes for children. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$20 for family of 5 (2 adults, 3 children). Fill your can with Xmas cookies along the cookie walk, choose a special from the bake table, make a bid at the silent auction table, raffle table, and, of course, Santa will stop in. Donations for any of these tables would be greatly appreciated. Baking should be in to church on Friday p.m. if pos-

sible. Please help out wherever you can. Tickets now available. Call our church office or 905-833-1631.

Sunday, Dec.14 is our Christmas pageant and Potluck Lunch. Come to enjoy the children and share a meal and fellowship.

Bring your Advent pictures to mount on the board in the church. Rev. Evelyn will be referring to these in a sermon in Advent.

The afternoon group of the UCW is invited to the home of Betty Beaton on Dec. 17 for Christmas potluck lunch at noon. You are invited to come even if you are not a regular member. Just call Betty to reserve your chair.

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate the church, please bring them to the church by Sunday, Dec. 14. Attach a note if it is in memory of someone or to honour someone. Join us any Sunday for our 10 a.m. worship with Sunday school.

It is a special time of year to feel the Christmas spirit and enjoy the special music in our church. Sunday, Dec. 14 is Advent III.

Dec. 24 is our Christmas Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

King City Seniors Centre

All members are welcome to come out to the King City Library on Friday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. and participate in the King City Seniors Centre's Annual General Meeting. Following the AGM, board member Jim Mid-

leton will give an interesting talk on the famous Canadarm space project and his direct, lead role in the world famous project. Don't miss this important and informative meeting. For further information, call Carol Field at 905-833-3324.

Some of our social programs will be slowing down with the upcoming holiday season and will pick up again in the new year. Please refer to our website, www.kingcityseniors.ca for news and updates, or call Carol Field at 905-833-3324.

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.

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! 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. 14 as Pastor Mark finishing our series "Philippians – A Guide to Maturity" with Is Jesus Enough?

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

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.



Agricultural Society names new executive

The Schomberg Agricultural Society held its AGM Nov. 23 at Cardinal Golf Club. Shown are (l to r) Linda Jessop (Treasurer), Cathy D'Alessandro (Manager), Ron Hepburn (President), Judy Duffy, Bev Donaldson (2nd Vice). Back row (l to r) Ed Gardhouse, Stephen Peers, Karen Baker, Mike O'Hara, Emily McKinley, Jesse Hepburn, Ryan Lahey, Daniel Kanyo, Bill McPhail and Kevin Holmes (Vice President).

Submitted Photo

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Christmas Eve candlelight services abound

From Page 18

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at St. Andrew's! Join us this Advent Season as we prepare our hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas. 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.

Our worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. John Vissers telling the narratives. Sunday school and nursery care run concurrently and following the service, everyone is invited to stay for coffee and chat time.

Thank you to the deRoos family for participating in the reading and lighting of the Candle of Peace last Sunday.

Can you imagine how Joseph felt upon learning that his betrothed, Mary was to have a baby and he was not the father? He was far from experiencing peace about the situation and their future together. Peace came when he ac-

cepted what the Angel told him about God's plan in choosing Mary for the birth of His son, Jesus. The Prince of Peace. Have we accepted Him and the resultant peace He offers us?

The Ladies' Prayer Time continues 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 Tree of Warmth in the narthex continues to grow as it collects items for Evangel Hall. They will be delivered next week, in time for Christmas. These items include, mittens, gloves, warm socks, hats, scarves and toiletries. 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.

The Congregational Christmas Potluck and Children's Party starts at 5 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 13. Santa will

be visiting! White Gift Sunday is Dec. 14, when the Christmas donations and the Givings Envelopes for next year are blessed.

The Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is 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.

All Saints
By Nicola Skinner

We invite you to come to our beautiful service of Lessons and Carols on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Join in with the glorious carols of Advent and Christmas, the splendour of the pipe organ with choir and guest soloists. Hear the story afresh in the candlelit beauty of the church. A goodwill offering will be taken. Any proceeds will go to providing clean drinking water for Pikangikum in northern Ontario, where homes are being retro-

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Later on at 10 p.m. we celebrate a quieter, traditional candlelight communion. And on Christmas Day in the morning we celebrate at 9 a.m. with a relaxed acoustic service with your favourite carols. Children are welcome to bring a favourite gift with them (because we know that they will have been up opening presents since the crack of dawn!). On the first Sunday of Christmas, Dec. 28, we welcome Bishop Peter Fenty as our preacher and presider, for his annual visit amongst us. All are welcome.

Christmas is a time when we celebrate the light of Christ come into the world. We pray that your lives may be filled with light and life this Christmas.

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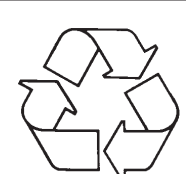
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Horticultural society holds its AGM night

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Nobleton Lions Christmas Party

The Nobleton Lions Club would once again like to invite our neighborhood families to our annual free skating party at the Nobleton Community Arena on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For the children we provide free hot dogs and drinks. The younger children will be able to visit Santa and receive a free treat bag. The Nobleton Lions thank the community for their past support this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope to see you there!

Horticultural Society

"Music of the Night" filled Nobleton Community Hall on Monday, Nov. 24 as members and guests of the Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society were entertained by talented local singer Matthew Dunn, a student at Mayfield Secondary School, at their AGM, awards and pot luck dinner. He

sang a selection from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" and several other songs from recent popular musicals.

N-KCHS president Lorraine Feast welcomed all and introduced the head table guests who included King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini Councilor Debbie Schaefer, Barbara Downey, former Society president now Assistant Director of District 15 of the Ontario Horticultural Association OHA with husband Robert, Deborah Socol past-president and husband Scott and representing the Nobleton Women's Institute Franca Gaio-Mazzolin and Elizabeth Douglas.

We were especially pleased to welcome back former King City resident and long-time member Tina Stone now of Severn River, On.

John Arnott, the only surviving charter member of the Society, said grace and proposed the Toast to H.M. the Queen following which members and guests got down to the business of enjoying the Society's famous and

much anticipated pot luck supper.

Before dessert, Barbara Downey conducted the election of Society directors for 2015 and their formal installation.

Lorraine Feast (Bolton) will complete the second year of her two-year term as president. John Bot (King City) is 2nd Vice President and Deborah Socol (King City) is past president.

John Arnott (Tecumseth Pines-Tottenham), Barbara Downey (Castleberg), and Jules Mauleffinch (Caledon) and Bonnie Mactaggart (Castleberg) will complete the 2nd year of a 2 year term as directors, while Dennis Ball, Kathy Ball, Susan Beharriell (all Nobleton) and Blair Day (King City) will begin the first year of a two year term.

Bonnie Mactaggart (Castleberg) will remain membership convenor.

The position of 1st Vice President remains open.

Serena Edmunds will continue as secretary as will Gordon Berry as treasurer (both King City). Arlene

Heaps (King City) and Nancy Hopkinson (Nobleton) will once again be auditors.

After the installation of this new executive Lorraine Feast presented Nancy Hopkinson with the President's Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Society activities in recent years Mayor Pellegrini presented Anita Pulla (King City) with the coveted Olive Nelson Cup, given to the member who earns the highest number of points in the Novice Class. Elizabeth Douglas presented John Arnott with the prestigious Women's Institute Cup who once again earned the highest number of points in the Open Class.

The Society is already planning for 2015 gardening season with its new challenges and opportunities and we look forward to our first meeting and flower show themed "Ides of March" on Monday, March 23.

Our members and friends wish all in the community the blessings of Christmas and Hanukkah.



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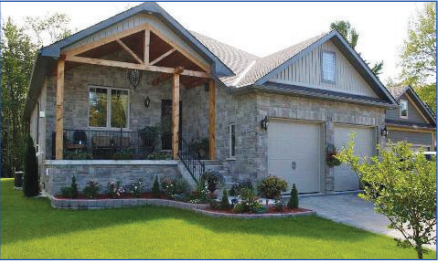
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