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Budget keeps service levels; banks money

By Mark Pavilons

King's recently passed 2015 Budget and Business Plan maintains service levels and puts money aside in reserves.

This follows the Township's commitment to financial sustainability and responsible management of growth. The budget 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.

As adopted, the 2015 Budget & Business Plan, when combined with the Draft Regional (+3.79%) and Education (0.00%) components, results in a blended increase of 2.69% to the municipal property tax bill. For a home assessed at \$614,000 (average assessment in King), this will add \$156 to the total 2015 property tax bill.

The Township's operating budget increases "net" operating resources by \$578,000 (2.97%). On the strength of projected assessment growth of \$1.9 million (9.63%) the approved 2015 operating budget increases the Township's commitment to infrastructure reserves (\$722,000) and 2015 tax supported contribution to capital (\$220,000) by a total of \$942,600 (4.84%). There budget ensures more than 50% 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.

Mayor Pellegrini noted that "staff should be commended for proposing a budget and business plan that strikes an appropriate balance between maintaining existing service level standards, while also ensuring that steps are being taken to implement a sustainable fiscal

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Good Guys at nearby event

The Good Guys Carting Dogs, with several members from King, appeared at the Acton Winter Carnival recently. Volunteers, like King's Ross Hamilton (shown here) helped provide some 300 rides for youngsters.

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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

- Public Meeting Re: Zoning By-law Amendment File No.: Z-2014-11
- Address: 16845 Jane Street

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Summer Student Positions
- Library Assistant

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PUBLIC NOTICES



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FAMILY DAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Municipal offices will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 16th, and will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 for regular office hours.

If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please call the Township's answering service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

INTERIM TAX BILLS

First Installment Due Date:
February 25th, 2015

Second Installment Due Date:
April 27th, 2015

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

PAYMENTS may be made by mail, in person at the Township Offices, or at most financial institutions. When making payments electronically, your account number is your fifteen digit roll number (i.e. 000XXXXXXXX0000). After hours tax payments may be left in the drop box located at the Council Chambers entrance.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

at the **Township of King Council Chambers** at 2075 King Road, King City to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34(15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Murray Snider of behalf of the owner 2355480 Ontario Limited under Planning File No. Z-2014-11, concerns a parcel of land located on the east side of Jane Street, south of Davis Drive, municipally addressed as 16845 Jane Street, and measuring 36.8 hectares (90.9 acres). The property is situated in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan area and currently supports agricultural uses. The application proposes to amend the Township's Zoning By-law (74-53, as amended) to re-zone the property from 'Rural General (RU1)' to 'Rural General (RU1) - Exception Section 6.30(ii)(xx) and Exception Section 22.xx' to permit an additional dwelling for full-time farm help. A site plan development application has also been submitted to implement the proposed development.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of King Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

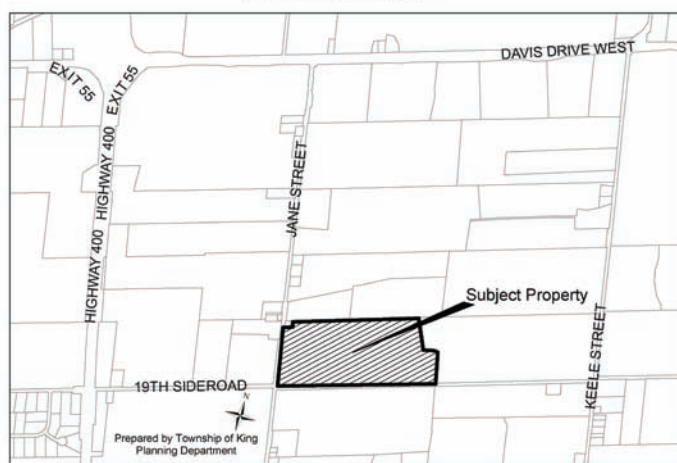
IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the site, is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2014-11 at (905) 833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

LOCATION MAP



Kathryn Smyth, Clerk
Township of King

Comments and personal information are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter c.P. 13 as amended, and will become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form. Personal information will be protected in accordance with *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*, all information received other than personal information may be included in the documentation which will become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information, please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.



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Congratulations to the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** who received a Sustainable King Grant to deliver a series of interactive community workshops that will focus on 'Living with Wildlife' in King. The workshops will take place in April 2015! If you are a member of a community group that is working on a project or initiative that helps to further the vision, goals, strategies and actions identified in King's Community Sustainability Plan you may be eligible to receive funding or resource support from the Township in 2015.

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

When was the last time you cleaned your bathroom exhaust fan? How about your dryer lint trap?



• Just like any other electrical appliance, exhaust fans and dryers can get hot. Any build up of lint, dust or dirt would fuel a fire. Clean your dryer lint trap after every use.

• According to the Ontario Fire Code 2.4.1.5., lint traps in laundry equipment shall be cleaned to prevent the accumulation of lint that creates an undue fire hazard.

Remember: Keep your appliances clean and keep your family safe!



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.

REMINDERS



Township's CIP funding program moves forward

By Mark Pavilons

King's commitment to beautifying its communities took a step forward, thanks to a decision by council recently. Councillors received a report from Jamie Smyth, economic development officer, laying down the groundwork for a grants program under the Community Improvement Plan (CIP). Smyth will administer the CIP program and staff will create a review committee consisting of staff from finance and planning. Program promotional material, forms and details of the actual process were also approved.

The CIP process takes a long-term approach to village revitalization in Schomberg, Nobleton and King City. Real change takes time, Smyth noted, adding small changes will all add up to big ones over time.

As we move toward implementing the CIP's financial incentives program during the first year of what could be a 10-year program, it's important to achieve some "quick wins" that will set the tone and create momentum.

"It is ... essential for the Financial Incentives Program application and approval process to be nimble, responsible, efficient and aligned with property and business owners' decision-making cycles," Smyth wrote in his report.

The process for applying for financial incentives involves three

steps. First, applicants meet with Smyth; submit their application which he then confirms or requests further information. Then the review committee meets to go through the application and makes its decision.

Successful applications will then result in an agreement being prepared and signed and it will outline any conditions on the funding. Once the project is complete, the applicant submits final details and photographs of the work. The grant is then paid by the Township upon confirmation that everything was completed in accordance with the conditions of the agreement.

Annual benefit for CF Canada this Saturday

Schomberg Music presents its 5th annual benefit night for Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

The event will be held Feb. 7, starting at 7 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. Tickets are \$10 and it's open to the public.

On tap will be live music, dancing and an auction.

For tickets and more information, contact smforcfc@gmail.com or call 905-590-0095. Children under 9 are free. Those 19 and older are asked to come after 10 p.m.

If you purchase tickets before February 1st, you get a beverage ticket of your choice free!

Their raffle draw is Saturday night (Jan. 31) and tickets are one for \$5 and three for \$10. Prizes include \$75 GC - The Keg; \$75 GC - Canadian Tire; \$75 GC - LCBO and \$75 worth of lottery scratch tickets.

Smyth said he hopes the process for each application will take two months or less.

The marketing and promotion of this program will begin shortly, so business and property owners can get all the details.

Types of things that fit the criteria include facade and signage improvements; landscaping; building accessibility; parking; property conversion or repurposing; rebates for planning and building permits and property

tax rebates.

Property owners and tenants can apply and only mixed use, commercial and institutional properties are eligible for grants. Residential properties are only eligible for certain grants.

For 2015, a total of \$30,000 has been set aside for these improvements. The CIP grant reserve fund will be reviewed on an annual basis.

For more on the program, contact Smyth at 905-833-4016 or email jsmyth@king.ca.

Money earmarked for hard services

From Front Page

strategy that will support long-term renewal of existing and planned future municipal infrastructure requirements."

Increasing the Township's tax supported operating budget by 2.97% sees investments in:

- Capital/infrastructure projects totaling \$1.8 million, a \$3000,000 increase over 2014.

- Infrastructure reserve contributions to \$1.5 million up from \$800,000 last year.

- Program changes that add \$421,000 to improve access to recreation & cultural facilities, special events/programs and enhancing our ability to improve efficiency of municipal facilities.

The 2015 Capital Budget of \$7.1 million includes infrastructure investments as follows:

- Park developments in King City and Nobleton totaling \$3.4 million.

- Fleet and equipment renewal of \$1.4 million.

- Road design and reconstruction/culvert replacements of \$1 million.

- Fire services, facility improvements and equipment replacement of \$1.2 million.

The water and wastewater operating budgets reflect the new water and wastewater rate structure that council approved on Dec. 15, 2014. The annual impact on a typical water consumer (based on annual consumption of 250 m3) is an increase of \$23.08 and \$23.96 for wastewater services with a combined impact of \$47.04 (or \$3.92 per month).

For detailed information on Township's 2015 Budget and Business plan, please visit the Township's website (www.king.ca) or contact Allan Evelyn (aevelyn@king.ca), Director of Finance at the Township.



Acts of kindness support local child

Schomberg "superhero" Abby Eveson was born with a rare congenital heart defect that severely limits the blood flow to her lungs. She had her third open-heart surgery in October 2014 and spent almost three months in the hospital. Her parents, friends and family are performing random acts of kindness to create positive energy for Abby as she continues her recovery.

A "We Believe in Abby" Random Acts of Kindness Tree is set up in the main reception of the Township office. Residents of King and visitors to the office are encouraged to take a random act of kindness heart to support Abby in her journey to get well.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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Fine-tuning a municipal budget is never easy

Every year our esteemed local politicians and staff set about a laborious and delicate task of creating a multi-million-dollar game plan for this municipality.

Regardless of the upper-level expertise, it's never easy and the process is fraught with hurdles, pitfalls and ramifications.

It's a delicate balance between bottom line economics and the wants and needs of a growing population.

Not unlike a large business, King Township has to be frugal and manage its revenue to please the majority of its 21,000 "shareholders." Just how do you do that?

This year, council approved its 2015 business plan with a 2.97% increase. Blended with other levels of government, the impact to local homeowners is likely to be around 2.69%. This will add an average of \$156 to your property tax bill (based on an assessment of \$614,000). You can add another \$47 for increased charges for water and waste water rates if you're on municipal services.

This increase is in keeping with neighbouring municipalities in the GTA and is comparable to the 2.59% King levied in 2014. Nearby Caledon has tabled its preliminary budget with a tax hike of 4.7%.

The Township has to provide certain services and they want to ensure residents get those. They also want to sock



Mark Pavilons

some money away for that proverbial "rainy day." And, if there is any money left over, they can accommodate internal and external "wish lists."

Councillors debated for hours during the last council meeting, trying to find ways to cut \$200,000 in order to bring in a tax hike below 3%. It wasn't easy.

This year, Fire Chief Jim Wall wanted sprinklers in the fire halls. Sounded reasonable, but considered non-essential.

Input from residents indicate that

roads are a priority so the Township listened and has earmarked funds for that. Not only does it take a great deal of money to maintain this rural municipality's roads, but it takes equipment; very expensive equipment.

Residents want their recreation facilities maintained – another costly proposition.

New this year is the addition of a communications staffer for the municipality. Some may see this as a luxury, but Councillor Avia Eek pointed out King is the only municipality in the N6 of York without one. Most municipalities in the GTA have a communications department that handles of multitude of tasks, not the least of which is dealing with the public and disseminating information. Councillors and staff believe this will be an improvement and elevate King even further in its evolution.

Councillors, who are paid part-time wages often for full-time work, have to be bookkeepers, accountants, cheerleaders and advocates, all within the confines of a relatively small budget.

Mayor Pellegrini noted that "staff should be commended for proposing a budget and business plan that strikes an appropriate balance between maintaining existing service level standards, while also ensuring that steps are being taken to implement a sustainable fiscal strategy that will support long-term renewal of existing and planned future municipal infrastructure requirements."

King is bolstered by increased assessment growth from both residential and business investment.

They have to act smartly and efficiently, and considering the accomplishments in the past term, they have.

The public placed their faith in their elected councillors and re-instated a mayor without a contest.

Our leaders don't take this stamp of approval lightly and all have vowed to continue the good fight and to continue making improvements.

The fruits of their labour will pay off. We've already seen a lot of development in the past year, and there's more to come.

Most of it has met all standards, community guidelines and received public approval. A few contested projects have reached compromises.

A lot of what council and staff do is

to prepare us for the future. They want King to remain the jewel in the northern GTA and to do that, a lot of ground-work has to take place.

Even the baby steps taken today will pay dividends down the road. And it's not easy for taxpayers to see that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, especially when they open their tax bills.

But councillors, and many Township staffers, are residents and homeowners, too, so they share the pain.

Let's not forget that budgets are fluid documents, much like all governing master plans and strategies. They set the course, but are subject to change.

King, like many other municipalities, had to dish out money unexpectedly in early 2014 to deal with the ice storm damage and they have yet to receive provincial compensation.

Granted, few emergencies topped this one.

Creating a long-term business plan takes a huge, coordinated effort by all departments.

Everyone has to know the state of their hard assets (buildings, fire trucks, graders). They have to know what needs to be done and what can wait.

The public has to place their faith in their municipal government for leading with the best of intentions and making sound decisions. While it's easy to criticize and complain, we need to cut them the slack they need, or our entire democratic system fails.

That's not to say we're perfect or that things can't be improved. Sure they can.

The onus is on the public to be aware, engaged and motivated to ask the tough questions. We need frank, open discussions about issues facing the municipality and a forum to exercise our rights.

We have it. The process is open and councillors and senior staff are accessible and even willing to respond to public inquiries.

Taxpayers are not isolated and while they may feel powerless at times, the truth is they yield a great deal of power. The recent municipal election is proof of that.

Some great ideas arose out of honest discussions and debates that took place.

Hopefully, residents, and those who ran for office, will apply their enthusiasm to helping to make King better.

Ultimately, that should be everyone's goal.

Letter to the Editor

Generosity acknowledged

Empty Bowls events take place annually across North America and around the world in an effort to relieve homelessness and hunger. There is no Canadian city or town immune from the effects of homelessness and sadly this is not going to change any time soon. These events are a great example of the vibrant communities such as ours in action. This year, Pine Tree Potters' Guild hosted their 5th annual Empty Bowls event at the Aurora Cultural Centre to help raise funds to aid those in York Region.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in the 2014 Empty Bowls Event held Dec. 4. Volunteers from our Guild, the community, Welcoming Arms and Inn from the Cold did a wonderful job with the many tasks relevant to our fundraiser. Particularly, we would like to thank the chefs, restaurants and caterers who donated and served their signature soups and the bakers who donated the delicious variety of breads for both the lunch and dinner servings; Meridian Credit Union for a generous grant; Tucker's Pottery Supplies for donating clay to make the bowls and David Schembri Design.

We would also like to thank our musicians, Jude Wood, Dave Parsons and Sam Carrothers. Last, but not least, we would like to thank the members of Pine Tree Potters' Guild who made and donated over 500 soup bowls. As a lasting reminder about the poverty and hunger individuals face daily, each patron took home a keepsake of a beautiful hand crafted bowl which will serve to inspire guests to direct their efforts to help fill the empty bowls in our community and around the world.

Overall, the event was an overwhelming success, raising over \$18,000 this year to be shared by Welcoming Arms and Inn from the Cold. Each year we have been able to increase the amount donated partially due to the generosity of those who donated to our Silent Auction and Charity Table as well as those attending the event. We are looking forward to the 2015 Empty Bowls Fundraiser, Nov. 19.

The following generous restaurants, caterers and bakeries were instrumental in the success of our event and we can not thank you enough:

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Empty Bowls Committee
Pine Tree Potters' Guild, Aurora



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Last week's answer: The man opens his car door first.



King Township Trivia

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Has the drop in gas prices affected your driving habits?

a) Yes **25%**

b) No **75%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should the Provincial government put a carbon tax in place?

a) Yes
b) No

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Schulte seeks Liberal nomination in King-Vaughan

By Angela Gismondi

Deb Schulte is hoping to win the Liberal nomination for the new federal riding of King-Vaughan.

Schulte held two meet and greets in King recently, one at the King Township Museum and the other at Arbour Restaurant in Schomberg.

"I am seeking the Liberal nomination because of my passion for public service, my belief that the citizens of King-Vaughan deserve a representative with a proven track record of positive results and my confidence in the Liberal Party to deliver the best approach to leading Canada to a better future," said Schulte.

The federal Liberal nomination meeting has not yet been called, but it is expected to be in the next few weeks. When it is, Schulte hopes she gets enough votes to be nominated the Liberal candidate to represent the riding.

As a former regional councillor for the City of Vaughan, Schulte has served the residents of Vaughan and King as a representative on York Region Council for the past four years.

"I have always had a soft spot for King," said Schulte who is married with two children and resides in Woodbridge. "I've had a lot of connections in King and I know about the issues here. I feel more affinity with King than I do with Woodbridge and I want to be your representative. There is a lot I can do at the federal level."

"During my term, I was a strong advocate for the environment but I'm not all about the environment," added Schulte. "I'm all about good government and fiscal responsibility and accountability."

In terms of education, Schulte earned a degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University, and spent 22 years with Bombardier Aerospace before entering political life.

"I got to be known as a problem solver and a change agent," said Schulte. "I've always been interested in fixing things. I love connecting with people and trying to make things better for all of us."

After leaving Bombardier Aerospace, Schulte served the Province on the Greenbelt Task Force and the Oak Ridge Moraine Foundation Board for four years.

Schulte believes the Liberal Party, led by Justin Trudeau, has the best vision to guide Canada in building a positive future.



Deb Schulte is seeking the Liberal nomination for the riding of King-Vaughan.

"The direction is true, the heart is true to take the country in the right direction and I'm inspired to be part of his team," said Schulte. "I think this is the time. There is a momentum for change. I would like to bring all my skills to the Party and build a better future for Canada. It's an exciting time, a time for change and I want to work together to make that change."

But she needs supporters to vote for her at the nomination convention. In order to participate in the nomination process you have to live in the riding and be a member of the Liberal Party. She urges anyone that signs up with the Party contact her to let her know so that she can inform them when the nomination meeting is called.

In addition to Schulte, three other nominees are vying for the position including Gary Gladstone, Major Khalifa and Mario Racco. There are no nominees from King.

"I can't do it alone," said Schulte. "It all comes down to the person who can get the most people to the nomination meeting voting for them wins. That's how it works. We are racing to get every person we can signed up and in. A lot of people are not comfortable signing up

with a Party. It's a chance to come out and vote for your representative for the Liberals. We need big numbers and we need to mobilize everyone we can to get memberships for me."

She hopes to have the opportunity to

be a strong voice for King-Vaughan to ensure that the riding's issues are heard and addressed at the federal level in Ottawa.

For more information visit www.deb-schulte.ca.

Ontario expresses a love for bees

By Gideon Forman and Beatrice Olivastri

Back in November, the Ontario government signaled its intention to reduce the use of "neonic" pesticides on corn and soy seed by 80% by 2017.

A prime motivator for the proposal was a new analysis from the Task Force on Systemic Pesticides, a group of 29 independent scientists from around the world. They examined 800 scientific papers and concluded neonics "pose a serious risk of harm to honeybees and other pollinators such as butterflies ...". A second motivator was a survey from the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists, showing nearly 6 out of 10 Ontario honeybee colonies did not survive the winter of 2013/2014.

The issue may seem obscure – "apiculture" is not always discussed at cocktail parties – but the extraordinary thing is just how many Ontarians care about pollinators and want government to take action to protect them.

Research done by Oraclepoll Research Limited in December 2014, following the release of the government's proposals, shows a remarkable consensus emerging: irrespective of whether they're male or female, urbanites or rural folks, social democrats or conservatives, the vast majority of residents feel Ontario is "on the right track" with its plan to limit neonic use.

For example, Oraclepoll found the proposed neonic cuts are supported by 81% of those living in Toronto. Given the city's reputation for environmental concern that comes as no surprise, but support is at 77% in conservative eastern Ontario and at 85% in the mostly rural southwest. Overall, support among city and country people is virtually identical at 78.7% and 78.4%, respectively.

As might be expected, the proposed policy is backed by young people, with 78% of those aged 18 to 34 endorsing it. But almost exactly the same number in the 35 to 54 cohort support it. And even among Ontarians 55 and older, who might be more resistant to change, support for neonic cuts is at 76%.

One-hundred per cent of those planning to vote Green endorse the pesticide restrictions (no news there), but so do 85% of Liberals, 81% of Progressive Conservatives and 80% of New Democrats.

Seldom does one find a policy that enjoys such extensive public support. What explains this?

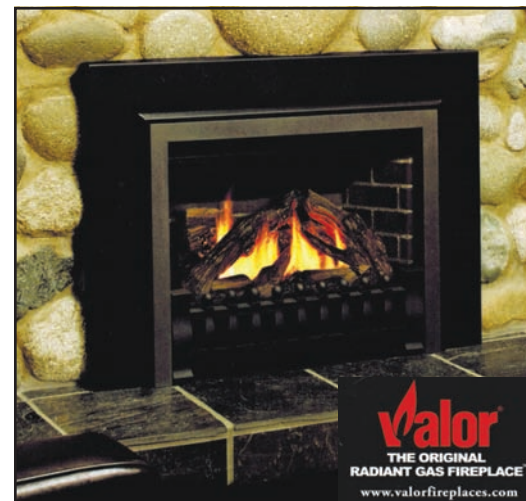
Ontarians know bees are vital to a healthy environment. But they also know their loss threatens human nutrition. These insects pollinate about a third of our food. Dr. Jean-Marc Bonmatin, a lead author of the Task Force report mentioned above, has written: "Far from protecting food production the use of neonics is threatening the very infrastructure which enables it, imperiling the pollinators, habitat engineers and natural pest controllers at the heart of a functioning ecosystem."

The necessity of safeguarding our food supply, by phasing out bee-killing chemicals, is something we can all agree on.

Perhaps, as well, we now view bees as an iconic species, as important and vulnerable in southern Canada as the Polar Bear is in the north. If these creatures are in jeopardy, so too is a part of our identity. That's enough to unite folks right across the province, irrespective of their political persuasion, age, or place of residence. People know that if we lose our bees, we lose a part of ourselves as Canadians.

Gideon Forman is Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment; www.cape.ca.

Beatrice Olivastri is CEO of Friends of the Earth (Canada); www.foecanada.org.



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Genevieve Pouliot

"Staying indoors, I guess. I don't like the cold!"



Meghan MacGowan

"Watching my sons play hockey."



Deborah Hartwig

"Sitting in front of a warm fire."

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Volunteer firefighters in King are a unique breed

By Mark Pavilons

Our communities are constantly growing and changing.

One thing that hasn't changed is the public's respect for the local volunteer firefighter. If anything, it's the highest it's ever been.

Even though the public may not fully understand the firefighters' culture, they embrace these dedicated men and women. We place our lives in their hands without question.

Just what drives this special group of volunteers?

With a volunteer force of some 125 members, King Township's Fire and Emergency Services prides itself on a long tradition of exemplary service. Not only are they among the best equipped and best trained personnel in the province, they care.

And it shows in the rank and file of the enthusiastic "black hats."

The volunteers are as varied as the community itself. They hail from all walks of life, but this is a definite plus as they bring their own expertise to the field, raising the bar.

Ken Atkinson, a Nobleton dairy farmer and 20-year veteran of the fire department, is a prime example of King's close-knit community nature.

Watching the red trucks go up and down the road led him to serve his community. He's seen a lot of changes in his tenure, not the least of which was the amalgamation of the three separate stations into the King Fire and Emergency Services it is today.

In his day, a strong commitment to serve and availability were all it took to get in the door. "We trained as we went along," he observed.

Despite the fact they all came from different backgrounds, "when we entered the fire hall we were all equal."

Today, the Nobleton station itself has some 40 volunteers, many of whom are fixtures in the village.

"It's about helping your neighbours," Atkinson said. When they respond to local calls, chances are someone on the department knows the family.

That's good and bad, a proverbial double-edged sword. They'll go above and beyond to help their friends and neighbours, but are equally devastated should a tragedy occur.

Atkinson loves his role and feels especially proud of the trust the public



Veteran Ken Atkinson and newcomer Elliott Antonacci are just two of King's volunteer firefighters who are dedicated to serving their community.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

places in firefighters. Even when filling up at the local gas station, strangers will approach him to say thank you.

"It's a nice feeling to know you're wanted," he said. "It keeps me coming out."

The younger recruits also help keep Atkinson on his toes. He's provided driver training for countless volunteers and he brims with pride when they succeed and become proficient.

The long-term resident loves the rural charm of King and its diversity. They've been to countless homes and many of the residents don't realize they're volunteers. That's because their level of service and performance is so high. They go above and beyond.

And that's part of the whole package, and makes the King service so attractive to other agencies who love to cherry pick our ranks.

Atkinson said this dedication and top-notch training comes from the top – the department's leaders.

Fire Chief Jim Wall said the level of expectation for them to perform is very high. The only difference between King's volunteer service and a full-time urban department, is that local firefight-

ers don't live at the station.

But their equipment, training and response times are among the best. The equipment is aimed at the "customers" – the residents. Thankfully, the service has a great relationship with Township staff and council, who all fully understand their needs.

This is the perfect training ground for newcomers to the profession.

King City's Elliott Antonacci has been with the department for four years now, but his love started when he was quite young.

As a co-op student in 2009, Antonacci logged a whopping 4,000 hours – he took hold of the incredible training opportunities and ran with it. He said he was fortunate to have worked at all three stations, learning a lot from the different crews.

In 2011 he started "on the trucks" and has enjoyed every minute of working with this close-knit group of people.

Antonacci has also completed paramedicine and paramedic training, things that are invaluable as a firefighter. "Having a grasp of that is more essential and beneficial," he observed.

He's not sure which path he will take,

but firefighting has been his first love.

Chief Wall said Antonacci has received training to allow him to offer First Aid, CPR and defibrillation instruction to the public and Township staff. He really enjoys this aspect of the job.

"It's a chance to get out in the community," he said. "I'm teaching my neighbours."

"And that's why I jump out of a bed at 3 a.m. – to protect my neighbours."

Even though the population and demands are growing, King still has that small town flavour.

That's reflected in the various charities supported by the firefighters' associations at each station. They've really stepped up their involvement locally, and are major supporters of the King Township Food Bank.

The Nobleton members run the biggest and longest-running private fireworks displays in the province at the annual Nobleton Victoria Day celebration. Atkinson said it's a huge event that takes a lot of manpower. They also go door-to-door soliciting donations.

"The more you put in, the more you get out of it," he observed.

This pride permeates each fire hall. The spit and polish is impressive to say the least.

Antonacci said he's learning a great deal from the older members who pass down their accumulated knowledge. In turn, he will one day do the same.

Crews work like a well oiled machine. Antonacci recalled the first time he served on a pumper at a car fire on Highway 400. No one spoke – they simply tackled the job and did it quickly. It was a great feeling that all their training paid off.

Being a volunteer firefighter is a huge responsibility and does impact life at home. Your family has to be on-side and luckily both Atkinson and Antonacci have that support in spades.

Antonacci is also impressed that the captains and chiefs get in there and roll up their sleeves time and again.

King's volunteer firefighters don't pat themselves on the back. They don't have time.

Take comfort in the fact they're here to serve.

King Fire & Emergency Services will be hosting an open house and information session on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Nobleton station on King Road, starting at 10 a.m.

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King Music Collective presents a Valentine's Day celebration of jazz

By Mark Pavilons

Fresh on the heels of a standing-room-only Dec. 13 holiday launch event, the King Music Collective is presenting a Valentine's Day celebration, replete with chocolate, champagne and swinging jazz.

The event will take place Saturday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. KMC members and all arts and music lovers are welcome to celebrate a jazzy Valentine's Day.

Performers will include an amazing jazz trio, featuring one of Canada's finest arranger/composer/producers, John Sherwood on piano, first call jazz bassist Steve Wallace and multiple Grammy and Juno winner and Member of The Order of Canada, Terry Clarke on drums. The trio will be joined by King Music Collective founder and delightful vocalist/composer Michele Mele, who will put visitor in the mood with a selection of romantic love songs! Prior to the performances, talented vocalist and pianist Cynthia Tauro will entertain as guests indulge in hand-made chocolates and light snacks. Pianists John Sherwood and Cynthia Tauro will be performing on Mele's gorgeous Fazioli piano, arguably one of the finest pianos in the

world.

Tickets are \$30, \$20 for students and a limited amount of tickets will be available at the door. To order yours, visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1171147>.

The King Music Collective is a brand-new local music society, which will feature monthly musical performances from internationally renowned jazz/music artists as well as from many of our finest Canadian jazz musicians, all presented in an intimate setting, with all pianists tickling the ivories.

Throughout the 2015 season, monthly events will take place from April through October. Upcoming artists will include American stride pianist Stephanie Trick, Latin piano giant Hilario Duran trumpet legend Guido Basso and international jazz pianist and multiple Grammy/Juno winner, Renee Rosnes.

Ticket price will include a beverage and a tasty snack. In addition, there will also be brief question and answer periods with the performing artists that will be hosted by noted jazz journalists and broadcasters, as well as the presentation of unique circus performances during intermissions.



Seneca to offer new Large Animal Health and Production program

Farms need them. Racetracks need them. Horse shows need them. Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) with specialized skills and knowledge on how to work with large animals are in demand in many areas.

In order to meet this need, Seneca College is launching a new Large Animal Health and Production graduate certificate program. Beginning in September, the program is the first of its kind in Ontario.

"In the past, students would have to go travel to Alberta or the United States for this type of in-depth large animal training," said Kirsti Clarida, RVT, co-ordinator of the Large Animal Health and Production program. "This graduate certificate will not only cover nutrition and health, but specific education related to reproduction and accelerated breeding programs in cows, horses and small ruminants"

There is a shortage of Veterinarians and RVTs with large animal expertise. Dr. Bernd Stanglmeier has been a veterinarian for more than 30 years and opened his own equine practice in 1990.

"Working with large animals is very different than small animals. Everything is different from the way you draw blood to the way you x-ray," said Dr. Stanglmeier. "In my experience, you really need someone with large animal experience and knowledge, so they can immediately start working and there is less on-the-job training required."

The eight-month graduate certificate, which will be offered at the King Campus, is open to RVTs and those with a postsecondary diploma or degree in a Veterinary Technician or Veterinary Technology program entering the RVT profession.

Emilija Puteris is currently a Veterinary Technician student at Seneca. When she heard about the new program, she decided it was a great opportunity to add to her credentials.

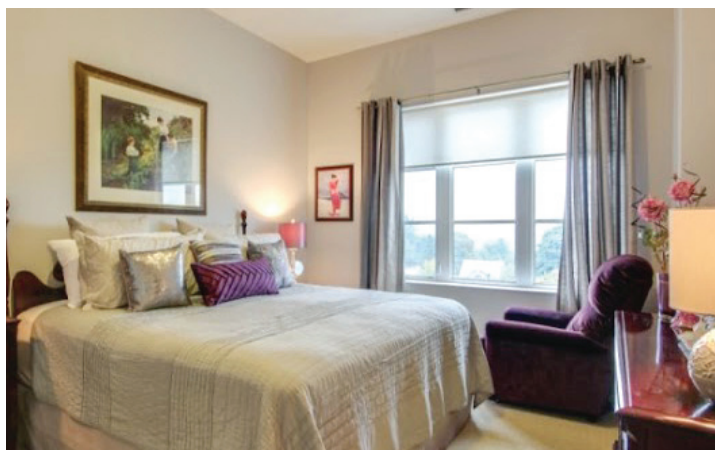
"I've always loved large animals and this new program could open up

additional career options for me," says Puteris. "The large animal health graduate certificate being launched as I am finishing my Veterinary Technician diploma will work out perfectly. My ultimate plan is continue building on my education and become a physiotherapy rehabilitation specialist for animals."

For more information on Seneca's new Large Animal Health and Production graduate certificate program, visit: senecacollege.ca/fulltime/LAH.html



Seneca student Jessica Garbutt gets an introduction to large animal health as part of the Veterinary Technician program. Students in the Large Animal Health and Production graduate certificate program will gain specialized skills in husbandry, reproduction, nutrition, and acquire the business expertise essential in the large animal and equine veterinary industry.



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Steering committee to identify opportunities for growth

By Mark Pavilons

A new provincial initiative is in keeping with King's sustainability goals.

Premier Kathleen Wynne announced a new Growth Steering Committee to help drive agri-food industry growth and create jobs across the province.

The Growth Steering Committee will be co-chaired by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Deputy Minister Deb Stark and Ontario Pork board of directors chair Amy Cronin. It will identify and pursue future opportunities, and design a growth measurement system. It will bring together industry and government leaders and experts to identify opportunities to help the industry meet the Growth Challenge.

Jamie Smyth, King's economic development officer, said rural economics play an important part in the local economy. In various local strategies, the Township encourages value-added agricultural operations. He pointed to the success of the Holland Marsh Wineries as an example of such rural uses.

This move by the province only supports this culture of entrepreneurship.

Supporting growth and innovation in the province's agri-food industry is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives, and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire.

At last fall's summit, Premier Wynne challenged the industry to double its growth rate and create 120,000 new jobs

in Ontario by 2020.

The summit also recognized the work of local agri-food businesses whose new ideas and products are creating jobs, growing local economies and bringing quality Ontario food to consumers.

The Premier's Award was presented to Kaley's Acres of Castleton for converting former tobacco fields into a successful kale production operation.

The Minister's Award was presented to A. Driedger Farms Inc. of Wheatley for developing a self-propelled tomato harvesting machine that speeds up harvesting by 19 per cent, while preserving the quality of the fruit.

Three Leaders in Innovation awards

were also presented to:

The Rheault Distillery of Hearst for its quadruple-distilled wheat-based alcohol made using northern Ontario grains, which are particularly well-suited to vodka production because of their higher sugar content.

The Garlic Box of Hensall for bringing back Ontario's commercial garlic production. By developing a range of value-added products such as oils, salts, condiments and seasonings, all made with locally grown garlic, and by flash-freezing whole peeled cloves. The Garlic Box is providing customers with Ontario garlic year-round.

Truly Green Farms of Dresden for

running a 22.5-acre carbon neutral greenhouse, which uses the carbon dioxide that GreenField Ethanol emits. Not only does using the CO2 promote tomato growth, it ensures that 15,000 metric tonnes of planet-warming gases stay out of the atmosphere each year.

Since 2007, 425 producers, processors and agri-food organizations have received a Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence.

Ontario's agri-food sector supports farmers, communities and the economy — employing more than 760,000 Ontarians and contributing over \$34 billion to the province's economy.



Helping with the ribbon cutting at Bolton's Drake Apothecary were Councillor Annette Groves, Rob Spence, Mayor Allan Thompson, Michelle Marino Drake and Councillor Rob Mezzapelli.

Drake Apothecary soothes your heart and soul

By Mark Pavilons

Have you ever felt like cuddling up with a good book and a cup of herbal tea, in someone else's living room?

The operators of Drake Apothecary in Bolton are offering just that, and much more.

What started in Michelle Marino Drake's kitchen, has led to this quaint storefront on Chapel Street in historic downtown Bolton.

Drake, a master level Reiki practitioner, offers hand-made, aromatherapy and custom-made products of all descriptions. From Drake's own brand of Lotion Potion to a cornucopia of teas, soups, spices, personal care products and fashion accessories, stepping into the Apothecary is like plopping on your favourite sofa.

And that's exactly what Michelle and

partner Rob Spence were aiming for. It was a long road, filled with plenty of hard work, but the long-time Bolton residents are thrilled with their unique store.

Along with the bounty of products, as well as home decor and creations from local artisans, Drake Apothecary is home to a well loved library of classic and antique books. There are literally hundreds of years of history on the shelves of the store that beckon to be relived by customers.

Spence noted some customers have done just that — taken their shoes off, put down their bags and relaxed with a good book.

The couple has been avid book hunters for years and are constantly on the lookout for these gems. They make it affordable for their customers because their ultimate goal is to get a book in

people's hands.

"We want to make reading accessible," Spence said, adding they love it when someone puts down their electronic tablet and picks up a book.

Books really do speak volumes. At the entrance to the store is a display of items found inside some of these books — a rose, tickets, newspaper clippings, photographs and love letters.

They want artisans and those who sell at seasonal markets to drop in and make their products available to the public. The store is an outlet for local artisans and it's a win-win scenario.

Bolton's core just got a lot more interesting.

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EVENTS

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 14

Menu

Soup: Hearty Beef Vegetable
Salad: Your choice of Greek or Caesar

Main Course - choice of:

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Warm your family with these wonderful Winter Salads



ROASTED SQUASH AND QUINOA SALAD

Quinoa is not only nutritious, but also great for a make-ahead meal. Its taste and texture make it perfect for lunch the next day as there's nothing to go soggy.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Roasting Time: 30 minutes

Serves 8

3 cups (750 mL) peeled bite-size chunks, Ontario Butternut Squash (about 2 lb/1 kg) each olive oil and Ontario Maple Syrup each salt and ground cumin cayenne pepper quinoa slivered Ontario Red Onion

Dressing:
 3 tbsp (45 mL) each lemon juice and olive oil
 1 clove Ontario Garlic, crushed
 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped fresh Ontario Mint
 1/4 cup (50 mL) each coarsely chopped hazelnuts and dried apricots
 2 tbsp (25 mL) pumpkin seeds (pepitas)

In large bowl, stir together squash, oil, maple syrup, salt, cumin and cayenne. Place on baking sheet. Roast in 400°F (200°C) oven for 15 minutes; stir and roast until tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a sieve, rinse quinoa very well under cold water. Place in medium saucepan; cover with 1 cup (250 mL) water. Cover and bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer until quinoa is tender, about 15 minutes. If any water remains, drain. Cover quinoa and let stand for 5 minutes. Fluff with fork.

In large bowl, place squash, quinoa and red onion; let cool slightly.

Dressing: In small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, oil and garlic. Pour over salad. Add mint, hazelnuts, apricots and pumpkin seeds; toss to coat.

Nutritional Information:

1 Serving
 PROTEIN: 4 grams
 FAT: 10 grams
 CARBOHYDRATE: 26 grams
 CALORIES: 205
 FIBRE: 3 grams
 SODIUM: 156 mg



ROASTED POTATO AND CRISPY LEEK SALAD

Potato salads aren't just for summer. Serve this roasted salad either warm or at room temperature with your favourite roast. If you have bacon in the fridge, it's a great substitute for pancetta.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Roasting Time: 30 minutes

Serves 6 to 8

3 Ontario Potatoes (peeled if desired), cut into bite-size chunks
 olive oil
 each salt and pepper
 2 tbsp (25 mL) each salt and pepper
 1/2 tsp (2 mL) Ontario Sweet Potato, peeled and cut into bite-size chunks
 1 Ontario Leek (white part only), sliced
 1 fresh Ontario Rosemary Leaves, minced

Dressing:
 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil (approx)
 1/4 cup (50 mL) diced pancetta, about 1 oz (30 g)
 2 tbsp (25 mL) balsamic vinegar
 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh Ontario Parsley

Place potatoes on 1 baking sheet; toss with 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the oil, and 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each of the salt and pepper. On second baking sheet, toss together sweet potato, leek, rosemary and remaining oil, salt and pepper. Roast in 400°F (200°C) oven, stirring after 15 minutes, until potatoes are tender and crispy, 20 to 30 minutes in total (sweet potatoes may take less time). Place potatoes, sweet potatoes and leeks into serving bowl.

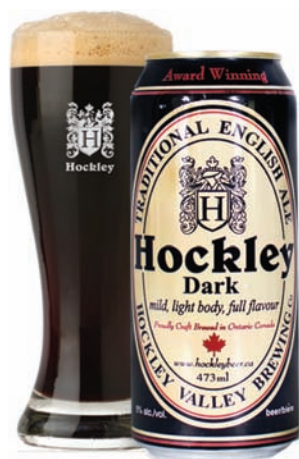
Dressing: In medium skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add pancetta; cook until crisp, stirring occasionally, 2 to 3 minutes. Drain 2 tbsp (25 mL) fat into small bowl; discard any remaining fat. If there is less than 2 tbsp (25 mL); add more oil. Whisk in vinegar; pour over potatoes. Add pancetta and parsley and toss to coat. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutritional Information:

1 Serving (When recipe serves 8):
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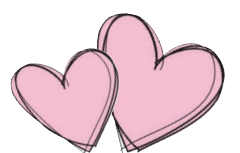
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Serving the public is Cam Woolley's ongoing mission

By Mark Pavilons

Cam Woolley is on a never-ending mission.

If there's a lesson to be learned, he'll be the first to share it with the public.

His journey and accomplishments have made him a celebrity, one of the most recognizable faces on the airwaves.

But it's not fame that drives him, but rather a passion and sense of duty, qualities honed over his extensive police career.

Woolley is a traffic and safety reporter for CP24 and a former police sergeant with the OPP in the GTA. Woolley appears on CP24 Breakfast as well as on CP24 promos such as Safety First with Cam Woolley and Know Your Rights. He shares his expertise with viewers and drivers through the reality show Canada's Worst Driver.

The officer-turned TV reporter is a unique character. He uses his safety expertise and investigative prowess to size up any crime or accident scene he attends, providing an accurate assessment. His instinct and skills are as sharp as ever, making him a trusted journalist among his former peers.

Woolley is a hands-on kind of guy. Not only is he a competent mechanic in his own right, but he learned a lot from mechanics and MTO officers and engineers during his career.

His contribution to the enhancement of traffic safety in Ontario is unparalleled, consistently breaking new ground in the field of "forensic mechanics" to utilize computer technology to reconstruct collisions and traffic crimes. He's considered an expert witness at all levels of court proceedings and inquests. His testimony has resulted in new traffic legislation to improve the safety of Ontario's roads.

As he put it, he's not only familiar with a vehicle's nuts and bolts, but the "nuts behind the wheel."

He's investigated numerous fatal accidents, and just last week he was on-scene at another Toronto pedestrian fatality.

When he's on scene as a reporter, he has a job to do and puts things in perspective. His motivation comes from sharing lessons with the public, in the hopes of preventing future tragedies. He genuinely wants to help the public.

During his police career, Woolley spe-



Cam Woolley always tries to find a lesson to pass on to the motoring public.

cialized in traffic crime, collision investigations and enforcement. He was the lead investigator on many high-profile, precedent-setting fatal motor vehicle collisions in the Toronto area, involving everything from unsafe transport trucks and flying truck wheels to criminal investigations into hit-and-runs.

He's quite proud of his testimony given at inquests that have helped shape Ontario laws, even highway design features.

He chose to appear on Canada's Worst Driver as part of his sense of duty to the public. "I'm not an actor," he said. He gets his informative message across in an entertaining way. The message is sinking in among viewers. He said he often gets hugs and thanks from strangers who learned techniques from watching the show. If they learn something and take it with them, that's what it's all about.

Woolley is CP24's primary morning reporter, who often patrols the highways and streets. He puts in a full day by the lunch hour.

His reporting role is both fun and fulfilling he said, adding he's always cognizant of what's in the public interest.

Roads across southern Ontario are busier these days and longer commutes are commonplace, increasing fatigue

and road rage.

You can find him regularly patrolling Highways 9 and 400 in the vicinity of King. He's also a familiar face in Schomberg and has agreed to help judge the ambassador competition at this year's Schomberg Spring Fair.

He comes across as a seasoned news hound, even though he only joined CP24 in September of 2008, after leaving the OPP. He's likable and has become a popular on-scene face.

In October 2012, Woolley was presented with the York Region Labour Award for reporting on the York Region Transit strike of 2011. In April that same year, he and CP24 were recognized for their gracious support of the St. Johns Ambulance. This award was endorsed by The Governor General of Canada, David Johnson.

He has escorted world leaders, the Pope and royalty safely along provincial highways to their destinations.

Woolley is also quite proud of his lobbying efforts in the aftermath of an epic gun battle in 1993. He joined officers from several detachments in chasing a serial bank robber (and former soldier) from Orangeville. It ended in a shootout in Caledon.

During the confrontation, Woolley was attempting to reload his .38 revolver, but was jostled and lost his speed loader. The culprit took aim at Woolley who was defenceless. He was decorated for bravery for his actions.

But what followed was even more interesting. That incident led him to lobby the government in changing the sidearms carried by police officers, recommending the semi-automatic handguns used today.

Woolley can't sit still, and he's up every day at 4 a.m., anxious to hit the road and see what the day brings.

It must be in his blood.

He enjoys his media colleagues at CP24 and even doesn't mind getting into the spirit on "Dance Fridays."

He's always been mechanically inclined, he says, tinkering with everything from cars to old radios. He learned by doing and he's now a very competent mechanic and has restored literally dozens of vehicles, ranging from ambulances and police cars to a Universal Gun Carrier (commonly referred to as a Bren Gun Carrier) used during the Second World War. He still uses a Canadian military 1.25-ton pickup, complete with

camo paint, to plow his driveway in rural New Tesumseth. He loved his 1953 Ferret Scout Car, made in the UK by Daimler and used by the British army (as well as many other countries). When the mood strikes him, he hops in his menacing M37 Vietnam-era gun truck and treks around the back 40.

Woolley, along with a partner, owned a company that supplied emergency vehicles to movie sets and he worked on several Toronto-shot films and TV series, including the pilot for the acclaimed Flashpoint, starring Nobleton's Enrico Colantoni. He also worked on FX, Monk and Psi Factor to name a few. His company was unique in that he not only supplied accurate vehicles, but uniformed, off-duty personnel. In the movie business, it's feast or famine, and Woolley said after 20 years, he sold the company.

His newest prize is a 1969 Corvette Stingray, which sat in a local barn for more than 13 years gathering dust. While it had been restored, the years sitting idle took their toll and he had to review and revamp almost every system in the car, even the clock, gauges and radio.

He loves it, though. And he enjoys hunting for parts. Fortunately, a reliable and knowledgeable auto guru in Caledon manages to offer advice and find almost every part Woolley needs. Coincidentally, he even worked on this very same car. Woolley has all the bills and paperwork on this beauty.

Cam Woolley is having the time of his life.

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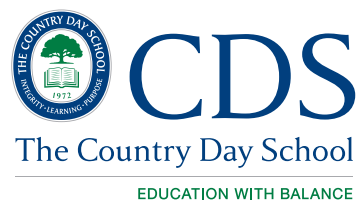
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Cruise for the Cure takes on a personal tone for 2015

By Mark Pavilons

The renowned Cruise for the Cure has switched gears, taking an all too familiar road – the journey to fight cancer.

Organizers Tim and Brenda Schmidt got some devastating news after last year's event, one that has changed the course of their lives.

Brenda was diagnosed with lung cancer and the days and weeks that followed were not easy for the family.

Brenda lost her mother, Teresa McCharles, to lung cancer in 2012, so she's all too familiar with the disease.

"But those who know and love Brenda know she is a fighter, and her positive outlook on life will help her get through it."

She's been receiving treatment at Sunnybrook's Odette Cancer Centre, one of the top comprehensive cancer centres in the world.

Brenda remained committed to the massive car show fundraiser.

"We will do the show and we will make it even bigger than last year," Brenda told Tim.

On New Year's Day, it was decided the 5th annual Cruise for the Cure will take place on Sunday, July 19. All proceeds will go to the Odette Cancer Centre.

"Let's pray for my wife and make this

the biggest show of the year!"

When Tim & Brenda's Cruise for the Cure began in 2011, the objective was to raise as much money and awareness about the chosen charities, and throw a party for all those who attended.

Inclement weather hindered the turnout in 2014, and even though the number of show cars dropped a little this, the number of visitors remained strong.

In all, just under 10,000 people visited the King event. A total of 658 show cars participate in the event, which was a major fundraiser for both the Alzheimer's Society of Ontario and Prostate Cancer Canada. In all, more than \$116,000 was raised.

As well, an estimated 3,000 people lined up to meet Danny "The Count" Koker and Kevin Mack from the hit TV show "Counting Cars."

In the past four years, Tim and Brenda's Place has hosted more than 1,900 show cars and welcomed more than 24,000 visitors through the gates. They raised an impressive \$346,500 for charities and the lives of the people they touch.

"From our family, we look forward to hosting the biggest and best Tim & Brenda's Cruise for the Cure ever in 2015. Let's do this!"

For more, visit www.timandbrendasplace.com.



Tim and Brenda Schmidt pose during their annual Cruise for the Cure fundraiser.

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SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Cougars meet Otters in first round of playoffs

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League regular season has been put to bed, the standings have been locked, and the quarter-final series have been set.

Despite facing the third-place team after finishing the season in sixth, the Schomberg Cougars veterans hold the advantage in play-off experience as they prepare to take on the Huntsville Otters.

Experiencing a resurgence in the 2014-2015 season, the Otters did not make it out of the play-in round last year, and fell in straight games to the Alliston Hornets the year prior.

They are a different story this year, finishing behind on the powerhouse Alliston and Stayner teams in the league standings.

It may have been a different story, however, as in the end only five points separated fifth-place from eliminated ninth-place by the season's final whistle.

Schomberg looked to jump ahead of the Caledon Golden Hawks in their final game of the season Saturday, sitting only one point back.

They were on the road in Erin facing the Shamrocks, eventually giving up a 2-1 lead on three straight unanswered goals to fall 4-2 in regulation.

Schomberg went 0-12 on the power play in the game.

Despite the loss, the Cougars

can say they ended their season in a high note, as the last play of the game was an Erin penalty shot that was stopped by the pad of Cougar goaltender Luke Gamoyda.

From a "glass half-full" perspective, the Cougars may have dodged a bullet by evading the fourth-place Penetang Kings, who had Schomberg's number all season in a few one-sided match ups.

In terms of the regular season series against Huntsville, it could get interesting as the teams split their games 2-2 with no clear home-ice advantage.

It was all Schomberg the last time the two teams met, putting on an offensive display for eight goals in a lopsided victory.

If the Cougars want to find post-season success, they will have to look to their special teams. They finished the season with the most penalty minutes in the GMOHL.

It could get interesting – the Otters finished second in PIMs.

Fans can get their first taste of post-season action Thursday night at the Trisan Centre, with the puck dropping on the 2015 playoffs at 8:30 p.m.

The series moves to Huntsville the next night for the first of two games on the road.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.schomberg-cougars.com.



Liam Spurgeon attempts to settle down the puck in last Saturday's 4-2 loss to the Erin Shamrocks.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



The King Cavalry midget team won gold at the recent Orangeville Sweetheart Tournament.

King Cavalry midgets win gold at Orangeville tourney

King has another reason to celebrate. The King Cavalry midget BB squad captured gold at the Orangeville Sweetheart Tournament, held Jan. 29 to Feb. 1.

The King Cavalry team went 1-1 in the first two games of the tournament with a win against the Orangeville Tigers and a 2-1 loss to the Whitby Wolves.

They won a hard-fought third game in the round robin to advance to the gold medal game against the North Simcoe Capitals.

The Cavalry came out hard with an early goal in the first and led 2-0 at the end of the 1st period. Both the King Cavalry and the North Simcoe Capitals scored in the second making the score 3-1 for the Cavalry going into the 3rd period.

With just under two minutes left in the game, the score 4-2 for King Cavalry, the Capitals pulled their goalie. King took a penalty with just over a minute to go. The Capitals took advantage of the 6-on-4, scoring with 22 seconds left in the game. With the score 4-3, the Cavalry, back to full strength, battled hard to keep the puck out of their own end until the final buzzer went to end the game. The Cavalry won gold!

The King Cavalry finished their regular season with a remarkable 17-2-3 record to secure first place in their division.

The squad of Alex, Bri, Cambria, Cassie, Chloe, Jenna, Julia, Kendra, Lauren, Lyla, Marissa, Mckenna, Mikaela, Sabrina and Sara will head to the Lower Lakes and Provincial playdowns.

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Rosie rebounds for the tie in King curling action

By SHELLEE MORNING

For Skip Rosie Kamstra, curling is all about having fun. Of course "making her shot" is very important, too and is right up there on the scale of achievements.

During last Friday night play Kamstra was matched up with Skip Gerald Duffy's team, and as both teams supported spares, they went into the hack with a determination to win one for their AWOL comrades.

In the opening end, Kamstra posted a well-deserved three points. A slightly perplexed Duffy strived to locate the red 4-foot ring and get his team back in the game. Rosie, along with Jim Smith (spare for Steve Niepage), Patti Agnew, and Joanne Mumford (spare for Tamara Niepage) prohibited Duffy's team in their quest and stole one more for a 4-0 lead after two ends.

Duffy, John Zaina, Lorna Mulrone and Darlene Share (spare for Bev Donaldson) dodged a bullet and collected a point in the 3rd.

With newly found hope, Duffy's team played a solid 4th end mesmerizing the Kamstra squad that resulted in a 5-point steal and taking over the lead by 6-4. With the turning point now behind, team Duffy ran with the adrenaline and prepared a change of strategy.

Kamstra re-grouped in the 5th and the team brushed the skippers stone in for a count of 2 making it now 6-6.

The 6th end resulted in one more for Team Kamstra and the go-ahead score of 7-6. Duffy down by one and with the hammer in the 7th scored another 3 point end to re-gain the lead and go ahead by 2. Rosie desperately needed to pull out her silent weapon in the final end of what resulted in a well-played contest that included great shot making by both teams. Duffy had his final stone in for the count, but a slender window of opportunity was left for Kamstra.

Vice Jim Smith agreed that the tight draw through a narrow port tapping the opponents counting stone to the back of the house, would give them 2 for a tie. As the pressure didn't seem to bother her, Rosie released her final rock and relied on her sweepers Agnew and Mumford to complete the task. Mission accomplished and the jovial Kamstra team saluted their skip for the perfect weighted throw on a very tough shot.

Both Duffy and Kamstra commented later that their game had it all with hits, and draws and near misses. Rosie graciously complimented her team on their efforts and thanked her spares for filling in. Skip Duffy approved the same for his team in that everyone stayed focused and not letting the 4-0 score they were facing get them down in the early stages of the game. Rosie's final comment was "after giving up a 5-ender and bouncing back for the tie, this really felt more like a win."

King Cobras

With another great game under their belts, and improving their record to 4-1-1, King Curling Club's bantam team has moved into a first place tie with the Dixie Silver Ice Hawks.

The Cobras Skipped by Brent Mills, played in a nail-biting game against the Brampton Bombers in game 6 of a 10-game schedule last weekend that could have easily made the top 10 great curling finishes.

The score was 5-4 as the Cobras headed into the 8th end without hammer and only leading by a single point. The Cobras were well aware the game could go either way as any mistake could spell disaster. Mills, who prefers to play with an aggressive flare, guided his team through the final end with confidence, took advantage when the opportunity presented itself, and by Skip rocks had 3 in the counting position.

While the Cobra coaches held their breath, Skip Mills threw his last rock to tap up a guard and protect their 3, released too much weight opening up the house and leaving the Bombers Skip the chance to tie.

As nerves were to get the better of the Brampton Skip, his rock came up too short and handed the Cobras the 8-4 win. Superior sweeping by his front end of Natasha Porco and Nicholas Caradonna enabled Vice Ashley Mills to assist their skip in a tight but well played match.

Sitting tied for first place in the West Division and second overall due to number of ends won, the remaining games should be very exciting for the youngsters as they continue to improve and build confidence in the rings.

The Cobras next game is Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. at the Toronto Cricket and Curling Club against the Thornhill Thunder.



Skip Rosie Kamstra delivers her final rock tapping an opponent's counting stone to the back of the rings and collected 2 points for a 9-9 tie.

Submitted Photo



The NobleKing atom Knights earned gold at a recent tournament in Toronto.

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Atom A Knights claim tournament gold in Toronto

The atom A Knights attended the Toronto Aeros winter Challenge Tournament in Toronto last weekend, holding strong as a team to become victorious.

Game one was played against Humber Valley Sharks and ended in a tie, with Julien DiTullio scoring both the NobleKing goals.

In the second game, the NobleKing team handily beat the Toronto Eagles by a score of 4-1. Goals were scored by DiTullio, Sebastian Lisi, Mike Critelli and Brogan Grammenz. Great forward support was added by Felicia Provencano and Ben Wright.

The third game ended in a 0-0 tie against the Vaughan Panthers, resulting in a successful shutout for goalie Will Swanson who played with tenacity and determination in every game.

The Knights' powerful defence held the line with David Paglia, Keiran Purvis, Noah Willis and Eva Harrison.

Off to the semi-finals, the Knights found their scoring opportunities against the Richmond Hill Stars. The game ended in a 6-3 win for the Knights, with two goals each for DiTullio, Lisi and Peter Mueller.

In the finals, the NobleKing atom team kept their eye on the prize and pulled off a 4-0 win over the Humber Valley Sharks to clinch the cup. Amazing goals by Lisi, Lucas Manfrini, Matthew Siarkas and Grammenz. NobleKing's Swanson faced 16 shots in the final game to shut out the Sharks.

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Juvenile Red Wings cruise to OMHA quarter-finals

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

It was a tense atmosphere in the Tri-san Centre Saturday afternoon as the Juvenile Red Wings looked to take a stranglehold on their first-round match up with the Newcastle Stars.

After exchanging wins in each of their own home rinks, both teams were clearly searching for the edge in what would turn out to be a nail-biter.

Up 2-0 mid-way through the game on goals from Austin Maggiamo and Dylan Fitzgibbon, goaltender Ryan McLaughlin was finally beaten on a wild scramble in front of the Schomberg net.

Although Dan Giglio was able to find twine only a few minutes later on a rebound, the Schomberg offence was shut down for an extended period of time.

With time running out in the second and the Red Wings on the penalty-kill for the first time all game, a deflected puck snuck through the five-hole of McLaughlin to lower the deficit to 3-2.

The Wings' special teams kept taking a beating just one minute into the third, as the Stars completed their comeback

shorthanded to tie the game at three.

Tom Fortin had a chance to put Schomberg back on top, making a nice deke around a defenceman one-on-one before going five-hole on the Stars goalie. The puck found a hole, but deflected just wide.

One minute later, a mad scramble in front of the Schomberg net left the puck sitting on the goal line unnoticed by any Red Wings players. The Stars tapped it in for their first lead of the game.

Putting on the pressure trying to find the tying goal, the Wings aimed shot after shot at the Newcastle net. Finally, with 2:33 left on the clock, a Tristan Berry shot from the point found its way through traffic and past a screened goalie to send the game to overtime.

It was Giglio again in the extra frame, making a nice move to put the puck through a defender's stick before wristing it home from the top of the slot.

The 5-4 overtime victory had the Wings in position to end the best-of-five series.

With momentum on their side, the Red Wings stepped back onto Newcastle's home ice the next day and promptly disposed of the series with a 2-0 shutout

victory.

The Juveniles will be getting a well-earned rest for a few weeks before facing off against the Loyalist Jets in the quarter-final series. Interestingly enough, the Wings defeated the Jets in last month's

Silver Stick tournament in Sarnia to take the tournament championship.

The Jets will be looking to exact some revenge on the team that finished second in YSMHL standings this year.



Calvin McHugh is stopped in close by the Newcastle goaltender in Schomberg's 5-4 OT win in Juvenile playoff action Saturday.

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HAMMETT: Mary Elizabeth
(Life Member Eastern Star Pinecrest Chapter #263 Cookstown, ON). Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmarket, on Sunday February 1, 2015. Mary (Shaw) in her 103rd year. Beloved wife of the late William "Bill" Hammett. Loving mother of Carolyn and her husband Joseph Huson. Remembered with love by her grandchildren: Kristi Heacock and Krishna Balkissoon, Jeffrey Heacock and Melodie Tammert, and her 3 great grandchildren: Maddox, Isabel, and Phoebe. Sadly missed by her dear friends Betty Huisman and Ethel Wilson. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday February 3, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service was held in Schomberg United Church Schomberg on Wednesday February 4, 2015 at 11am. Followed by interment Schomberg Union Cemetery. Donations to the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation (304-615 Davis Dr., Newmarket ON, L3Y 9Z9), would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com B06

LOGAN: Dorothy Jean.
Dorothy Jean Logan died peacefully in her 99th year on Friday January 23, 2015 with her family at her side. Jean is predeceased by her husband Victor Angus Logan and leaves her son Ian Logan (Jackie) of Tottenham, and daughter Janice Harrison (Alister) of Huntsville. Mom was a much loved part of our lives and especially much loved Grandmother to Amy Graham (Peter), Abby Warzin (Alec), Heather Fujimoto (Phil), Laura Logan (Rhett), Todd Harrison (Michelle), Brad Harrison (Jenn) and delighted Great Grandmother of Aidan, Naomi, Elliot, Nolan, Maeve, Nathan and Luke. Funeral Service took place in Toronto on January 29, 2015. 'Absent from the body, present with the Lord' B06

708 DEATHS

McCABE: John Stewart
Peacefully passed away with family by his side on Sunday February 1, 2015 at Stevenson Memorial Hospital Alliston. John McCabe at the age of 80, beloved husband of Karen McCabe (nee: Davidson). Loving father of Samantha Bodnar (Bob), Tammy Ricketts (Shane), Sean (Melissa), and Daniel (Kylie). Sadly missed by his grandchildren: Meghan and Ryan Ricketts, Katelyn, and Matthew McCabe, and Brett and Colby McCabe. Beloved brother of Irene Hall (the late Ross), Anson McCabe (Eileen), and the late Evelyn McTaggart (the late Stanley). Forever in the hearts of all his extended family and friends. A special Thank-you to the Innisfil Lions Club and all the staff at Simcoe Manor Beeton. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday February 4, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service will be held on Thursday February 5, 2015 at 1pm. Interment to follow in Morningside Cemetery Palgrave. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com B06

SHAW: Richard Roy.

Peacefully at Hospice Simcoe, Barrie, on Thursday January 29th, 2015. Richard Shaw, in his 40th year, beloved son of Joan (Clive) Chamberlain and Ken Shaw. Dear brother of Jo-Anne Shaw. Sadly missed by his niece Jessica and his nephews Randy and Rodney. Lovingly remembered by his aunts, uncles, and his Barrie family, Victor, Rodney, Diane, and Lindsay. A memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. John Vianney Church, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie, Ontario, 11:00 am Wednesday February 4th, 2015. Interment of cremated remains will be held in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton in the spring. Donations to Simcoe Community Services, 190 Little Ave. Barrie, ON., L4N 6L1 would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com B06

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Congregational meeting to be held Sunday

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Thanks to all who attended our spaghetti dinner and concert. It was a tremendous success. Sandra and Oleg compliment each other so beautifully in their music. Thanks to the new evening UCW unit for planning it and to all the helpers from setting up to the last clean dish.

Reverend Evelyn is on study leave, returning Thursday, Feb. 5. Fred Jesy presided for our service, with help from the Schoenhardts and Al Henderson. Everything was going quite smoothly, with Rosemary's choir presenting a beautiful anthem "Blest are They."

Now comes Al. Fred has moved to the back of the sanctuary. Al begins

reciting the Lord's Prayer. After all, he has his faith, says his prayers every day, goes to church, gives his donations. He's alright. "Hallowed be Thy name."

"Just a minute" a voice booms from the back. Now Fred has become God. "What does 'hallowed' mean?" Well, Al doesn't really have an answer.

They finally get that sorted out. As Al continued, God just desiccated almost every line that Al recited. However, in the end, with God's help, Al really understood how to recite "The Lord's Prayer" with much more meaning. He even conceded to forgive a debt owed to him by a friend that he had wanted to "get back at," to know that God is with him all the way. Now we will all have a smile on our faces when we recite this daily prayer, after this very humorous but thought-provoking interpretation.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Feb. 11. The Messiah Bible Study Part 2 will begin on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. If you were not able to take part in this during Advent you are welcome to join in now.

Sunday, Feb. 8 is the annual congregational meeting after worship. Read it on your computer and print off a copy to bring with you. There are a few hard copies available. To read it in advance gives you an overview of the reports and to consider any questions you may have. Refreshments will be available in the sanctuary.

Saturday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, join us in the auditorium at 3 p.m. for a variety of fun games followed by a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. The games will then continue if anyone wishes.

To celebrate International Women's Day the UCW of Coldwater United Church will gather to assemble sanitary kits to enable young girls to stay in school during "those days." A con-

tainer in our Narthex marked "Coldwater UCW" is for donations to buy supplies for this very worthy cause. Please help with whatever you can.

Come in from the cold any Sunday at 10 a.m. to enjoy the warmth and comfort of our worship with refreshments after in the auditorium. Rev. Evelyn always has a humorous but also serious side to her messages. For any information call our office 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bellnet.ca; Reverend Evelyn McLachlan, email kcucmin@bellnet.ca, or visit www.kcuc.com.

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.

King Bible Church

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 program begins.

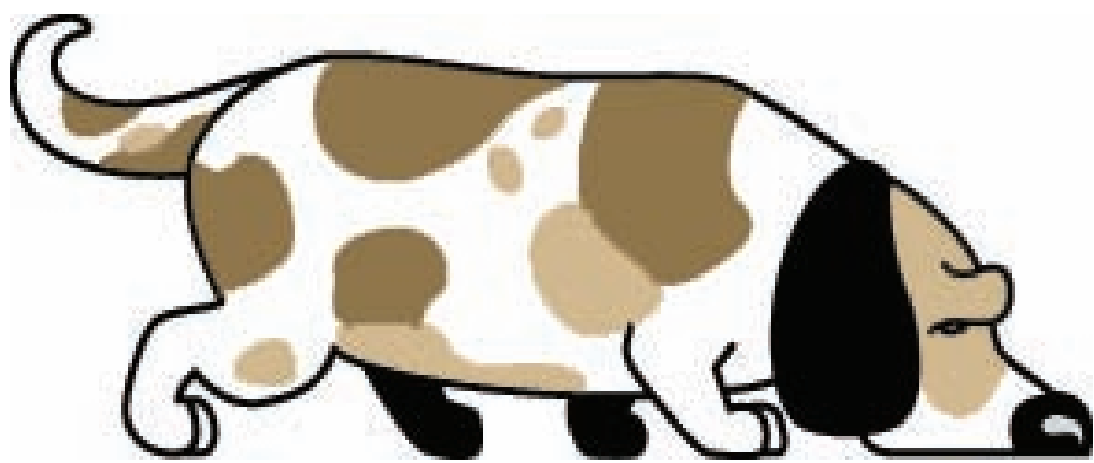
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United Church spaghetti dinner

King City United Church held a spaghetti dinner Saturday evening for church members and those in the community. The church wishes to thank all the helpers "from setting up to the last clean dish."

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



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Cooking classes held at All Saints Church

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St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to February! It might be cold outside, but there is always a warm welcome at St. Andrew's!

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

This Sunday, we're looking forward to the Rev. Dr. John Vissers continuing his sermon series - Letters from Jesus based on the letters to the early churches found in the book of Revelations. We

looked at the third letter last Sunday and how it speaks to us today. Faith does matter! We were challenged to ask ourselves: what do we believe, why do we believe, and what difference does it make in our lives? Come out to Coffee and Conversation, held Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the church office with Lynn Vissers. It's a great opportunity to discuss questions arising from Sunday's sermon. After the worship service this Sunday, Feb. 8, we're invited to stay for "Gifts and Gaps" where we will have lunch and discuss where and how we can use our gifts/talents/interests in our church and in our King City community.

Please note, the Junior youth met last Friday at 7 p.m. instead of this week.

Mark your calendars - the annual congregational meeting is Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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. 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.

Local artists at SOYRA Showcase 2015

By Mark Pavilons

A month-long art showcase has plenty in store for local residents. And King will be well represented by our native artists, at the Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA) Showcase 2015 art exhibition and sale.

The event runs through Feb. 22 and there's an opening reception this Saturday, Feb. 7, from 1-4 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

This annual show and sale runs for 18 days and last year drew more than 500 visitors.

This year's show features 45 artists from York Region and vicinity with four from King Township: Brigitte Granton, Marianne Broome, Hans Martin and Mary Morganelli. There is something for everyone's taste from watercolours, oils, acrylics and photography to more unusual materials. For example, entries include mixed media with found objects, wood carvings and works from an artist who uses alcohol inks.

New this year, visitors can observe an artist at work or demonstrating a technique. Nancy Newman invites you to observe her class at work Thursday afternoons (Feb. 12, 19). On Saturday, Feb. 21, come to the Farmers' Market in the morning and then watch oil painter Susan Walker-Ing at work in the Blue Gallery. It may be all the encouragement you need to take up painting!

SOYRA members will be on hand daily to answer questions about the organization or even "how did they do that"?

The organization has grown and evolved and is now in its 28th year of operation. As well as three major shows a year, the group exhibits in various venues on a regular basis including the Newmarket Courthouse, the Town of Aurora and most recently in the McAlpine Gallery located in McAlpine Ford Lincoln in Aurora. Community partnerships such as these are great opportunities for the artists, good for the business and the community.

SOYRA meetings, the second Tuesday of each month, are well-attended with members and visitors coming to see artist demonstrations, presentations or hear interesting speakers. The Feb. 10 meeting features First Nations artist and gallery manager, Suzanne Smoke with a presentation about Native women in the arts.

SOYRA SHOWCASE starts Feb. 4 and runs daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to Feb. 22. For more specific details on hours, visit SOYRA (www.soyra.ca) or the Aurora Cultural Centre online for details.

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King students make it on the dean's list

Three King Township students have earned top honours at Niagara University.

The trio was named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. To qualify, students must attain a 3.25 academic grade-point average for the semester.

The local achievers were Joseph D'Uva, Danielle Malfatti and Patti Rivard, all from King City.

Founded by the Vincentian community in 1856, Niagara University is a private liberal arts university with a strong, values-based Catholic tradition. Its four academic divisions include the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, and Hospitality and Tourism Management. The university also maintains an Academic Exploration Program that provides a learning environment for students who are undecided about their major.

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Use of dill weed dates back to 3,000 BC

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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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, Feb. 6. The group will meet at the church starting at 7 p.m.

Join us Sunday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series on the book of 1 Peter. Jeff's message this week - Christ our Example. 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.

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.

St. Mary's Church

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

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.

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.

Anglican Parish

As the church season of Epiphany draws to a close and the story of the wisemen visiting the young Jesus fades in our minds until next year St. Alban's

Anglican community in Nobleton has a few closing thoughts to share about these mysterious visitors from the East.

In at least one early Christian writing it is claimed that these men almost immediately became followers of Christ but other early writings say it was St. Thomas the Apostle (of doubting fame) who converted them to Christianity over 35 years later on his way east where he would found a Christian community in southern India which still flourishes.

As travel was relatively safe and easy while what is today Israel Syria, Iraq and northern Saudi Arabia were under Roman rule is it possible that one or more of these wisemen learning of Jesus's activities made a return journey to Judea and heard him speak becoming a follower/s at that point?

Some 300 years later Roman empress Helena (later St. Helena) a Christian on a visit to the Holy Land came into possession of what was believed to be the bones of the wisemen. She had them sent to Constantinople from where hundreds of years later they were taken to Milan in Italy. In 1164 the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick 1 had them taken to Germany where today they are kept in a magnificent gold covered tiered chest or reliquary in the Shrine of the Three Kings in Cologne Cathedral.

However Saveh and Saba both in Iran claim to have tombs where these wisemen are buried! Marco Polo visited the Saveh tombs in 1270. Saba even boasts their bodies are in a miraculous state of preservation.

Now what happened to the gifts the wisemen brought? Some say the gold was used to support the Holy Family during their stay in Egypt where they'd fled to escape King Herod's murderous wrath. Later Jesus is said to have offered the frankincense as a gift to the Temple in Jerusalem when at the age of 12 he went there for his Bar Mitzvah. The myrrh was rumoured to have been kept by Mary and used to anoint the body of her husband Joseph when he died or Jesus' body after his crucifixion.

Now there is a surprising account that tells that the same St. Helena already mentioned also came into possession of the 3 intact gifts during her stay in the Holy Land and that she sent these to Constantinople as well from where in the late 1400s after the city had fallen to

the Muslim Ottoman Turks Mara, a Serbian Christian princess, the stepmother of the conquering sultan had them smuggled out of the city and taken to the remote Monastery of St Paul of Mt. Athos in Turkish ruled Greece for safe keeping.

In 1999 they were put on temporary display in Athens to raise money for earthquake victims and then last year they left Greece for the first time since they arrived in the 15th century and were on display in Belarus and Russia over the Christmas season just past.

Horticulture Hints

By John Arnott

Do you like sour pickles? I can't say that I really like them except perhaps dill flavoured ones and with me that was an acquired taste.

But certainly dill pickles have long been a favourite with many people. And come late summer or fall the tangy smell of dill pickle-making will emanate from many a town or country kitchen.

Dill or dill weed is native to the eastern Mediterranean where Europe and Asia meet. Ancient Egyptian writings dating to 3000 BC show this annual herb was much in use then both as a medicine and for flavouring food. Ancient Greeks used it as the base of a popular fragrance. Athletes of the time rubbed this essence of dill on their bodies as a muscle toner. In Ukraine, Russia and Poland it has been used for centuries to

flavour food especially borscht that beloved red beet soup.

Dill is a member of the celery family. It grows from 16 in. to 2ft. /40 to 60 cm tall with green feathery leaves and has clusters of white or yellow flowers. These clusters which are generally flat topped but can be almost globe like are formed by several short stalks spreading out from one point on the stem much like Queen Anne's lace.

It's the aromatic leaves of this plant that are used to flavour foods from cheese through potatoes to pickles. These leaves should be used while fresh as when they dry they quickly lose flavour. But when freeze dried they will keep much of their flavour for several months.

Oil taken from dill leaves is used in the making of some soaps.

The tiny flat oval shaped dill seeds have a flavour like caraway and are also used in food flavouring and pickling. In traditional herbal/folk medicine dill seed teas were used to treat nausea, headaches, stomach and liver complaints. But such use is best left in the hands of skilled practitioners of herbal medicine.

Dill is fast and easy to grow from seed. It likes rich well drained soil however it will do quite well in average garden soil. It needs full sun as even in partial shade it will do poorly. This plant is a prolific seeder and you will probably only ever need to buy 1 package of seeds!

Eaton Hall topic of talk at AGM

The King Township Historical Society cordially invites you to their annual general meeting on Sunday, March 1.

The event will run noon to 4 p.m. starting with a potluck lunch. It will be held at the King City Seniors' Centre, 30 Fisher Street.

The guest speaker will be Kelly Mathews, the Manager of Community Recreation, Summer Camps, and the Outdoor Education Centre at Seneca College, King Campus, home of Eaton Hall. She will talk about her research on Eaton Hall and its history in the Township. She is writing a book about the 35,000-square-foot Norman-style chateau that will be published next June.

A potluck lunch will be followed by the annual meeting and then Kelly's fascinating illustrated talk.

The KTHS board is looking for volunteers who would like to help with future events and for anyone who is familiar with desktop publishing software to help with formatting their newsletter. Please contact Elaine at 905-841-4041 or visit www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com.

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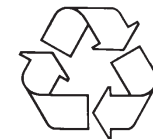
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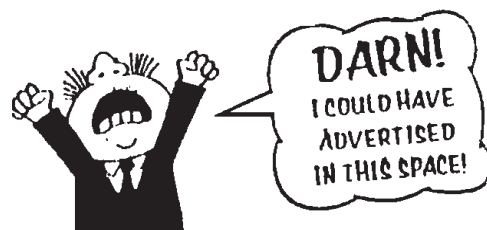


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