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Council okays a 2.97% hike in 2015 budget

By Angela Gismondi

King Council approved the 2015 business plan and budget Monday after a little tweaking.

The Township's director of finance Allan Evelyn made a presentation at the committee of the whole meeting this past Monday, recommending a 3.99 per cent residential tax rate increase, which translates to \$79 for an average home assessed at \$614,000.

Although the proposed levy was reduced one per cent since the budget was first presented in December, it still didn't sit well with some councillors who wanted to see the figure dropped even further, to bring it below the three per cent mark.

After almost three hours of discussion and debate on the matter, councillors were able to find about \$200,000 in cost savings to bring the levy increase down to 2.97 per cent, which translates to \$59 for an average home assessed at \$614,000. Assuming the region approves the proposed increase of 3.79 per cent and the education component remains at zero, King residents are looking at a blended tax levy increase of 2.69 per cent or \$156 per average household.

Shaving one per cent off the tax rate was not an easy task and there was much debate over what items should stay and what should go. Councillors were divided between whether residents would appreciate a lower the tax rate or the level of service that comes with a slightly higher rate. It was Councillor Bill Cober who brought up finding ways to reduce the levy. He pointed out that the Township has a significant revenue increase this year.

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Enjoying winter activities

Despite our rather unpredictable weather, winter offers a host of fun activities. Parker, 7, enjoys some snowshoeing through the King Trail at Seneca College with his parents. The site offers 14 kilometres of groomed cross-country trails.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Monday, February 9, 2015

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

- Public Meeting Re: Zoning By-law Amendment & Plan of Subdivision Application, File No. Z-2014-07 & 19T-14-K01
- Address: 13120 8th Concession

Monday, February 23, 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
- Aquatics Positions

COMPETITIVE BIDS

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

METRUS COMMUNITY PARK BLOCK

Township staff together with Thinc Design are hosting the second public input session for the Metrus Community Park Block on **February 4th at 7pm at the Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre & Arena**. Thinc Design have prepared panels and a presentation which will include 4 park options with images of different components and would like your input.

Park options include, but are not limited to:

- Playground equipment (focus on accessible play pieces) for a wide range of ages
- Splash pad components
- Fencing (for dog off-leash area and bike skills parks)
- Skateboard park elements (built in and catalogue pieces)
- Shade structures
- Images of bike skill park pieces (pump track, wall rides, jumps etc...)
- Fitness equipment pieces (for fitness trails)
- Labyrinth images

For more information, please contact parks@king.ca

REMINDERS



MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 3
Nobleton Library
Councillors David Boyd & Linda Pabst

Tuesday, April 7
King City Library
Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer

Wednesday, March 25
Schomberg Library
Councillor Bill Cober

Thursday, April 16
Ansnorveldt Library
Councillor Avia Eek

Informal Meet & Greet - Discuss Ward/Township Issues

All Welcome!

'LIVING WITH WILDLIFE' COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, April 1st – King City Library @ 7pm

Tuesday, April 7th – Nobleton Library @ 7pm

Tuesday, April 14th – Schomberg Library @ 7pm

Representatives from the Toronto Wildlife Centre will discuss how to address the challenges of living with wildlife in or near rural environments, and will answer any questions you may have. Topics include:

1. Handling conflict situations with animals
2. What to do if you find sick, injured or orphaned wildlife
3. General wildlife info (dangers, myths, etc.)

For more information contact sustainability@king.ca



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- Non-perishable food items and a manual can opener
- 4 Litres of water per person per day
- Flashlights, battery operated lanterns and crank radio
- Extra Medications



PUBLIC NOTICES



VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL



The Township of King Fire & Emergency Services is currently accepting applications for the position of a recruit volunteer fire fighter.

King Fire & Emergency Services will be hosting an open house/ information session on Saturday Feb. 28th, 2015 at Station 38 in Nobleton (5926 King Rd.) at 10:00 am

For more information, or to pick up an application, please contact:

James Arnold – Deputy Fire Chief @ 905-833-2800.

Applications are available at Station 34 in King City (2045 King Road) 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Applications will be accepted in person at Station 34 in King City until Friday March 6th, 2015 until 4:30pm

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be notified. Personal information is collected under authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine eligibility for potential volunteer employment. Personal information (PI) will be protected in accordance with Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Questions about the collection of personal information (PI) should be directed to Fire Chief, Township of King, 2075 King Road, L7B 1A1 or Fire Chief at (905) 833-2800.



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For more information contact (905)833-4080 or sustainability@king.ca.

Plenty of give and take in this year's King budget

From Front Page

"We have to be cautious with it," said Cober. "That's a lot of money that is new in King Township. We have to make sure to be conscientious in a time of restraint and that we have to be cognizant of that which we can afford and what we're planning to do. We need to walk before we can run."

He asked Evelyn where council could look for reductions. Evelyn responded it would be best to discuss the matter with the senior management team who would determine what items would have the least impact on service levels, without compromising the strategies proposed.

Township CAO Susan Plamondon asked that if council was going to pull items out of the budget, they should do so in the area of program changes or enhancements. She pointed out that the items included in the budget have already been cut and revised by staff.

"Items that are infrastructure, roads, fleet or asset based, I can't stress the need enough to maintain the level recommended in this budget," said Plamondon. "That problem is getting bigger year after year. The more we put it off, the bigger that nut is going to be to crack."

She added that the development charge items cannot be touched because the Township made a commitment to do certain things with the money.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer asked that if councillors want to make changes to the budget, they should identify the program changes they don't want to see and why. She pointed out the 3.99 per cent increase means an extra \$79 for the homeowners, which is not that much money for most people.

"I think we need to be driven by the service we are providing to the public," said Schaefer. "When I look at the changes being proposed, in some cases it's modest and in other cases it's really going to change the way we operate in this Township."

Councillor Linda Pabst said she would like to see the rate decreased.

"I would like to see it one per cent lower and I don't know how to make that change," said Pabst. "I don't know where to start to cut. It's going to be a tough decision."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini suggested there is a difference between needs and wants and maybe some projects can wait until next year.

"I think this council is unanimous about needing to invest in our reserves," said Pellegrini. "The question is the new initiatives. To be honest, some of them are about priorities. I'm not in support of sprinklers in fire halls. It's a great initiative but it is my priority? No, it's roads. What I'm hearing from people is that we need to invest in our roads."

Fire Chief Jim Wall explained that having sprinkler systems in the fire halls is about more than saving the building and the equipment itself. Should a fire occur, like the one at the East Gwillimbury fire station last year, the Township would lose a significant asset and the ability to fight fires and respond to emergency calls. They might even have to rely on neighbouring fire services.

"I just want to make sure we're protecting everything we've offered our residents and make sure it's still there when we need it," said Wall.

"You can never fight fire," Pellegrini joked, recognizing the importance of the local fire service. "This is killing me to go against the chief."

Pellegrini also pointed out that new staff members are included in the budget, but the Township can't even house the staff they have now. He wasn't sure about whether council or staff should be making decisions on the budget cuts.

"We are making decisions for staff that they might rather do themselves," said Pellegrini. "I can shave \$200,000 off the budget and I will pass it tonight and be happy."

Councillor David Boyd said he, too questioned the urgency of some of the items in the budget.

"I've been staring at this binder for the past week and wondering if there is anything we can live without," said Boyd. "I certainly identified a couple of items I have questions about."

In particular, Boyd asked if the Town

could extend the life of a single axle dump truck for one more year and instead of replacing it this year, replace it next year.

Cober asked that the streetscaping and beautification initiative be taken out of the budget. Chris Fasciano, director of parks, recreation and culture, explained that the initiative includes the Township's banner program, street furniture and the new Wayfinding Signage Program approved by council a few months ago to promote local businesses and tourism. Taking it out of the budget would represent a decrease in service levels, he added, and it would mean no Wayfinding signage. Cober also questioned the need for a cultural coordinator for the King Township Museum. He pointed out that every little bit of money saved helps.

"I'm never going to make an apology for trying to save taxpayer dollars when we are all taxpayers," said Cober, adding constituents are aware the inflation rate in Canada right now is 1.5 per cent.

Pellegrini pointed out that every member of council is going to have to defend the tax rate to their constituents. He asked that the communications coordinator position be removed from the budget, a position which he was a strong advocate for. He also asked staff to decide between the administrative clerk or human resources assistant position, not both. He suggested the sprinkler systems for fire halls be taken out of the budget as well. Those three items represent a reduction of one per cent on the tax rate, he explained.

"I can go another year without it," said Pellegrini, regarding the communications coordinator. "I believe strongly there are items that are wants and others that are needs, they can wait until next year."

Eek disagreed with cutting the communications coordinator.

"That is definitely something the municipality needs," said Eek, adding she was not in favour of some of the other cuts as well. "We've been walking far too long and I think it's time we pick it up to a jog or we're going to continue having the problems we have."

Schaefer agreed it was not appropriate to make so many cuts.

"For most people, it's not going to cause a great hardship and they will recognize the benefits," said Schaefer.

Mortelliti said a communications coordinator is very important for the Township and he could not support taking it out of the budget. He also pointed out that a one per cent reduction in the tax rate amounts to \$197,000 or \$20 a year in savings for the average homeowner.

"That's what we're quibbling over," said Mortelliti. "I will get a complaint about taxes but in the same breath they want an increase in level of service. If you want level of service, you need money. We're talking about 20 bucks. I know every dollar counts."

In the end, councillors managed to agree to cut the proposed engineering

technician position for now, with the understanding that staff will come back with a report at a later date. That reduced the budget by \$56,000. The Township currently receives street sweeping services in the spring and fall but to save money, Council cut the fall street sweeping program (\$23,000). However, the Township plans to purchase a street sweeper and if they get it before the fall, they will be able to provide that service to residents. Instead of approving sprinklers for all the fire halls in King, council approved one, with the understanding that the others will be considered in next year's budget. They also asked staff to find an additional \$38,000 in savings to bring the total budget reduction to \$200,000.

The 2015 budget and business plan reflects the increasing cost of maintaining existing programs at current service levels, as well as making additional contributions to infrastructure reserves and tax supported capital projects.

The Township's operating budget increases "net" operating resources by \$578k (2.97 per cent). On the strength of projected assessment growth of \$1.9M

(9.63 per cent) the approved 2015 operating budget increases the Township's commitment to Infrastructure Reserves (\$722k) and 2015 tax supported contribution to capital (\$220k) by a total of \$942.6k (4.84 per cent). The budget ensures more than 50 per cent of property taxation revenues generated through increased assessment is either invested to support 2015 capital project needs or set aside to support planned future infrastructure requirements.

"This budget sets service levels for today and sets the stage for what the Township needs to do on a go forward basis," explained Evelyn, adding there is an emphasis on investing in infrastructure and the long-term needs of the municipality in this year's budget. "We're trying to extend the life of our infrastructure and start to address some of the future infrastructure needs by increasing the municipality's commitment to its capital program ... We want to establish a predictable framework and capital strategy to have funding in place to support infrastructure needs."

Proposed York budget calls for 3.79% hike

York Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer Bill Hughes tabled the draft four-year Business Plan and Budget. It includes approval of the 2015 budget of \$826 million for capital projects and \$1.9 billion for operating expenses, as well as approval of three-year outlook (2016 to 2018). The draft budget proposes a tax levy increase of 3.79 per cent, or approximately \$81 per household, for 2015.

Members of council will review the proposed budget at Committee of the Whole meetings in February. The treasurer is expected to present the budget for Regional Council approval at either the February or March meeting of council.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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Worldwide corruption is no conspiracy theory

People love a juicy conspiracy theory. From the assassination of JFK and the moon landings to Elvis, people cling to their beliefs.

In some instances, much of it has to do with a lack of faith in government. It's a matter of trust, or lack thereof.

In Canada, we're quite lucky in many regards. Genuine stories of government corruption are not commonplace. I wouldn't say they're rare, but legitimate, large-scale incidents are few and far between.

Our media and citizen watchdogs are quite good at digging up the dirt and exposing minor and major incidents of corruption.

But on the whole, I believe that Canada is a fairly decent country, run by well meaning (although overpaid) civil servants.

But again, a lack of faith in the "system" breeds suspicion.

"They're all corrupt and on the take, you know." How often have you overheard that comment at the coffee shop or while waiting in line at your favourite fast-food restaurant?

In my line of work, I've been covering politics at the local, regional, provincial and federal levels for more than 30 years. In all those years, I've only come across a handful of corruption cases. But that's still too many, as far as taxpayers are concerned.

I still regularly receive calls and emails about alleged wrongdoings or what's perceived as misconduct. I think when residents run into a hurdle or stumbling block in their dealings with any level of government, they often jump to conclusions and feel as they've



Mark Pavilons

been wronged. That leads them to believe there's some sort of collusion or conspiracy taking place.

Others point to a lack of "accountability" or "transparency," common catch phrases used by everyone these days. All governments, all elected officials and all civil servants are accountable. There are mechanisms in place to make it so.

Sure, there may be some areas that are inefficient and some processes and job descriptions may be duplicated, leading to waste and, unfortunately, mistakes. Some believe certain civil servants or government employees have too much autonomy - too much power and control of the purse strings.

Again, the internal structure of any

government entity is what it is.

That doesn't mean the public can't ask questions and demand answers.

Accessibility to municipal staff is key in this day and age.

I recall a time when it was easy to waltz into the CAO's office and share a coffee with the second in command, simply to shoot the breeze or ask questions.

I could also pay a visit to any elementary school without notice, to take photos or interview staff and students.

Today, it's a whole different ball game. Fear, apprehension and legalities have made such visits impossible.

So, in an attempt to safeguard our young, accessibility has been curtailed.

While it can be justified at the school level, it should not be extended to branches of the government that answer to the taxpaying public.

Canadian politicians and civil servants are painted with a very large brush and unfortunately, they're guilty by association. Their counterparts in other parts of the globe, are downright crooked.

More than one person in two thinks corruption has worsened in the last two years, according to the world's largest public opinion survey on corruption from Transparency International. Survey participants also firmly believe they can make a difference and have the will to take action against graft.

The Global Corruption Barometer 2013 is a survey of 114,000 people in 107 countries and it shows corruption is widespread. In all, 27% of respondents have paid a bribe when accessing public services and institutions in the last 12 months, revealing no improvement from previous surveys.

Still, nearly 9 out of 10 people surveyed said they would act against corruption and two-thirds of those who were asked to pay a bribe had refused, suggesting that governments, civil society and the business sector need to do more to engage people in thwarting corruption.

"Bribe paying levels remain very high worldwide, but people believe they have the power to stop corruption and the number of those willing to combat the abuse of power, secret dealings and bribery is significant," said Huguette Labelle, the chair of Transparency International.

The Global Corruption Barometer 2013 also found that in too many countries the institutions people rely on to fight corruption and other crime are themselves not trusted. The report found that 36 countries view police as the most corrupt, and in those countries an average of 53% of people had been asked to pay a bribe to the police. And 20 countries view the judiciary as the most corrupt, and in those countries an average of 30% of the people who had come in contact with the judicial systems had been asked to pay a bribe.

In 51 countries around the world political parties are seen as the most corrupt institution; 55 per cent of respondents think government is run by special interests.

By comparison, this neck of the woods is paradise!

But I'm not suggesting we let our guard down, or stop snooping. Quite the contrary. A strong media, sharp citizenry and watchdog groups are all necessary to keep our system in check.

Letter to the Editor

Offer your input into new park!

I am writing to invite and urge King residents, particularly those near Nobleton, to make their views known on the proposed options for the design and name of the new park in Nobleton.

Now is the time to choose the design for what will be the largest park in King Township. Many citizens have already contributed ideas for elements that they would like to see included.

Staff has taken these ideas and shared them with the contracted company that has now created 4 options. Playgrounds for all ages (toddler to seniors), bike and skateboard areas, trails, benches, a soccer field, a splash pad, shade structures, fitness equipment and natural areas etc could all be incorporated.

Community members indicated that accessibility and natural playground elements are important to them. Do you want an off-leash, fenced dog park and, if so, are you willing to be part of a user group that oversees the use and maintenance of such a feature?

What should this new addition to our community be named? The Metrus reference is not the name, it is simply the present, legal designation for a portion of the land. The park is for use by all of the King community.

Should we name it after a village founder who spent many years creating Nobleton? Would Budweth Park be an appropriate name? What other community founders or history should be highlighted? Should we have a sign in the toddler area of the playground in memory of any number of young people lost under tragic circumstances as some of us suggest? Is the name of one of the original sports teams in the village a possibility? What would you like to name the new park?

Please come to the public open house Feb. 4 at the Nobleton arena at 7 p.m. to learn about the various proposals and to make your wishes known. This is your opportunity to help create an imaginative, fun, beautiful and lasting addition to Nobleton! For more information call the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department at 905-833-5321.

Susan Beharriell



Brainteaser



While driving his car a man slams on the brakes when he sees, in the middle of the street, a diamond studded door, a gold door and a silver door. Which door does he open first?

Last week's answer: The man in the photo is the man's son.

King Township Trivia

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Results from last week's poll:
Who do you think will win the Superbowl February 1?

a) New England Patriots	<div style="width: 80%; background-color: black; height: 10px;"></div>	80%
b) Seattle Seahawks	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: black; height: 10px;"></div>	20%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Has the drop in gas prices affected your driving habits?

a) Yes
b) No

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Premier Wynne ranks among Canada's worst fiscal managers

Ontario's Kathleen Wynne ranks as one of the worst Canadian premiers at managing provincial government finances while Saskatchewan's Brad Wall ranks as one of the best, according to a new analysis released today by the Fraser Institute, Canada's leading public policy think-tank.

Measuring the Fiscal Performance of Canada's Premiers, 2015 examines the fiscal records of 10 Canadian premiers (five current and five former) relative to each other during their time in office up to the 2013/14 fiscal year. Of the current premiers included in the analysis and expected to table budgets this spring, Wall ranks first, while Wynne — the premier of Canada's largest province — finishes last.

"With sliding energy prices and an uncertain economy, it is incumbent upon all premiers to implement sound fiscal policies in their upcoming budgets to strengthen their province's economic foundation," said Charles Lammam, Fraser Institute associate director of tax and fiscal policy and study co-author.

"Sound fiscal policy means prudent government spending, balanced budgets and a tax burden that isn't so heavy it becomes a disincentive for people to work hard, save, invest and be entrepreneurial."

The study assigns each premier an overall score (out of 100) and rank (out of 10) based on their relative performance on three core components of fiscal policy: government spending, taxes, and deficits and debt. Premiers who managed spending more prudently, balanced their books and paid down debt, and reduced or maintained key tax rates — relative to their counterparts — ranked higher.

In the analysis of all 10 premiers — including former premiers — Wynne earns an overall score of just 39.5 (out of 100) placing sixth on government spending, fifth on taxes and last on the deficits and debt component, running the largest average deficit of all the premiers at 1.5 per cent of GDP.

At the top of the rankings are Kathy Dunderdale, former Newfoundland and Labrador premier (84.6); Wall (71.5) and Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia (64.8).

"While the top performing premiers should be commended, there is room for all to improve. In Saskatchewan, for example, annual government spending increases were largest, greatly outpacing average inflation and population growth. In B.C., the province's tax competitiveness has taken a hit with recent tax rate hikes on both corporate and personal income," Lammam said.

Meanwhile, several premiers who took office after 2013/14 remain burdened by the weak fiscal records of their respective predecessors. Alison Redford, former Alberta premier, ranks sixth overall with particularly poor performance on the government spending and deficits and debt components, while Pauline Marois, former premier of Quebec, ranks seventh overall.

"If Alberta's current premier

wants to put the province on a more sound fiscal and economic footing, a better job needs to be done controlling government spending and reversing the decline in the province's net assets," Lammam said.

"In Quebec, the legacy of high government debt and uncompetitive taxes presents a significant challenge if the new government wants to improve Quebec's economic environment."

Let's change time-of-use power prices and put smart meters to work

By Gord Miller
Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

In my energy conservation report released recently, I recommended that Ontario should increase the difference between on-peak and off-peak electricity prices. This suggestion has drawn a lot of heat, but not much light. Let me repeat my message so there is no confusion.

Price signals encourage people to make decisions about when they use power. Right now, the off-peak or lowest price for electricity is 7.7 cents/kWh. It is available evenings and overnight for 12 hours a day. During weekends, this is the price all day. For 108 hours or two-thirds of the week, we pay the off-peak price. In my mind, the lower this price is compared to the on-peak price of 14 cents, the more incentive you have to use electricity during the low-priced hours.

Regrettably, in the last few years, the gap between on-peak and off-peak prices has got narrower and narrower so that we now pay an on-peak price that is less than double the off-peak rate. I called for this gap or the difference to be widened to perhaps five to one. I didn't say prices should rise. Increasing the price difference means increasing on-peak prices while also decreasing off-peak prices. As one goes up, the other must go down and the gap widens.

The hourly cost of using a kilowatt-hour of electricity can be seen in Ontario's electricity market price, which is often less than 3 cents during the night, but can rise to 30 cents or more when our use peaks during the day. At these cheap nightly market prices, why are we paying almost 8 cents per kilowatt-hour? I suggest a paired response, reducing the off-peak 7.7 cent price and increasing the price paid at peak times.

A larger gap between on-peak and off-peak need not increase the average person's electricity bill. If a household uses the same amount of power — at the same times of the day — its bill stays the same. If this household adapts and finds a way to use less during on-peak times, its electricity bill goes down. There is a role for special conservation programs to assist customers who have higher than average peak electricity use and limited opportunity to shift like those in rural areas in older homes that heat with electricity.

That's the immediate impact. What is always forgotten is the second part of the story. As customers respond to price signals and shift some of their electricity use away from peak hours, Ontario's long-term peak demand will drop. This drop would mean the need for expensive peak power generating stations and related transmission infrastructure declines as well — yet another cost related benefit.

Let's put those smart meters to work with effective time-of-use prices.

The Environmental Commissioner of Ontario is the province's independent environmental watchdog. Appointed by the Legislative Assembly, the ECO monitors and reports on compliance with the Environmental Bill of Rights, the government's progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and its actions towards achieving greater energy conservation in Ontario.

A new direction needed to ensure middle-class security, Tanaka says

Following news that the Conservative government will delay tabling this year's budget amidst fears of a recession due to falling oil prices, York-Simcoe federal Liberal candidate Shaun Tanaka said a new direction is needed.

"The Conservative government likes to boast about their economic record, but we are seeing that their failed focus is hurting middle-class families. The Conservatives slashed and cut supports for our veterans, transfers to the provinces for healthcare and other critical investments while offering massive tax cuts to the rich, even before the budget was balanced. This failed direction is wrong for Canada.

"Justin Trudeau and the Liberal team is preparing a more sensible plan to invest in infrastructure, to support pension security, help young people access post-secondary education and assist middle-class families to get ahead. Our region in particular needs a new direction to attract manufacturing jobs, improve daily commuting and support our agricultural sectors. We cannot afford more failed Conservative economics. It's time for change."

Tanaka is a social and cultural geographer; she is a champion of the environment and currently sits on the sustainability board of the University of Toronto. Locally, Shaun is a member of the East Gwillimbury Friends of the Library board.

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"Myself, I don't really follow them, but I know a lot of other people are."



Stefano Gutierrez

"Very disappointed. But it's the same thing every year."



Kyle Therrien

"Definitely. How can you not be?"

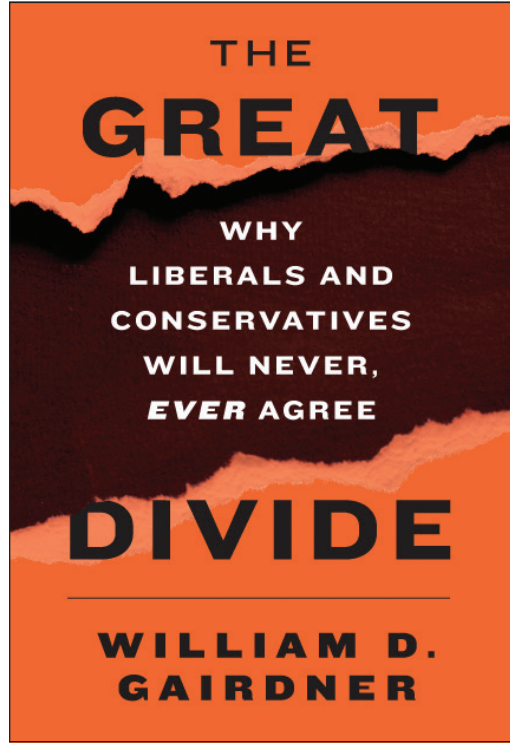


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"They've been pretty terrible, but they can be and people will still watch."

Author Gairdner sheds light on divisive ideologies

By Mark Pavilons



King's William Gairdner tackles some democratic fundamentals and provides ample food for thought in his new book.

William Gairdner is fearless. He's a risk-taker and a bit of a daredevil. Gairdner's thrills don't come from skydiving or bungee jumping, but rather from elevating the level of frank discussion of important issues.

Open dialogue about everything from gay marriages and equality to euthanasia and the fundamentals of democracy, is sadly lacking in Canada and across the western world. Public fear and silence has permeated modern society to the point where we've become over-governed, over-regulated and our bloated legislative system is straying far afield.

And so, this Olympic athlete had taken upon himself the herculean task of enticing many minds to come together and join in frank debate, trying to stem the tide of apathy.

Gairdner is up to the task. The retired educator, who earned a PhD from Stanford University in English Literature, is one of Canada's critically acclaimed straight-shooters, having penned *On Higher Ground*, *The Trouble with Canada*, *The War Against the Family* and *Constitutional Crack-up*. He's not accustomed to holding back. His newest book, *The Great Divide: Why Liberals and Conservatives Will Never, Ever Agree*, will hit the shelves in the coming weeks. It will likely cause a bit of a stir, both here and south of the border.

Already Gairdner has received many interview requests from various media, as well as an offer to appear on the U.S. talk show *Real Time with Bill Maher*.

The theme of *The Great Divide* is that the citizenry of the democratic world is becoming increasingly divided

from within, due to a growing ideological incompatibility between modern liberalism and conservatism. Gairdner contends that civil conversation at the surface has been failing and that could mean democracy is failing.

This book is an effort to deepen the conversation. And you don't have to be a political junkie to appreciate the earnest opinions Gairdner expresses. He's trying to dig beneath the surface of all of us, bringing to light some honest exchange. He's not trying to ruffle any feathers or stir emotions, but generate civil conversation.

He could be compared to Plato or the

Greek God Veritas in his quest for public enlightenment.

As an aid to understanding, the book contains a handful of "tables" that compare modern liberal and conservative views across a range of fundamental moral and political issues so readers can answer the book's main question: "Where Do You Stand?"

Political correctness today is the elephant in the room, he stressed. He noted in his youth, people were much less afraid to express their opinions. Discussions around the dinner table were current, open and honest.

Canada's founding fathers exuded passion and they likely would not have approved of our level of conceits. In many ways, our good intentions to become an accepting, welcoming nation have backfired.

And we're paying the price through a bloated civil service; intrusive regulations and ultimately voter apathy and distrust.

"I don't like to see a divided population," he said, adding "I want us to speak our minds."

Gairdner tackles the concepts of democracy and freedom the world over.

He observed that modern democracies arose from the desire to protect

citizens from oppressive rule. Part of that involves an obligation to honour the sacrifices of our ancestors and a duty to future generations. But these very systems we created to save us have morphed into quite the opposite.

The purpose of government is to make people happy at home. Democracy isn't necessarily about critical thinking, and in many parts of the world, it has evolved into a voracious gravy train with no end in sight.

Gairdner said we've become a sort of "tripartite state" where one-third of the people work to create wealth; one-third are employed by the government and another third receive benefits from the government.

"In the voting booth, the last two segments will eventually gang up on the first, signaling the mutation of a nation of makers, into a nation of takers," he said.

He's asking the blatant questions others are afraid to ask. He perpetuates the idea of a "moral rupture" where taxpayers work like dogs supporting governments that are bending under never-ending debt. All government debt is a form of deferred taxation and this will create the self-perpetuating, inter-generational rupture.

"We can't stamp our feet and constantly ask for more and more," he said.

Our legacy should be one of sound infrastructure and positive government budgets. Our huge debts are a form of breach of confidence.

Gairdner is passionate because he loves Canada and all that it is and can be. He's eloquent and well spoken, but not preachy or pedantic.

He's from very good stock and while he's lived a privileged life, perhaps this elevated vantage point has given him a prime spot from which to launch his barbed arrows.

He doesn't pretend to have all the answers or a perfect solution.

Acknowledging our fundamental differences and talking about them results in a win-win scenario. But we mustn't be sheepish about it.

Reading *The Great Divide* is a start. It's due out Feb. 17, released by Encounter Books.

To find out more about what makes Gairdner tick, visit www.williamgairdner.com.

Free youth art workshop Saturday

Join Arts Society King and the King Township Museum this Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to noon for two supervised and interactive art experiences. All supplies are provided and there is no cost.

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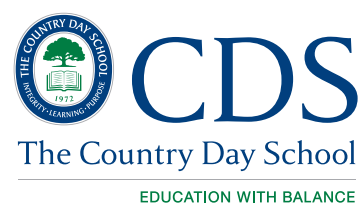
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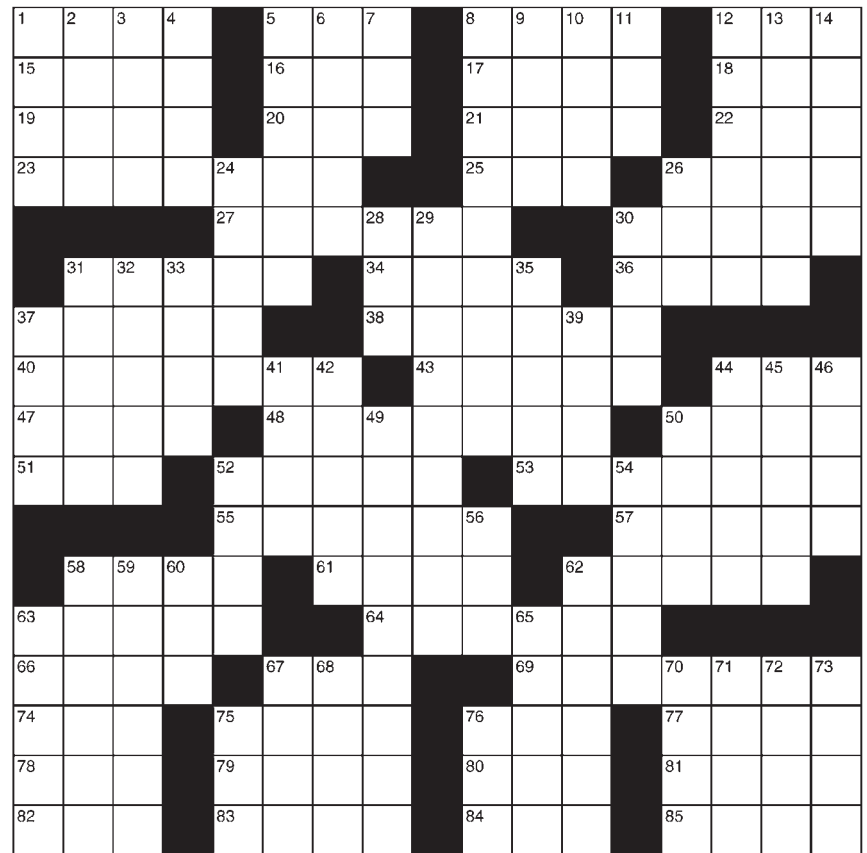
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15. Look at amorously
16. Pedal digit
17. Ball of yarn
18. Squeeze
19. Slender
20. River inlet
21. Exchange allowance
22. Desert garment
23. Ousting
25. Beat it
26. State firmly
27. Drill
30. Monkey business?
31. Commencement
34. Curved support
36. Firecracker sound
37. Rapidly
38. Down in the dumps
40. Obscure place
43. Long for
44. Fort Worth sch.
47. Attitude
48. Authorize
50. Switch
51. Some
52. Request urgently
53. Spotted feline
55. Place for shadow
57. Outback dog
58. Meager
61. Abnormal breathing
62. Gambling game
63. Underground chamber
64. Nastase's game
66. Mislaid
67. Undies item
69. Be magnetic
74. Choose
75. Cattle stall
76. Deal a blow
77. Nothing but
78. Bishop's office
79. Recover
80. Night before Christmas
81. Snatched
82. Be mistaken
83. Lazy
84. Feminine pronoun
85. Pot bet

DOWN

1. Retain
2. Certain molding
3. Applaud
4. Casino game
5. Connecting channel
6. Sheer linen
7. Vote in favor
8. Bird frightener
9. Pond organism
10. Horse check
11. "Sands of _____ Jima"
12. Angelic abode
13. Actress Anita _____
14. Fatigued
24. Period of indulgence
26. Timber tree
28. Run into
29. Alligator's kin
30. Assist Billy the Kid, e.g.
31. Utensil
32. Golden brown
33. Soreness
35. Shack
37. Rectangular pilaster
39. Moistureless
41. Depend
42. Muslim ruler
44. Pluck
45. Ship's load
46. Coiffure
49. Delicious
50. Turn
52. Impudent
54. Lyrical poet
56. Burrow
58. Appropriate
59. Mother of pearl?
60. Ajar, in poems
62. Acrid
63. Nearby
65. Innocent
67. Produced offspring
68. Teheran money
70. Roster
71. In a minute
72. Thicken
73. Toddler
75. Fraternity letter
76. Chuckling sound

Solution
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GreenScience offers the ultimate in organic waste recycling

By Mark Pavilons

Our planet was never designed to accommodate seven billion people. So, the onus is on all of us to ensure our sustainability.

When a piece of trash or organic garbage leaves our hands, it's out of sight, out of mind.

We like to think of ourselves as green-savvy, environmentally friendly citizens, particularly here in King Township. But the reality is we're lagging behind and we still don't have an efficient system in this province for dealing with organic waste.



Aladin Jarrah

The earthworm is not pretty. But it's likely the most efficient organic processor on the planet. It was designed that way.

And Kettleby's Aladin Jarrah is betting that this creature will be humankind's saviour, or at least our best partner in tackling our waste issues.

Jarrah, founding director in GreenScience, points to the harsh realities we face. Regardless of the municipal or regional waste diversion system, some 85% of organic waste still ends up in dumps. Several regions accept disposable diapers, animal waste, cat litter and meat packaging, all things that cannot be composted. With mixed stream recycling, many items become contaminated, forcing them to spend the remainder of their lives in landfill.

Jarrah contends there is no system that currently deals with our organic waste efficiently. The material is still transported large distances from the source, to either St. Thomas, Quebec or the United States. This pollution-producing system almost negates any positive achievements.

"There has to be a better way," Jarrah observed, noting we need to mirror how nature does it.

And that's where these tiny micro-processors – earthworms – come into the picture. Basically, worms move through the soil, eating bacteria off of decaying organic matter. The worm's own waste is in the form of a casting – nature's best fertilizer, containing a cornucopia of nutrients. The digestive process adds an array of biological organisms to the castings. These organ-



GreenScience has created the Organic Residuals Upgrader. Kettleby's Aladin Jarrah (left) is passionate about organic recycling and the future for his company. Below, the richness of worm castings.

isms include beneficial bacteria, fungi, actinomycetes, pseudomonads, plant growth regulators, yeasts, and molds. As many as 10,000 different biological species are added to the soil, and these organisms provide mechanisms so plants can access needed nutrients.

It is the perfect recycling system.

To give the worms a home and newfound purpose, Jarrah helped design the GreenScience Organic Residuals Upgrader, which he calls the "Club Med" for worms. This unique device creates incredibly ideal conditions for the worms to do their work, at an accelerated pace. The conditions are so ideal, Jarrah said, that the worms are not only voracious, but quite happy living in the lap of luxury. The ORU, about the size of an office cubicle, can process one ton of waste per day, with no pollution, no carbon footprint, no odour and only using a minute amount of electricity.

While composting and benefits of worm castings have been known for decades, the new twist of the ORU is the efficiency of this compact, self-contained unit.

"It's all about preserving nature's cycle," he said.

Jarrah has put his heart and soul, and every nickel of his savings, into this unit. He's as passionate about the ORU as he is about one of his own children. The device, and model, is so clean, quiet and non-invasive that it works in any urban setting. The "model" includes setting up groups of these devices in almost any building, so waste is transported no more than five kilometres from the source. So, the waste is picked up locally, processed locally, and the castings-rich soil is sold locally.

That means a lot of units and Jarrah estimated it would take roughly 19 20-ton facilities to fully serve the City of Toronto.

The ideal customers are industrial-commercial-institutional waste producers – hospitals, food processing plants, etc.

The worms, through the ORU can effectively deal with biosolids, food waste and horse manure. The critters can even process the toxic sludge byprod-

ucts from methane-producing plants.

The castings are also used in "worm tea," one of the best plant foods on the globe. Jarrah said this product is sprayed on your plants and prized flowers to rid them of harmful fungus and molds. A ton of castings is worth up to an estimated \$7,000, he pointed out.

"What we have done is take a natural process and optimized it," he said.

The process is so clean that it actually removes carbon dioxide from the planet. By helping to eliminate things like CO₂, processing a ton of organic waste actually creates "carbon credits."

Jarrah noted a ton of waste is not a lot in the big picture. He said a typical large grocery store can generate a ton of organic waste per day.

"I'm shocked by the amount of waste we generate," he said. "It's not a sin; it's life."

The key is dealing with it.

Canada is home to wonderfully innovative, planet-loving people. But when it comes to innovative waste related technology, Canadian business culture has a propensity for low-risk, post-revenue investment. However, the company has raised some capital and has engaged the services of a prominent Toronto-based investment bank to raise the funds to construct the first full 20-ton-per-day factory. Based on existing contracts, the facility will operate at capacity upon opening and will turn a profit within four months. The applications are just so broad, and they're only scratching the surface. It's a model that can be repeated worldwide.

"We have a responsibility to blaze a trail," he stressed. It's not for fame or fortune, but rather to help preserve our generations to come.

Their system, Jarrah contends, is the ultimate solution for handling organic waste, and in fact, the ultimate solution for saving agriculture.

The worms are not pretty, but Jarrah sees the "poetry and grace" of the whole process.

He's hoping others will see it, too.

It's the ultimate win-win scenario.

To learn more, check out their website at www.greenscience.ca.



Advertorial

Breakthrough Treatment Now Available in Richmond Hill

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

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

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

The ProAdjuster can safely and gently analyze and treat the spine and other joints to remove the nerve impingement that is often the cause of pains in the lower back, neck, shoulder, and elsewhere in the body. It also works on a variety of muscular conditions to loosen tight muscles with ease and comfort. Many patients say that it's like getting a mini-massage.

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

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



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

neck. Many people 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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King participates in CHATS walk

By Angela Gismondi

The sixth annual Community and Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) Walk for Wellness will take place on Sunday, Feb. 8 at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket.

This year's theme is "Who are you walking for?" where participants will be able to set up their fundraising page and dedicate their walk to a senior in their life. The goal this year is to raise \$35,000 with the funds raised being used to support seniors' programs and services.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer will be participating in this year's walk and encouraged council to do the same, or support someone who is walking.

"As I believe that CHATS provides valuable service to our senior citizens I am participating for the fourth time in this annual event," said Schaefer. "The services CHATS provides can enable people to continue living with independence. Please consider supporting CHATS by one of two ways – register and participate in the walk on Feb. 8 or support someone who is walking by making a donation."

Registration is \$25 per walker, to cover the cost of the pedometer and other items given to walkers. Anyone who raises over \$100 this year, inclusive of the registration fee, will receive a Code4Armour wrist band and a three month subscription. This is a digital medical alert wrist band programmed with only the information you choose to include that can be available to York Region EMS staff in the event of an emergency.

For those who come out and walk, there will be a special opportunity to meet Elvis Stojko, the 2015 Walk Hero. Stojko is a Figure Skating Champion with accomplishments including three-time world champion and two-time Olympic silver medalist.

Launched in 1980 by a caring group of community members, CHATS is a grass roots charity that has evolved and grown to meet the changing needs of more than 7,000 seniors and caregivers living in York Region and South Simcoe. CHATS believes everyone has the right to age gracefully – with dignity and respect. They also believe everyone deserves the right to continue to live in their own home and community, surrounded by familiar things and routines which give them comfort.

Overall, CHATS served 173 clients in King from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2014 which is up (38 per cent) from 125 clients in 2013. In addition to ongoing programs, it has been almost a year since CHATS assumed the responsibility for clients at Kitchen Breeden Manor in Schomberg, where 33 of their existing residents will now receive CHATS services on a 24/7 basis.

Registration for the Walk for Wellness begins at 8 a.m. at Upper Canada Mall, located at 17600 Yonge St. in Newmarket. For more information about CHATS please visit the website at www.chats.on.ca.



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King Chamber forges ahead with new a board

By Mark Pavilons

The King Chamber of Commerce will expand its reach and personal touch in 2015.

As the Chamber meets the new year head-on, a new slate of officers will fight the good fight and build on past successes.

The Chamber held its AGM and member appreciation evening last week at the Holland Marsh Wineries, building on its enthusiasm and welcoming its new team.

Returning to lead the organization this year are Tom Allen, Robin Priestly, Kelly Foley and Rose Dondaro.

Allen said the appreciation evening was a fun way to start the new term, building on the momentum from the highly successful Christmas lunch and toy drive.

This year, the Chamber will offer spring and fall health and safety sessions, something that proved very successful last year.

The main thrust this year is to offer a more personal touch and reach out to local business people. The Chamber plans to strengthen good, personal connections with all members. The volunteer board members feel very strongly about serving the community and local business interests.

Allen said they enjoy a good, co-operative relationship with the Township and that will continue. There were some healthy discussions in 2014 and Allen lauded the creation of the CIPs and official plan review.

"The Chamber is your voice to local government," he told members.

The Chamber lauded the efforts of several out-going members, including Melissa Strange, who was a "breath of fresh air," according to Priestly, who also praised Patty Fleetwood for her passion.

Allen was pleased to welcome three new board members, noting there's always room for more.

Joining the Chamber team are Chris Gafoor, who runs a consulting firm and who ran for the Ward 5 council seat in the 2014 municipal election; Margarida Ramos D'Alfonsi, branch manager for BMO Bank of Montreal in King City; Corey Long from Seneca College-King Campus and Jay Rider, a labour/employment lawyer from Nobleton.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini adminis-



The new board for the King Chamber of Commerce includes (l to r) Jay Rider, Rose Dondaro, Tom Allen, Helen Neville (office manager), Corey Long, Chris Gafoor, (front) Robin Priestly, Margarida Ramos D'Alfonsi and Kelly Foley. Below, Tom Allen and Robin Priestly thank Melissa Strange for her service in 2014 as she moves on to other endeavors. Mayor Steve Pellegrini administered the oath for board members.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

tered the oath for the board and praised the efforts for their accomplishments in 2014.

The past year saw many new businesses open up in King and the Chamber had a presence for every one of the. The Township, he said, is pro-business and he's excited to continue the strong relationship with the Chamber.

Allen vowed to continue the Chamber's advocacy and networking events.

The edition of the service directory was another success and this quick reference guide for businesses in King offers great exposure.

An admittedly frugal treasurer, Priestly said they want to make sure the Chamber is sustainable from a financial

point of view. The sponsorships provided from the directory publication definitely helped the bottom line.

The Chamber currently enjoys a healthy bank account, to the tune of just under \$50,000. Priestly said they have to

"spent it wisely."

This is her sixth year as secretary-treasurer and she's definitely excited about continuing in her role.

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Remembering past, making way for the future at Villanova

“Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

Henry Ford

While Ford may have been referring to the success of his Model T or the assembly line, today, his words perfectly encompass the journey that has been Villanova College.

Villanova College had a humble beginning, with 26 students coming together in the basement of Sacred Heart Parish for its inaugural school year in September 1999. Although amenities and resources were few, faith in the school’s future was strong, and so was the resolve of its founders to wade through the paperwork and building permits necessary to establish its own site.

Finally, on Friday, Jan. 24, 2000, the school community moved in to a home of its own – a 12,000-square-foot portable located on 33 acres at Marylake.

“It was very exciting when we moved,” recalled Mary and Celeste Iacobelli, members of one of the school’s founding families. “The portable was a big step forward. Until that time, the school was just an idea. We didn’t have anything that we could touch and feel. When we had the site, we had some appreciation that this was actually going to happen. For us, it was a fresh start. It was a new start. It was a great experience to have a home for the kids. We became a very close-knit group, and that building became more like a home for our families.”

Students and faculty at VC would call this structure home until 2002, when classes moved in to Phase 1 of what is, today, a 120,000-square-foot building.

Despite the move and the constant growth and development of school facilities over the next 12 years, the portable, which became fondly referred to as “The Annex,” remained on the school property, where it served as a reminder of Villanova’s history and a symbol of its incredible growth.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, 15 years to the day that the founding students and faculty moved in to the original building, Villanova alumni and families, faculty,

and students came together to pay homage to their roots by participating in the demolition of The Annex to make way for future plans for the campus’s continued growth.

Alumni and their families were treated to a walk down memory lane, as the school’s Great Hall was adorned with photos and video footage of the original building. The day’s keynote address came from School President Paul Paradiso, who thanked everyone for their contributions to the school.

“We should all be proud of what we created and the legacy that began in that humble structure,” he stated. After his remarks, everyone was invited outside to try their hand at demolition. With the swing of a sledgehammer, members of the Villanova Community – past and present – were able to make a final mark on a place that has left such a mark on their lives.

After these momentous swings, Pro-Green Demolition Ltd. took over the project while alumni spent the rest of the afternoon touring the halls of the current building and soaking in the reality of just how far the school has come in 15 short years.

Today, the site on which the original school stood is a mound of rubble in the shadow of a building that boasts state of the art amenities that earlier students could only dream of seeing. Although plans for what will replace “The Annex” have yet to be finalized, there is no doubt that it will remain as important a site in the school’s future as it has been in the past.

As Josie and Remo D’Angelo reflect: “When compared to the Villanova of today, it may have been ‘the worst of times’ because the portable wasn’t the most attractive building we’d seen. But it also was, in a way, ‘the best of times.’ We were not just a school. We were a family, kids and parents alike.”

Although the original school building may no longer exist, as Saturday’s event attests, it leaves behind lasting memories and a powerful legacy. It will forever be a testament to the power of coming together, keeping together in pursuit of a common goal, and working together to make these goals a reality.



As one chapter of Villanova College’s history came to a close, another one begins. The original portable was demolished Saturday, making way for future plans for continued growth at the campus.



King Township staff were top municipal supporters in their category, receiving an award from York United Way.

King named top municipal fundraiser

By Mark Pavilons

King Township has a big heart.

It was demonstrated last year as King received the title of top Municipal Challenge money-earner in the 1-299 employee category for York Region United Way.

“I’m extremely proud of our staff,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

He pointed out King’s commitment to the United Way is relatively new, starting only four years ago. Since that time, the Township’s efforts have grown exponentially and “shot up year after year.”

“I believe it’s important to give back to the community,” Pellegrini said, adding the United Way helps in so many ways, especially areas where the municipality can’t.

This past year, the Township’s efforts supported more than 140 families through the “In Every Neighborhood” campaign. Another \$10,194.30 was also donated by King Township to United Way to help their cause.

In 2013, King Township raised \$8,820 from events put on in the community.

The award is presented to municipal office staff that demonstrated exceptional commitment to United Way through their employee campaigns through payroll deduction and various fundraising events.

Leading the charge at King were CAO Susan Plamondon; Tania Sciotto, executive assistant to the CAO; Teresa Barresi, executive assistant to the mayor, and Cara Tuch, manager of human resources.

In Every Neighbourhood campaign currently helps 209,907 people.

“Today sees us half-way through our In Every Neighbourhood campaign, and, while we are not there yet, we continue to make good, steady progress thanks to our corporate and community partners, government agencies, volunteers, and donors,” said Hugo Blasutta, CEO, MMM Group Limited and 2014 campaign chair, United Way York Region. “We have 18 months to go and many more people still reaching out to United Way funded agencies for help. Together, we will succeed.”

“This year has been more challenging than ever before,” added Heather Mason-Wood, chair, United Way York Region, board of directors. “The fundraising landscape is more competitive and we’ve collaborated on a number of fronts to pool resources – with more workplaces and volunteers – all so we could sustain and grow our investment in the community. Our number one priority is and will always be about improving neighbourhoods and the quality of life of York Region residents.”

United Way presented a total of 28 Spirit Awards to organizations and individuals who went above and beyond in their support of United Way. The presentations were made a recent celebration.

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SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Cougars set up interesting finale to GMOHL season

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

As the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League season winds down, the standings remain as unforgiving as ever.

With just a handful of points separating the fifth to 10th-place teams, the Junior C Schomberg Cougars looked to put some distance between them and their competitors when they hosted the Caledon Golden Hawks on Thursday.

Cougar goaltender Taylor Ewart stood on his head in the first period, stopping all 18 Caledon shots directed at his net. Meanwhile, his Golden Hawk counterpart was able to keep out all seven he faced.

The second period was one of ups-and-downs for both sides, starting with call-up Dan Naccarato potting his third goal in a Cougar uniform, despite not playing a game in over a month and a half.

They took advantage of another opportunity after a high-sticking call, this time Keifer McIntosh burying the goal from Tristan Joseph and Brandon Yorke.

McIntosh has been on a point-per-game pace for the last 10 Cougar matches.

Schomberg seemed to run away with the game when just five seconds after the second goal, Brandon Savoy's quick rush off the draw had the home team up 3-0 five minutes into the second.

But Ewart was broken less than one minute after that, and a number of costly penalties accounted for four unanswered Caledon goals and a 4-3 deficit heading to the third.

Naccarato netted his second of the game with under four minutes to play, and with overtime solving nothing, the rival teams were off to a shootout.

In the shootout, Ewart let only one slip by while Joseph Mete and Blake Culley were successful for the Cougars, clinching the 5-4 victory.

Naccarato earned first star honours.

Cougars lose in heated match

Sunday's match up against the Stayner Siskins was a heated affair, as the score on the board ended up playing second fiddle to the fists on the ice.

The game had to be halted numerous times in the third period for fighting, interspersed with four consecutive Stayner goals in a 7-4 loss for the Cougars.

A total of 180 minutes in penalties were handed out along with over a dozen misconducts.

This is where it gets interesting. A number of scenarios could play out over the final weekend of the regular season, as the Cougars prepare for a home-and-home two game stand against the Erin Shamrocks.

With a game in hand, the Fergus Devils sit only one point back of the Cougars for the sixth and final spot for a bye to the playoff quarter-finals.

In a worst-case scenario, if the Cougars happen to drop both games to Erin in regulation, they could fall as low as ninth to force a play-in series.

Picking up all four points in the final two games would put them in position to face the slumping Penetang Kings in the quarter-finals, whose pace has fallen off considerably after a strong start to the 2014-2015 season.

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



Ryley Egerton attempts to clear the front of the Schomberg net against Caledon. The Cougars defeated the Golden Hawks in a shootout at the Trisan Centre on Thursday.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



Schomberg atom reps earned a 5-0 shutout win over Newcastle in their opener.

Schomberg atom reps start the playoffs with a shutout victory

By Ray Tribe

In an exciting series opener on Jan. 25, the Schomberg atom rep team started their playoff series against Newcastle Stars with a 5-0 win.

Parents, grandparents, and siblings of the players came out with cowbells in hand and filling the Schomberg Trisan Centre with cheering usually saved for the Stanley Cup finals.

In true goalie style, Rory "Tiger" Edwards rallied the team to another shutout and demonstrated what earned her the record as the least scored against goalie the entire season letting in only 40 goals in 30 games.

The first period was dominated by the shooting barrage of both Chase "Nash" Coughlan and Daniel "DK" Kloepfer. These wingers set the tone for a game of rapid shooting and slap shots that Newcastle was not able to respond to.

The right wingers started the scoring first with a Max "Rocky" Monopoli snapshot and later Stefano "Turbo" Ciotti picking a top corner. Defensive rushes came with Cole "Torpedo" Budweth rocketing down the right wing before collapsing the Newcastle defense together into their own crease. Fisher "Fish" Richardson followed with his own defensive rush and another puck in the net.

The control of the Schomberg defensive zone with heads-up play and passing accuracy by defencemen Nathaniel "Nat" Vitale and Lucas "LT" Tribe enabled goals in quick succession by centre Jack "Ripper" Piper and then left winger Tristan "Triscuit" Degli-Angli.

The third period was controlled by left winger Anders "Vanders" VanEnckenvort and captain Braedon "Wheels" Connor, who dazzled the fans with their lightning acceleration and hard carving style of skating.

The Newcastle Stars are to be congratulated for their excellent sportsmanship and never quit determination throughout the game. Both teams made it a match up of hockey ability and endurance which will be brought to bear at the second game in the best-of-five series at Newcastle this coming Saturday, Jan. 31.

Schomberg finished 1st in York-Simcoe with a 29-1-2 record, and is matched with Newcastle ranked 3rd in Victoria-Durham. Schomberg atom reps have earned high finishes winning the consolation final in the Peterborough Liftlock Tournament and a semi-final showing in the Bradford Blue & Gold.

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Eric Lamaze unstoppable in recent competition

For an unprecedented third week in a row, Canada's Eric Lamaze won the \$34,000 WEF Challenge Cup and also claimed a \$3,000 bonus in the SSG Gloves "Go Clean for the Green" promotion for wearing SSG "Digital" riding gloves on his way to victory. The SSG Gloves "Go Clean for the Green" promotion runs throughout the duration of the 12-week Winter Equestrian Festival, running through March 29 in Wellington, FL.

Lamaze had won the first two events in the \$34,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Series riding Rosana du Park, owned by Artisan Farms LLC, in partnership with Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable. For the win in the \$34,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round III, held January 22, Lamaze's partner was Fine Lady 5, a 12-year-old Hanoverian mare owned by Artisan Farms LLC.

Of the secret to his success with Rosana du Park and Fine Lady 5, Lamaze noted: "They are very competitive horses. The two horses I've had are very competitive horses anywhere in the world. They are quick, quick horses. If you get into the jump-off, you just set up the speed. Today, I was going for it; I hate to go half-way. Fine Lady loves it; she loves to be competitive."

In addition to winning the WEF Challenge Cup three weeks in a row, Lamaze was also a winner in the SSG Gloves "Go Clean for the Green" promotion for the third week in a row. A \$3,000 bonus is on offer to the winning rider if they are wearing SSG 'Digital' style riding gloves and, as always, the 2008 Olympic Champion was sporting his 'Digitals'. Lamaze has now claimed a total of \$9,000 in bonus money for his three consecutive wins.

"Like I said the first week, you have to be crazy not to wear them with the bonus!" said Lamaze of his SSG Digitals. "It all adds up. Three WEFs, and I've won \$9,000. I saw last year, when the bonus was up for grabs, there were three winners without the gloves. That was kind of crazy! The promotion is great. Everything helps, and it makes the event even more valuable."

SSG Gloves will continue to offer a \$3,000 bonus in each of the weekly Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Series events, as well as a \$1,000 bonus in the High Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic and the Sleepy P Ranch High Junior Jumper Classic competitions. If the winning rider in any of these three competitions is wearing SSG 'Digital' style gloves

with the SSG horse head logo clearly visible, they will be presented with the SSG Gloves bonus during the awards presentation. A total of \$60,000 in bonus money is on offer from SSG Gloves at the 2015 Winter Equestrian Festival.

Having won the first two events in the 12-week WEF Challenge Cup Series riding Rosana du Park, owned by Artisan Farms LLC in partnership with Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable, Lamaze returned to the International Arena to take his third consecutive win riding Fine Lady 5 for owner Artisan Farms LLC.

With huge starting fields, a win in the WEF Challenge Cup never comes easy. For the \$34,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round III, a total of 72 entries – the exact same number as last week's Round II, attempted to jump clear over the airy track set by two-time Olympic course designer Leopoldo Palacios of Venezuela. Only eight found their way to a clear performance, with Lamaze coming back sixth in the jump-off order.

When he entered the International Arena, Lamaze was chasing the time of 36.41 seconds set by German superstar Meredith Michaels-Berbaum riding Fibonacci 17. Lamaze made quick work of the shortened jump-off track, using Fine Lady 5's natural speed to his advantage. When the clock flashed 35.28 seconds, Lamaze moved to the top of the leaderboard. Only two riders were still to come and although American rider Alex Granato was able to produce a clear round with Mullaghdrin Rado, his time of 35.81 seconds would see him settle for second place.

For the third week in a row, Lamaze was the victor in the \$34,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Series.

"You don't expect to win three WEFs in a row, even if you feel your horses are on form, especially when there are 72 starters, including some of the best riders and best horses in the world," said Lamaze. "It comes down to having a fast horse. Fine Lady is a class, class horse. I am really happy that the Zieglers of Artisan Farms bought her for me. I was in need of a great speed horse when we bought her, but she is so much more than just that!"

Of the secret to his success, Lamaze, 46, explained: "It hasn't been as easy as it may look now. We took a lot of time to rebuild a good string of horses and there were a few mistakes along the way, but when you have great owners that support you and they stay with you, success will come. The Ziegler family of Artisan

Farms, they did that. We invested in some young horses, and they've shown up. I have a great string of horses, Tiffany (Foster) has a great string of horses, and we are rebuilding Cait's (Ziegler) string of horses. It's been a long process. This is the pay-off. We are very lucky to have Ar-

tisan Farms behind us."

Lamaze is also planning to call on Fine Lady 5 for the Furusiyya Nations' Cup qualifier, to be held for the first time in Ocala, FL, on Friday, Feb. 13.

For more information on Eric Lamaze, please visit www.ericlamaze.com.



Eric Lamaze, mounted on Artisan Farms LLC's Fine Lady 5, is presented with a \$3,000 bonus from Jennifer Ward on behalf of SSG Gloves for wearing SSG "Digitals" on his way to victory in the \$34,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round III at the 2015 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL.

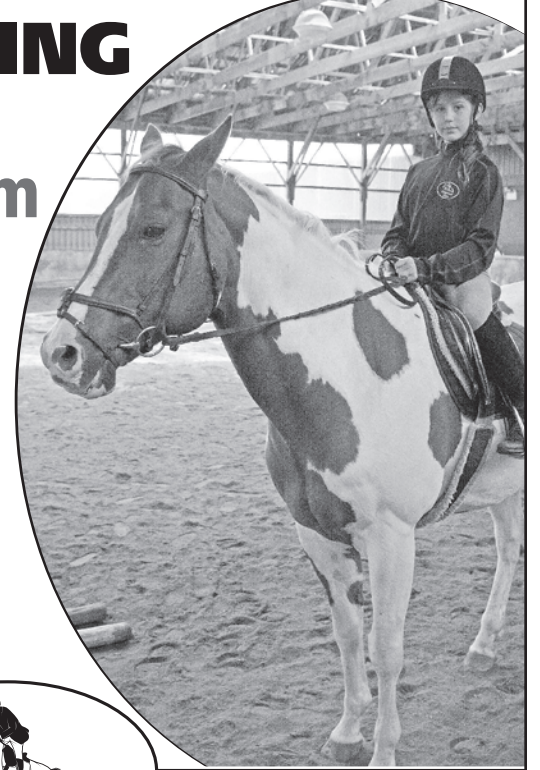
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Wild win for Team Welsh in King curling action

By SHELLEE MORNING

The Welsh versus Rhind game that began in a trouble-free, almost reserved manner, last Wednesday. It was initially viewed as a boring rock-for-rock take-out low-scoring type of game.

In fact, by the 3rd end this match up was just the opposite. Skip Chris Welsh his Vice Eric Heise, 2nd Mike "Blister" O'Hara and Judy Tripp as Lead, played a cautious first end collecting a single.

Skip Wayne Rhind with the hammer was able to earn his respectable 2 points and take the lead after the second end.

The 3rd end is where things got interesting. For Ray and Margaret Martin and Cathy Harris, along with their Skip Wayne Rhind, a whole new game was unfolding in front of their eyes. With lots of rocks in play, Welsh attempted a shot through a small port just to score one, but crashed high in the rings of his opponent's stone, allowing Rhind to steal 4 and take a hefty 6-1 lead.

Things may have looked grim at the half-way point for the Welsh team but superior sweeping by O'Hara and Tripp on Welsh's last throw dragged the skipper's stone into the rings for the count of 3 making it a 4-6 game.

With the hammer, Rhind was sure to use it wisely and not let the opposition get any closer on the board. His final shot was an excellent draw to the 4 foot after his front end brushed the pebble making the path to score another 2 and increase their lead 8-4.

If the game was playing on Sportsnet, the 6th end would be awarded the TSN Turning point for Team Welsh. Down by 4 with only 2 ends to make up any ground, the pressure was being felt rink wide. Opening rocks were placed on either side of the house in preparation for a multiple score. Rhind's squad had difficulty with their take-outs enabling Welsh to load up the rings.

By Skip rocks and already counting 3, captain Welsh elected to remove a Rhind stone on the edge of the house for a hit and stick and with any luck, count 5 for the lead. Too much weight and not enough curl, the rock hit the target but rolled out of the rings leaving a count of 4 making it now a tied game.

Time was running out and both

Welsh and Rhind had sweat bubbling on their upper lip. Welsh needed a steal, and Rhind with hammer, needed a single for the win. Judy Tripp threw a solid guard, but Cathy Harris for team Rhind threw her stone perfectly around it to rest in the 4 foot dead buried. Tripp attempted to freeze to the Harris stone but slid millimetres behind.

O'Hara, famously known as the quiet one, threw a brilliant freeze on his first for the Welsh team, and then followed with a guard after Rhind missed their take-out. The house was now congested with Welsh rocks but many options were still available for team Rhind. After great shot making through-out the game, both teams were facing their most difficult shots yet. Vice Eric Heise made a great effort for his draw shot, but unfortunately fell short. The wall of guards were now forcing tough raises for either Skips.

Welsh's first rock was another guard closing the left side of the house. Skip Rhind removed the newly placed guard that had the lone Welsh rock in counting position sticking out like a sore thumb. Welsh needing to guard it up again, threw an ounce to light allowing the stone to over-curl and a glimmer of hope was left for Rhind.

Rhind unleashed what looked like the perfect shot to hit and stick for the win. As it passed the hog line, the rock violently curled off line and ever so lightly wicked into a guard re-directing what might have been the shot of the night. Welsh steals the point and claimed victory over one of the wildest back and forth wins in the Wednesday Social League.

Skip Wayne Rhind commented later that everyone on his team played quality curling and the score could have gone either way in the final end.

Skip Chris Welsh agreed that all eight players from both teams made great shots to be proud of. Lead players for both teams had strong consistent games hitting the broom while executing great weight control allowing the skips to build the game they wanted to play. The Welsh win moves the team into a 3-way tie for second place in Division 2.



Skip Wayne Rhind throws his rock in an exciting wild-scoring game against Team Welsh during Wednesday Social League's regular season play.

Submitted Photo

Monday Night Men's By Larry Sheardown

After 2 rounds of play one thing is for certain in Men's Curling – Team Barber is the Team to beat.

Rolling along with an unbeaten record over the first 14 games Skip Dave Barber, Vice Dan Steenhoek, Second Peter Kamstra, and newbie Lead Brent McLean have taken no prisoners with their strong take-out game and precise rock placement. The only question is whether they can maintain the pace with Teams Frans, Tim Gerrits, George Gerrits and Karl Davis whom are all taking dead aim towards them. Team Sheardown and MacDonald round out a very competitive A Division, who will attempt to stay in the A loop as playoffs are only a month away.

In B division who wins is kind of like the snack "Bits and Bites" – every time you look it's different! Boynton's boys

moved down from A to B and are sure to want to show they still have game. David Barber (the other Barber team) has shown he can play with the best and the worst. Jim Smith may be one of the best rock tosser's in the club but his Team has struggled with consistency this season. Team Sidon have also been demoted for this round after going 0 and 7 in A league play but many of those games were very close losses.

Moving up from C to B Division are the unpredictable Witherspoon Family and a new and improved Al Scott looking to show they belong.

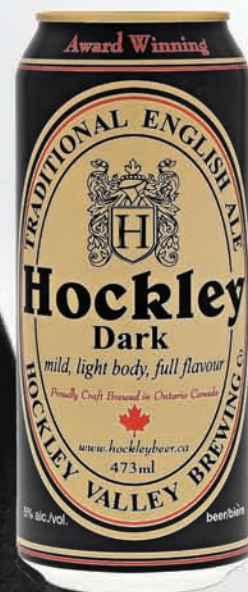
In C Division all bets are for some crazy scoring games as the ice is level for Teams Groombridge, Howard, Livingstone, Muller, Wright and Phillips.

Yes, Monday Night Curling is more and more broom gripping, rock banging, and hurry hard exciting as ever and we wouldn't want it any other way!

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Knights maintain top spot in CISAA with comeback

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

It has been a season to remember for Villanova Knights senior boys' hockey, having long forgotten their one falter in the CISAA standings almost two months ago.

They entered Monday's match up against Crescent School riding a four-game winning streak, leading the league with a dominating 7-1-0 record.

However, it looked as if the Crescent team had found a way to stop the league's highest-scoring team in the first period, through the stellar play of their netminder.

The Knights flexed their offensive muscle early on, spending the first three minutes of the game entirely in the Crescent zone.

Crescent's big goaltender covered up some key rebounds to keep the puck out of the net.

It was the Knights who earned the first penalty of the game, but it certainly did not change the pace. The penalty-kill was extremely effective in breaking up odd-man rushes and spent most of the two

minutes on the offensive.

Villanova almost cracked the goaltending with just one minute left in the first period, when a snap shot on a breakaway found round under the goaltender's glove only to sit on the goal line before being cleared out.

In the second period, his Villanova counterpart made some highlight-reel saves of his own, making three nice stops on another penalty-kill to preserve the scoreless tie.

Despite the dominance of the Villanova squad, it was actually Crescent that capitalized on the few opportunities they had in the period, first on a one-timer that got a piece of the post on a 2-on-1.

They would eventually find the back of the net near the tail end of the period, when another Villanova penalty allowed a volley of Crescent shots for a 1-0 Crescent lead after two.

Not the team to back down, the Knights came out pressing in a period that would be all theirs.

They broke the shutout early on, taking advantage of a wide-open rebound and a goalie out of position. A similar play came for the Knights midway through the

frame for their first lead of the game.

After continuing to dominate play, they found their insurance marker with less than three minutes to go through the five-hole for their eighth win of the season.

You can mark Feb. 10 on your calendars for the Knights' next home game, taking on Trinity College School at The Sports Village Arena in Concord.

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WITTEMAN: Margaretha Wilhelmina
Peacefully at Roberta Place Long Term Care, Barrie, on Saturday January 24th, 2015. Margaret (van der Voort) in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Nick Witte-man. Loving mother of Adriana (Brian) Fraser, Simon (Diane), Jannie (Bob) Kerr, and Dorothy (Grant) Bruce. Sadly missed by her 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Wednesday January 28th, 2015 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Mass of Christian Burial followed at St. Patrick's Church, Church Street, Schomberg at 1:00 pm. Interment, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lloydtown. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County, P.O. Box 1414 Barrie, Ontario, L4M 5R4 would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com B05

710 CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU and much love to all family and friends for their support during a very difficult time. Their response to our Mother's passing was overwhelming. We would like to give special thanks to Reverend Jonathan and also to all who spoke so kindly of our Mom, to those who provided the music and to the ladies who served lunch at the church at our Mom's memorial. Everyone involved did a wonderful job and showed they cared deeply for our Mom. Sincerely, Ron, Garry and families. B05

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King City United celebrates Robbie Burns Day

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Robbie Burns had a great birthday celebration at our church with our Rev. McLachlan. Gloria told us a little of her Campbell family history proudly attired in her Campbell tartan, including stockings. She confided later some of the Campbells were not very nice people. They fought constantly with the McDonalds and even murdered some of them.

The auditorium was awesome with tartans of every clan and colour everywhere, thanks to the Beatons. The highlight was the piping in of the Haggis, courtesy of Mike Jarvis in his kilt, complete with white hose and red flashes, and black brogues. His address to the same Haggis delivered in perfect Gaelic Scottish. We tasted it, with various reactions. Reverend McLachlan, being VERY Scottish, read a story about the life of Robbie Burns. Besides being a great poet, he was a bit of a rogue. He fathered 14 children with 5 different

women. Got to keep the name going!

In the choir during worship resided Wayne Lowdon in full Scottish attire, from winged white shirt down to black brogues. Being truly Scottish, as his dad Jimmy truly was, Wayne was getting full value for his attire – Saturday night dinner, Sunday church and celebration, and Sunday evening at All Saints for the King Ministerial Christian Unity and Choir Sing. This was a wonderful time with the ministers and choirs from York Pines, All Saints Anglican, Sacred Heart Catholic and King City United, all participating. Will Wayne get one last fling and wear his attire to work?

Saturday, Jan. 31, the evening unit of UCW is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at KCUC. With dinner enjoy a salad, some garlic bread, dessert and refreshments. Then retreat to the sanctuary to enjoy the concert with Sandra Kirby singing "Much Loved Hymns" accompanied by the talented musician Oleg Samokhin. Lots of audience sing along. Dinner \$8; children under 12, \$5. Concert, \$10; children \$5. Choose either or both. Call our office to order tickets or get them at the door.

February 14 is Valentine's Day. Enjoy

some together time with your sweetie. Bring your favourite casserole to KCUC at 3 p.m. to play some games, followed by pot luck dinner. Games will continue if people choose to.

Friday, March 13 is our popular Irish Dinner. It's always a great dinner with entertainment. Watch for further information.

Mark your calendar with these important dates.

Did you know, girls in developing countries cannot attend school during their menstruation because protection is not available? Help us to celebrate International Women's Day and make kits that help to keep girls in school. We are asking for whatever donation you can give. There is a container in the narthex. If you would like to shop for the items required for the kits, call our office and Nancy will give you the items required. Every girl, everywhere, period!

Saturday, March 7 at Coldwater United, the UCW will make the kits from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Speakers and lunch included. Please help this cause as you can.

Come in to the warm comfort any Sunday at 10 a.m. to enjoy our service

with Sunday school and join in for coffee and refreshments after. We're located at 50 Elizabeth Grove King City. Reverend Evelyn McLachlan can be reached via email, kcucmin@bellnet.ca. Office 905-833-5181; email kcuc@bellnet.ca; website www.kcuc.ca.

Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church will be having a Mardi Gras fundraising dinner and dance on Feb. 7.

We will be having dinner plus an open bar. Plus many door prizes, a 50/50 draw and a good time for all. The cost is \$80 per person. For tickets and information please contact the following:

Sacred Heart Church 905-833-1161; Cinti Pereira 905-539-0231; Susy Payne 905-833-2447; Vince Cancelli 905-833-6305.

King City Seniors Centre

This is a reminder that the annual "Destinations" party will be held at the Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. At the event, your Travel Club Committee will present the activities planned for 2015. You will be able to sign up for trips at that time. Light refreshments will be served.

Here is a sneak peek at the first trip of the year:

On Thursday, March 5 we will be travelling to St. Jacobs Farmers' Market followed by lunch at the Crossroads Family Restaurant. After lunch we will head to the St. Jacob's Playhouse where we can sit back and enjoy "The Last Resort." The coach will leave the arena at 8 a.m. and return about 6 p.m. The cost is \$99.

This is a popular destination so reserve your spot early by calling Jane at 905-833-5870 or Nora at 905-833-6162.

Pottery classes for children

Starting Feb. 5 on Thursdays, 5.30-8 p.m. for 8 weeks. The cost is \$150 and includes clay, glazing materials and two firings. It's geared for children 10-15 years and will be held at Kingcrafts Studio, 12936 Keele St., King City www.kingcrafts.ca. To register call 905-841-7649.

York Pines

All Saints Anglican Church, King City, was filled with choristers for the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" service on Sunday evening, Jan. 25.



Marking Robbie Burns Day

King City United honoured Scottish poet Robbie Burns with a festive dinner on the weekend. Here, Michael Jarvis did the honours with a traditional haggis.

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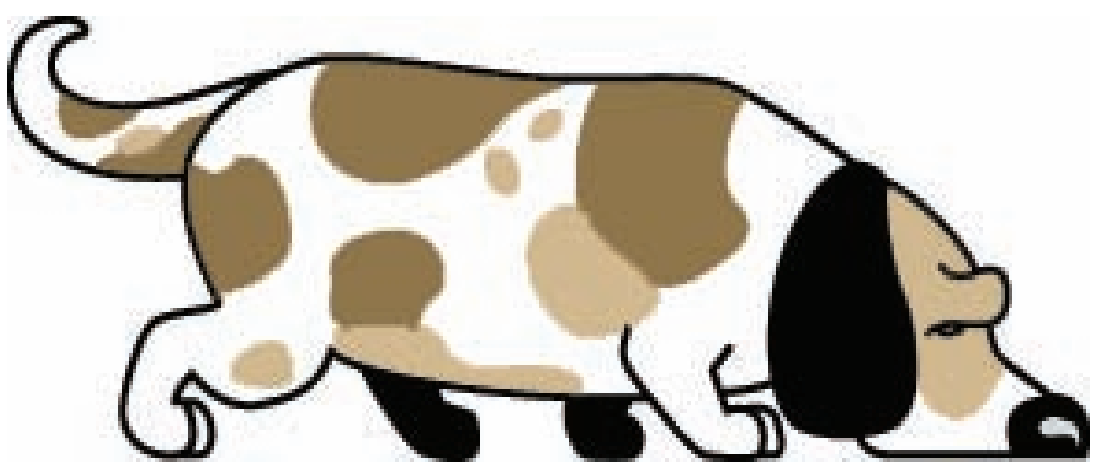
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King Bible Church welcomes Super Bowl fans

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The event was hosted by the King City and Area Ministerial Association. The theme was "Christ, the Living Water of Life."

The theme was "Christ, the Living Water of Life." Pitchers of water from each of the participating congregations were poured together and then all anointed themselves to symbolize peace and unity. The offering is being sent to help the Pikangikum First Nation, north of Red Lake, with its twofold project of improving wastewater systems in homes and for the training of four residents to maintain the plumbing.

The highlight of the service was the joint anthem from four area choirs. Earlier in the service the King City United Church choir sang, "Alleluia Canon," an introductory piece of music; the York Pines United Church Choir sang, "You Raise Me Up" after the prayer of confession; the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Choir sang "Here I Am, Lord" after the Bible reading, and the All Saints' Anglican Church Choir sang, "Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song" after the intercessory prayers. Clergy from these churches and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church participated as well. So much Christianity spirituality is communicated through song that it was a delight to have this "Mass Choir" format for this ecumenical event. For more information please call the York Pines United Church, Kettleby, at 905-727-8118.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 1 as Pastor Mark will be starting our new sermon series called "The Gospel Truth." This week we will learn how "The Gospel Changes Everything."

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

It's time for our classic Super Bowl Party again! Come and enjoy a fun night of fellowship and great food! We will also have some half-time fun, so brush up on your NFL trivia. It will be held Sunday, Feb. 1. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. before game time which is 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12. Please sign up in the foyer! This would be a great event to invite your friends and neighbours to!

The Overtimers seniors ministry group welcomes all ages. They meet the second Tuesday each month at 1 p.m.

We will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. Our speaker will be Dr. Timothy Starr. He is an author, lecturer, leader, founder of Life After Fifty-Five and The Link. He has written the book "Aging Joyfully" which brings an enlightening perspective to the process of aging which is a transition with different stages. As the seniors' pastor of People's Church, and as a senior himself, Dr. Starr is interested to speak at our next meeting.

We will begin our time with fellowship and refreshments before our pro-

gram begins.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's welcomes you! Our worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday morning with Sunday school and nursery care running concurrently.

This Sunday, the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will continue his sermon series - Letters from Jesus based on the letters to the early churches found in the book of Revelations. Last Sunday we were blessed to have Lynn Vissers and the Missional Church Committee lead the morning worship service. How can we be salt - "preserving, adding flavour" to our church family and our community? There was lots to think and pray about. We've been invited to stay for lunch following the worship on Feb. 8 for "Gifts and Gaps," where we will discuss our gifts/talents/interests and where and how we can use them in King City.

Coffee and Conversation, held Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. is a great opportunity to discuss questions arising from Sunday's sermon. Come and join the conversation with Lynn in the church office.

The worship team will be practicing on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join them, learn some new music and praise God.

Please note: the Junior youth will be meeting this Friday at 7 p.m. instead of next Friday.

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.

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

Thank you to all the folks who came out to sing, or to support the local church choirs at our ecumenical service on Sunday. We raised almost \$1,000 to support clean drinking water in Pikangikum, and our choirs sang beautifully, both separately and all together. We are blessed to have such supportive fellowship between the Catholic, United, Presbyterian and Anglicans of our town.

Our famous Pub Night is almost sold out. There are a few tickets left for Sunday, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. Please call the office if you still hope to come. If you do miss out, never fear. The Pancake Supper is on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17 starting at 5 p.m. Come and fill yourself full of pancakes and sausages before the Lenten

fast begins the next day on Ash Wednesday.

Do you know someone who could do with a cooking class; your husband, perhaps? Or maybe you want to brush up on your own skills. Come to one of our cooking classes led by chefs Ian and Janet Rodger. Soup-a-licious is on Jan. 31, Comfort Foods on Feb. 28, Everything Chicken on March 21 and Hors D'Oeuvres on May 2. Courses run 9:30 a.m. to noon and cost \$30.

Anyone is welcome to drop into All Saints when we are open. The chapel and church are places of prayer and quiet where you can sit if you need

some space to think or pray. We feel God's presence in our sacred spaces and we invite you to experience it too. Every week we also have a book club and Bible study, which anyone is welcome to join in with.

All Saints is an inclusive and welcoming Anglican church in the heart of King City. We strive to be a community of compassion and hope, following in the footsteps of Jesus. We are located at 12935 Keele Street, King City. Our office hours are Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or call us at 905-833-5432, or visit www.allsaints-kingcity.com.



Nurses Jeanette and Gordana from Canadian Blood Services, with blood donor Darren of Schomberg.

Schomberg community opens up for blood donations

By Jake Courtepatte

With the need for blood donors at an all-time high, Canadian Blood Services is reaching out to smaller communities by bringing their service to you.

The organization's "Bloodmobile" made a stop at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg last Thursday evening, with the hope that more people would donate for convenience sake.

"A lot more people would donate if it was more convenient for them to book an appointment and find a clinic," said Jennifer McEvoy, communications coordinator for Canadian Blood Services. "That's why we think the Bloodmobile is a good idea, that it brings the clinic to you in a nice simple package."

Although residents are urged to make appointments when the Bloodmobile comes to town, drop-ins are also encouraged to allow for as many donations as possible.

"The purpose of the Bloodmobile is to reach those smaller communities where there isn't a clinic readily available," said McEvoy.

The closest available clinic to Schomberg is on Queen Street in Tottenham. According to a November survey done by the organization, Canada's blood supply is "critically low" and the national inventory has not been this depleted since 2008.

"We urge all eligible donors to make a donation immediately."

The Bloodmobile will be making regular trips to Schomberg throughout the year, with the next scheduled for some time in April.

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Groundhog Day has a Christian connection

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
905-859-5174

St. Paul's Church

We welcome our new Youth Leader Taylor Scott and invite all students from Grades 7 to 12 to come out and meet her on Friday, Jan. 30. The group will meet at the church starting at 7 p.m.

Join us Sunday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series on the book of 1 Peter. Jeff's message this week - Christ our Foundation.

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

The Ladies Who Serve will meet for an afternoon of quilting on Tuesday, Feb. 3 starting at 1 p.m. They are always looking for other helping hands, so please come join them!

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.

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.

Nobleton United

Take a look at our new website, www.nobletonunitedchurch.com. Keep up to date on news and upcoming events.

St. Mary's Church

The St. Mary's Pierogi lunch fundraiser takes place Feb. 8.

The deadline for confirmation paperwork is due Jan. 31.

The Ordinandi dinner celebration takes place Tuesday, March 3 at the Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Ave. E. Brampton. Tickets are \$70 per person. For more, contact the Parish office.

For each bag of used clothing donated, \$1 goes to the St. Mary's mortgage fund. Please leave your bags in the foyer of our churches after masses.

If you wish to be a registered member of the parish, please use the pink envelope located in the church foyer and fill out required info. When your envelope is received through the Sunday Collection, the parish office will register you and prepare a box of envelopes, which can be picked up the following Sunday on the back table in the Church foyer.

Letters of Recommendation. For those being asked to act as Godparents for Baptism or Sponsors for Confirmation, letters of recommendation are issued only to the active parishioners who have been registered for at least 2 years at St. Mary's or St. Patrick's Parish.

Women's volleyball

We play Thursday evenings from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Nobleton and are looking to add a few players to the roster. If you enjoy playing recreational volleyball and are looking for a social activity on Thursday nights, please call Glenda at 416-561-6016.

Groundhog Day - The Christian Connection

This coming Monday, Feb. 2 is Groundhog Day when this animal supposedly comes out of its den and by seeing or not seeing its shadow forecasts a late or early spring.

Well the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton wants you to know there is a Christian connection to this very secular Groundhog Day as Feb. 2 also marks Candlemas, when many Christian churches bless the candles they use.

During early medieval times there was a saying, "If Candlemas be bright and clear there'll be two winters in the year; but if the day be dull with rain winter will not come again!"

It seems that in northern Europe especially, if worshippers on their way to the early morning Candlemas service saw their shadows because the sun was shining it meant they'd have winter weather for several more weeks but if it was a cloudy day with no shadows seen then it was thought there'd be an early spring.

Today our view on Groundhog Day is lighthearted and full of fun, but in medieval into pioneer times the view was a

much more serious one as by February supplies put away for the winter were often half gone and an extra long stretch of wintry weather meant remaining supplies had to be managed very carefully otherwise there would be serious consequences particularly for the poor. The thought that fair weather would come early so crops could be planted and larders restocked sooner was good for mind and body.

As time passed and Candlemas was no longer a holiday, there were fewer and fewer church-goers to cast shadows on Feb. 2 so the prognosticating of weather fell to the badger and whether or not it saw its shadow. But when European colonists especially from Britain brought the custom to the eastern North America badgers were not to be found thus the groundhog was assigned the job and has held it ever since.

This Sunday, Feb. 1, the Anglican churches in the Parish of Lloydtown are reconnecting with the ancient Christian observance of Candlemas as during the regular Holy Communion service the church candles will be blessed and the congregations will be reminded that candles were not always just decorative - the added touch so to speak but an important and more often than not the only source of light in churches in the Middle Ages through pioneer times into the early days of St. Alban's Nobleton, St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg and Christ Church Kettleby and homes here in King Township.

Horticulture Hints By John Arnott

It was while travelling in Italy that I had my first encounter with an olive orchard (grove). My guide told me that olive trees are very hardy and many of the trees I was seeing were over 200 years old.

Such trees need deep extensive root systems able to hold them in place and take in adequate water and nutrients to sustain trees over the long haul.

I learned that once established and happy trees will begin to produce fruit in 5 to 6 years and at 50 years they are at their peak of production. Trees can maintain this peak for over 100 years by which time the yield begins to slacken but the tree will still yield a goodly

amount of fruit for many more years. While the odd tree may live more than 1,000 years like one on the French Riviera estimated to be 2,200 years old, it will show just a few clumps of stunted branches on its thick twisted, gnarled trunk that produce little or no fruit.

In Italy and other parts of the Mediterranean world olive groves are usually handed down from father to son over generations.

Fully ripened olives are dark purple to black. Green olives are picked when the fruit is fully grown 3/4 to 1 in/2 to 2.5 cm long but the ripening cycle hasn't started.

Because freshly picked olives are quite bitter, to make them edible they must be cured, a process that takes a few months if packed in salt or brine but just a few days if lye is used as the curing agent. These table olives account for only very small amount of the harvest as the vast majority of harvested olives are used to make olive oil. And this oil has an ancient history of being used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes

In ancient temples olive oil was burned in sacred lamps. It was a one day supply of olive oil that miraculously burned for 8 days in the menorah of the reconsecrated Jerusalem temple that is remembered by Jewish people during Hanukkah. Muslims have long considered the olive tree and its oil as blessed. This oil was/is used to anoint priests of various religions at ordinations. As part of their coronation ritual kings and queen from ancient times have been anointed with olive oil including our Queen. In ancient Greece, olive oil was the fuel for the "Eternal Flame" at the original Olympic Games.

Here in King Township Anglican, Eastern Orthodox Lutheran and Roman Catholic Christians are anointed at special times with consecrated olive oil.

Many cabinet makers recommend using olive oil to preserve wooden furniture.

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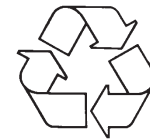
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