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Deb Schulte leads Liberals in King-Vaughan

By Mark Pavilons

Local Liberals put their full support behind Deb Schulte to lead them into this year's federal election.

Schulte handily won the nomination for the riding of King-Vaughan at Sunday's nomination meeting held at King City Public School.

Schulte was "just overwhelmed" at the "amazing support" she received. While the process was a bit nerve-racking, Schulte took the nomination in the second ballot, narrowly missing the 50% mark on the first vote. She said she knew it was going to be close given the high caliber of candidates. Her closest competitor was Major Khalifa.

Schulte had nothing but praise for her competitors, noting they all led very respectful, honest and professional campaigns. This gives the Liberal party a good name and she hopes to draw on that top-shelf knowledge and support to create the big team.

"It's nice to see the quality of candidates wanting to be part of it," she said.

Schulte was lucky in that she had many contacts in the region, through her municipal and regional council term in Vaughan.

She had connections in King and built upon those relationships.

The hard work is just beginning and Schulte will be strengthening those ties with municipal and regional leaders, including mayors and councillors.

"I have always had a soft spot for King," said Schulte who is married with two children and resides in Woodbridge.

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Maple Syrup Festival at Cold Creek

Bailey (left) and 6-year old Chase pulled winter fun-seekers at Cold Creek's Maple Syrup Festival on Saturday. While the weather wasn't ideal for tapping trees, visitors enjoyed various activities and demonstrations.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Monday, March 23, 2015

5:00pm - Working Session - Fire Services: Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Public Meeting Re: Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Development

File Nos.: Z-2015-02 & SPD-2015-02

Address: 191 MacTaggart Drive, Nobleton

Monday, April 13, 2015

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Summer Student Positions
- Cold Creek Site Operator (Contract)

COMPETITIVE BIDS

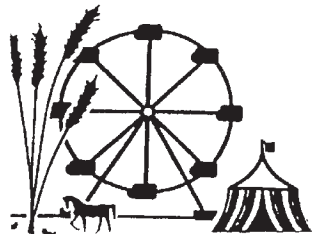
Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for competitive bid opportunities.

REMINDERS

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are invited to submit applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2015. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Township by **Tuesday, March 31st, 2015.**

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available at the Township municipal office, or on our website at www.king.ca, under the "What's New" heading.



SCHOMBERG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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REMINDERS

King Loves Spring

MARCH

March 22
WORLD WATER DAY
Reduce the total water used within your home this week!

March 28

EARTH HOUR
Memorial Park (King City) & Dufferin Marsh (Schomberg) @ 8:30pm
Avoid toxic candles when lights are out!

March 29

Get outside with your family this week. Walk in the woods to lift your mood!

APRIL

Choose Easter treats that are good for you and the environment!

April 1

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE
Community Workshop King City Library @ 7:00pm

April 2

FROG NIGHT OUT
Listen & Learn Workshop Dufferin Marsh @ 7:00pm

April 7

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE
Community Workshop Nobleton Library @ 7:00pm

April 12

Go 'meatless' on Monday's for the rest of the month!

April 14

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE
Community Workshop Schomberg Library @7:00pm

April 18

CLEAN UP DAY
For Clean Up Day Challenge
Info visit: www.king.ca

April 19

Be a smart commuter this week!
Learn more: www.smartcommute.ca

April 20

CARPPOOL WEEK BEGINS (April 20-26)

April 22

EARTH DAY

April 23

GREENING YOUR GROUNDS:

Rain Barrel Workshop & Sale Nobleton Arena @ 7:00pm

April 24

ARBOUR WEEK BEGINS (April 24- May 3)
Native trees, shrubs & garden kits are available through: www.yourleaf.org

April 25

WILDFLOWER PLANTING & POLLINATOR WORKSHOP
Cold Creek, Visitor's Centre @7:00pm

MAY

May 2

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
Trisan Centre 8:00am-12:30pm
E-WASTE RECYCLING
Trisan Centre, Nobleton Arena, King City Arena 8:00am-2:00pm

May 3

COMPOST BIN
Try composting this spring. All you need is one square metre of space in your backyard! Compost Bins are available for sale for Township residents.

May 7

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION
Trisan Centre Ceremony @ 7pm

May 9

COMPOST & WOODCHIP GIVEAWAY DAY
Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Sale
MIGRATORY BIRD DAY
7:00am-9:00am
Happy Valley Tract

Spring is a great opportunity to get outside, get active and get together in King!



GET OUTSIDE • GET ACTIVE • GET TOGETHER



MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 3

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Nobleton Library
Councillors David Boyd & Linda Pabst

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Schomberg Library
Councillor Bill Cober

Thursday, April 16

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Ansnorveldt Library
Councillor Avia Eek

Thursday, April 23

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
King City Library
Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer

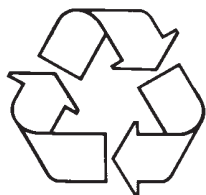
PLEASE NOTE: APRIL DATES HAVE BEEN REVISED



The 'Living with Wildlife' Community Workshops will be taking place on:

- Wednesday, April 1st at the King City Library at 7pm
- Tuesday, April 7th at the Nobleton Library at 7pm
- Tuesday, April 14th at the Schomberg Library at 7pm

For more information, contactsustainability@king.ca or 905-833-4080



Seeking Nominations for

Volunteer Awards

Closing Friday, March 20th, 2015

~ VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT ~

Thursday, May 7th, 2015

Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement
- Youth Award of Merit
- Special Recognition
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned **until 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 20th, 2015.** The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at www.king.ca, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Thursday, May 7th, 2015.**

Kathryn Smyth, Clerk
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King reviewing new 'civic centre' concept plan

By Mark Pavilons

Entering the hallowed halls of the former Holy Name school on King Road, you can see the potential. And hopes are the facility will become King's newest showpiece, a civic centre the entire community can be proud of.

King Township staff are excited about moving to a new municipal building, one that will not only be a modern corporate office, but reflect King's unique characteristics. It will be a place to call home.

King CAO Susan Plamondon is leading the charge in looking at what's necessary to transform the tired elementary school into new, efficient, workable space for all to enjoy.

Plamondon is preparing reports for council to consider. They will be a series of "next steps" in a long process. The first stepping stone is a functional space assessment, indicating physical staff requirements. This will dictate future needs and can set the tone for the reconstruction of the building. Plamondon wants to plan this properly for the future because they really have just one shot at it.

But they have a lot to work with.

The Township purchased the 9.48-acre property in 2013 from the York Catholic District School board for \$2.95 million. The property has a depth of 1,300 feet.

The school building on the site was constructed in two stages, the front section in 1968 and the two-storey addition at the rear was added in 1979. The total floor area is 37,641 square feet.

The property is immediately east of the planned prestige employment area and west of the Springhill Gardens condominium project.

From the outset, it was seen as becoming a "community hub," providing additional community space and potentially generating some leasing options.

The building houses a large gymnasium, which would be ideal for community use. Part of the initial studies will examine whether it can be preserved for community programming. Depending on how the building is divided up, the Township may be able to use development charges to cover some costs. Other governmental agencies and groups will be consulted to see if they would like a community presence, and share some of the space.

Plamondon notes the possibilities are almost limitless.

It will be more than a municipal office, but a welcoming environment from which residents receive their services.

The wish list is quite long at this point and all potential uses will be reviewed to see what's practical.

Some expensive realities exist. The building requires many mechanical upgrades. The elevator will have to be replaced as well as the insulation. The large classrooms will have to be divided. But the footprint, and particularly the addition, has a solid foundation.

Repurposing the building definitely follows the mandates of King's Sustainability Plan and other strategies. Incorporating sustainable practices at the new building will show that King "walks the talk."

Staffers are looking forward to the extra space.

Currently crammed into some 15,000 square feet, the 85 staff in King City have to deal with some tight confines. The bottom line is they need the space.

Plamondon observed King is growing, and the office has to grow too, to meet the demands and expectations of residents.

"We want to continue to be efficient and productive," she said. "The current physical environment is not conducive to that."

Ultimately, the goal is to get all 125 staffers under one roof. This alone will also open up more space currently being used by staff in other Township facilities in the villages.

"A municipal office needs to be a reflection of the community it serves," Plamondon observed. "Public buildings should make a statement about the community itself."

And this place has plenty of curb appeal, and its topography is already a reflection of what King is. The natural features will be preserved and enhanced and it will be something the community can be proud of.

It's also an investment and represents very good value for the money. The property itself has already appreciated, as has the value of the current municipal building and strip mall in King City (owned by the Township).


If and when it comes time to sell the current site, the Township can set its own conditions and use requirements.

As reports come to council with cost

estimates and game plans, the project she has an aggressive timeline and will begin to take shape. While Plamondon hopes to see the building completed within this term of council, Plamondon wants to leave no stone unturned,










This is an aerial view of the former Holy Name School, which will likely become King Township's new civic centre.




King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, March 12 to Wednesday, March 18

THURS 12TH	FRI 13TH	SAT 14TH	SUN 15TH	MON 16TH	TUES 17TH	WED 18TH
						
Mainly Sunny High 1C° Low -6C° - Wind NE 15k	Mainly Sunny High 4C° Low -5C° - Wind SE 15k	Mixed Precip. High 3C° Low -1C° Snow ~1cm Wind SE 10k	Sun/Clouds High 2C° Low -2C° - Wind NW 25k	Chance of Shower High 6C° Low -2C° Rain 2-4mm Wind SW 25k	Mainly Cloudy High 1C° Low -1C° - Wind NW 45k	Scattered Flurries High 2C° Low -2C°



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Tuesday, March 17 • 12:00 - 3:00pm

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Frank B. Kellogg

Time to get behind King's new civic centre

It has been a little more than a year since King Township purchased an idyllic piece of property just west of King City.

But plans are coming together and assessments will soon be done to see just how to properly transform the former Holy Name School into King's newest showpiece – its new municipal office.

King CAO Susan Plamondon is leading the charge and she's quite excited about the project.

And why shouldn't she be? This is a great, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design a civic building that will live on in a community for generations to come. The sky's the limit for incorporating innovative design in keeping with King's character. This will be King's welcome sign to the community, visitors and all who share an interest in municipal goings on. It will stand as a model of sustainability.

Repurposing the building and property just makes sense in many ways.

The Township bought the almost 10-acre parcel at a bargain price of just under \$3 million. It has already appreciated.

The property is unique and only 3 to 4 acres are suitable for building, while the other 5 or so will remain as natural rolling topography.

It boasts a 38,000-square-foot school building, complete with offices, classrooms, a gymnasium, etc.

The Township office in the strip mall in the heart of King City has roughly 15,000 square feet. The current reality



Mark Pavilons

is the Township's 85 staff who work out of the King City building are living in cramped quarters. Their cubicles are bursting with paperwork and the hallways have become convenient storage spaces.

While most of us don't give it much thought, physical space does impact employees' productivity and efficiency. It also affects attitude.

Plamondon quite rightly observed that a municipal office needs to be a reflection of the community it serves. Right now it doesn't.

But that will change.

Following an assessment of physical

space for staff and a report to council, consultants will review the school building to determine how to make best use of the space.

And there's plenty of it.

There's a perfect spot for the council chambers and existing classrooms will have to be partitioned to make suitable offices and work stations.

Interior renovations are relatively easy. Granted, the building is tired and does need substantial mechanical work to bring it up to snuff. It will need a new elevator and all insulation will have to be replaced.

But when the facility begins to take shape, that's when the magic will happen.

Imagine an inviting foyer, complete with display cases containing mementoes of King's colorful history. Think about a place for local artists to display their creations.

Wander around the wide, sunlit hallways to well marked departments, all accessible for residents and business people.

Consider modern council chambers to conduct the business of the day.

Since the building is so large, there is adequate room for several tenants, generating revenue. Two law enforcement agencies – York Regional Police and the OPP – serve the area, and patrol Highway 400. What better place to have a satellite station or office than one sitting a few hundred metres away from this busy highway? With either of these two as tenants, you have guaranteed income, provincial government assistance, and of course, security.

The gym and stage area of the school could be altered to lend itself to artistic presentations, concerts, theatre groups, etc. The gym could serve as a central community meeting place for events, annual meetings, conferences, programs, even youth dances.

The building, when properly config-

ured, could also serve as headquarters for a multitude of community groups, non-profit organizations and associations who serve King, but don't have a physical presence in our community.

The soccer field on site is currently in use and will continue to serve the community.

King isn't looking to build a palatial "city hall" like our other urban counterparts. That's not our style. What we will have is a unique, made-in-King concept that could set a precedent among smaller townships. It will speak volumes about what it means to live and work in King.

There will be naysayers. Some taxpayers may grumble about the cost of it all – the building and its extensive renovations.

But you need to consider a few things. King for the most part, is quite frugal. The Township has healthy reserve funds. The Township owns the strip mall they're currently in, so that will become a huge source of revenue if and when it's sold. On top of that, you can bet the Township will set some pretty strict conditions on the sale and future use of that property, to the benefit of the community.

The former school parcel was owned by the people when operated by the school board. It's fitting it remain in our hands.

It will be a place the community can be proud to call its new "home."

Public buildings should make a statement.

There are some great minds out there in our community, along with a great deal of talent.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to come together and plan something remarkable. You are part owners in this project.

We should get behind this project and when the time comes for input and involvement, grab it and don't let go!

Letter to the Editor

Preventing injury is worth the 'nuisance'

I am writing in response to the letter, "Speed humps a nuisance."

I am a resident of Kettleby and have been a reluctant if vocal advocate for the speed humps.

As a point of clarification, the speed humps in question will cost a tiny fraction of the \$500,000 claimed in the letter and in my view the cost is something of a red herring. In the staff report, noted the total cost for the 4 humps east of the village to Keele is \$10,000.

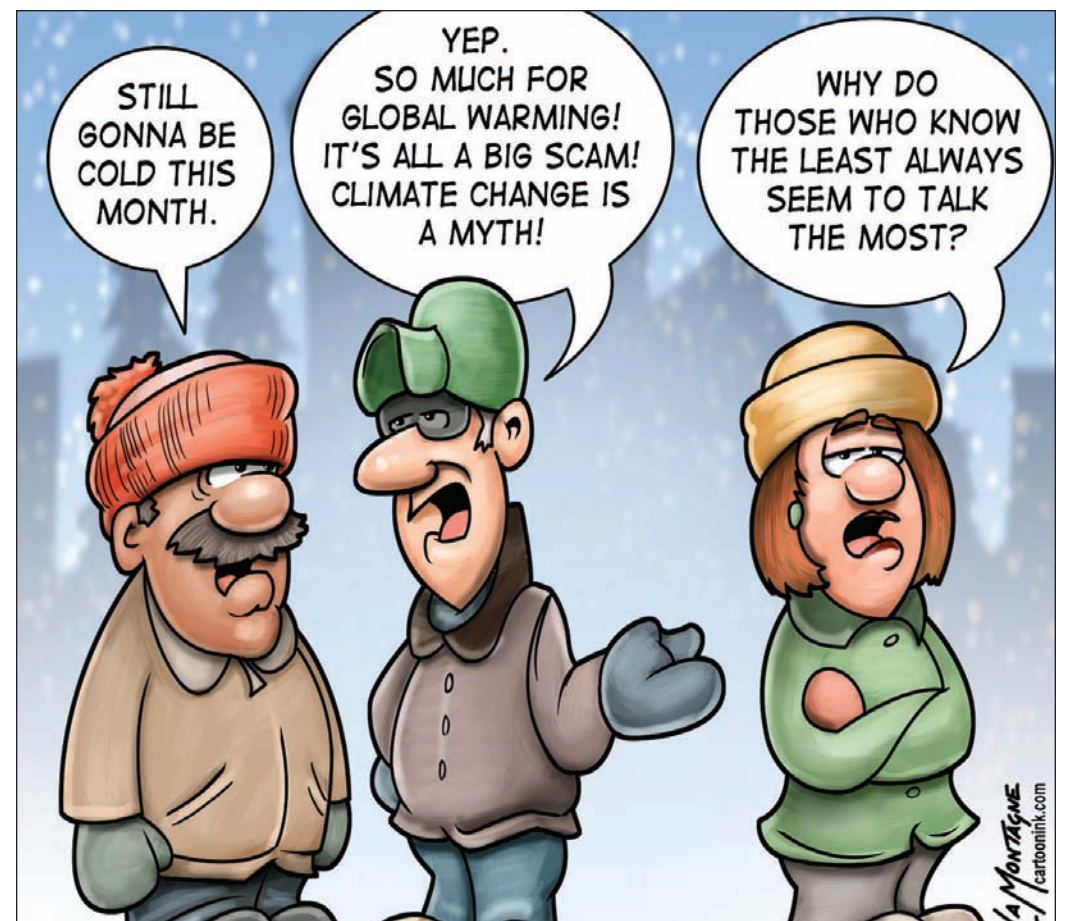
The speed humps are being installed as a result of a careful study and analysis carried out by the experts at King Township, following up on concerns voiced by many residents of Kettleby. So dismayed by the discourtesy and danger posed by speeding motorists, the Kettleby Village Association put together a petition that was signed by a large majority of residents along Kettleby Road. This was submitted to the Township and resulted in exactly the type of study Ms Carpenter advocates in her letter.

The data are a matter of public record: in both directions, 85% of cars passed through the village at speeds more than 15 km/h greater than the posted speed limit of 50 km/h.

The Township has been proactive, and has attempted improved signage, speed limit reductions and other measures to deal with the problem, to no avail. No one disputes the claim that people have "legitimate" reasons to drive through the village. It is picturesque and convenient, and clearly preferable to many drivers who, for their own reasons, eschew the Lloydtown Aurora Road and other alternatives with higher posted limits. The speed humps are a last resort recommended to, and approved by council to ensure the safety of children, pedestrians and pets living in the hamlet.

Surely preventing the tragedy of injury or death is worth a little expense and "nuisance."

Aladin Jarrah
Kettleby



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Results from last week's poll:
Teaching assistants at University of Toronto went on strike Monday, possibly disrupting the academic year for students. Should people be allowed to strike if it can negatively impact students?

a) Yes **40%**

b) No **60%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

York Region is asking the province for permission to re-introduce photo radar. Would you like to see it?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

Brainteaser

What can be swallowed, but can also swallow you?

Last week's answer: The numbers, 0 through 9, are in alphabetical order.

King Township Trivia

Bell's Lake settlement on Highway 27 was originally called Kingsville in 1860, then changed to Loch Erne in 1889.

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Wacky weather and arctic amplification

By Skid Crease

At the end of our very cold February here in King, Sig Langhammer asked me to go outdoors and dig up a good explanation for our new breaking news weather records.

Yes, indeed, the Toronto area tied a record in February of 2015 with February of 1875 for the lowest average February temperatures in recorded weather history at -12.6°C. But the coldest day was actually January 4, 1981 when the temperature got down to a bitter -31.3°C.

Well, I spend most of my time outdoors as an outdoor and environmental educator, and I dig deeply. And no, last year was not the coldest winter on record for the Toronto area. Or Canada.

It is also important to note that the area of the GTA is only 7,125 square kilometres, compared to the planet's surface area of 510,000,000 square kilometres. That means our backyard, as Sig puts it, accounts for a very tiny portion of the Earth's record system (a ratio of 1:72,000). So, when climatologists average out the global temperature, our cold winters are a drop in the bucket of warm global water. Our very narrow temperate zones are separated by a very wide equatorial band of tropical and sub-tropical climates.

And the two areas of polar climate that bookend us on the planet are apparently warming faster than any other climate zone on Earth. Well, at least according to my sources at NASA, NOAA, the Japanese Meteorological Agency, and the UK MET Office. I'm sure that there is equally good data out there in our backyards. I just dig out my information on a larger scale.

Deep enough to find out that the primary suspect in our nasty winters and cool springs is a phenomenon called "Arctic Acceleration." As I suspected, that is the reason for our wacky winter weather - rapidly warming Arctic, less sea ice, more albedo, rising heat from the darker ocean surface bumps the oscillations of the jet stream from a gentle wave to an extreme roller-coaster, et voila. Cold polar air is pulled down over the temperate zones of eastern North America.

However, it is warmer than usual in Alaska; so warm that they are trucking in snow to cover the bare trails for this year's Iditarod dog sled race.

What is happening in our little cor-



ner of the world these past few winters is affected by a warming Arctic which in turn affects the jet stream creating a northward bulge over the North Pacific and a southward trough over eastern continental North America. Et voila!

Meteorologists have been predicting since 1988 that the normal weather patterns would become erratic and the smooth waves of transition from one season to another would become choppy as climate change accelerated. They also predicted that the polar regions would bear the brunt of this acceleration.

They had long discussed the albedo effect, where a darker ocean surface absorbs more solar energy than a reflective white ice surface, and that this would affect both oceanic and atmospheric circulation patterns.

Not only that, but thawing permafrost in the Arctic releases copious amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide. This creates a feedback loop that is obvious even to our backyard scientists - more warming, more methane, more warming, and so on.

For the northern temperate zone, this means an increasingly deep oscillating jet stream pulling down Arctic cold air

to intersect with warm winds driving north up the Ohio Valley. So a climatologist would predict not only cold snap winters, but a frequency in the increase of ice storms as warm, moist air from the Gulf meets the Polar Vortex.

Davis Phillips, a senior climatologist for Environment Canada, calls the sensational reporting of these events "weather porn," but we are Canadians, and we love our weather news! We just need to get much better educated about what is happening and why, both in our backyards and our Home Planet.

Langhammer is confused, as many are, about the difference between local weather and global climate. Without debate, 2014 was the warmest year ever recorded in global weather records. The backyards in King may have had a cold winter and chilly spring, but the rest of the planet balanced things out.

For example, 2013 and 2014 broke records as the warmest years ever recorded for Australia. While we were shivering in the backyards of King in January of 2014, Eugenie Bouchard and Genie's Army were sweltering under an extreme heat wave at the Australian Open.

I am absolutely certain anyone living in the Maritimes this winter will want to scoff at the idea of accelerating climate change and a warming planet, but it is, inexorably. I also wondered when the warmth was going to kick in as I ran out of space to shovel my snow this year. But then I remembered how small my little backyard is in the big scheme of things. Shovel locally, think globally, dig deeply, speak wisely.

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

Munro questions premier's integrity

York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro had some tough questions for Ontario's leader last week.

Munro rose in the Legislature to question the integrity of the Premier as she continues to face criticisms during her latest scandal. The Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff and a party operative, likely under advisement by the premier, allegedly bribed a candidate to step down in exchange for a political appointment, Munro said.

Munro pointed out that in each cabinet minister's mandate letter, the premier specifically wrote that "it is of the utmost importance that we lead responsibly, act with integrity, manage spending wisely and are accountable for every action we take."

"Unfortunately, it seems that the value you place on integrity is dependent on circumstances and is flexible when it suits your needs," the MPP said.

Wynne's involvement in the latest Liberal scandal indicates that she merely pays lip service to integrity, according to Munro. The premier insisted she was different from her predecessor: Munro said it's time she stood up and demonstrated the integrity her position demands.

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Grecchi enjoying the limelight on 'The Next Step'

By Mark Pavilons

Schomberg's Samantha Grecchi is living the dream.

Grecchi is better known as "Stephanie" to her legion of fans of the hit TV show *The Next Step*. The Family Channel series returns for its third season March 16 and will have fans glued to their sets.

The *Next Step* follows the lives of an elite group of young dancers who train at The Next Step Studio. After winning Nationals, A-troupe's celebration is cut short when they are evicted from their studio. The only way to keep their spot at International is to merge with their arch-rivals, Elite Dance Studio. The dancers must learn to put their differences aside and work together in order to show the world what they're really made of.

Sam loves her role of Stephanie be-

cause they're a lot alike. Grecchi likes the fact Stephanie is strong, a loyal friend and that proverbial "triple threat" – a strong dancer, singer and actor.

The story line is interesting and mimics real life, especially the goings-on in the world of dance. Grecchi should know, because she has spent most of her life in that realm.

Her fellow cast members are simply "amazing" and they're all the best of friends on and off the set. They see each other regularly since most live within the GTA.

The show is popular among its main audience of teens and pre-teens, especially those who love to dance.

Grecchi said this has opened many doors for her and she's met so many interesting people. She joined the show after graduating from high school so now she's concentrating on her career.

Post-secondary education will always be there, but for now, Grecchi is honing her skills to be that triple threat. She's following her dream and doesn't want to pass up on this amazing opportunity.

It's a lot of work, and when the cast is filming during the summer months it's "crazy," Grecchi admitted.

Grecchi began dance classes at the age of six at Art and Soul Dance Company in Kleinburg. She has represented Canada at international competitions in Las Vegas, and at the world championships of dance in Germany. Samantha has performed in many festivals across the world including The Toronto Inter-



Schomberg's Samantha Grecchi (top and left) is excited about her role in *The Next Step*, entering its third season on TV.

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national Festival in 2010.

The season premieres Monday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. with new episodes airing every weeknight leading up to the mid-season finale in April.

In advance of the season opener, fans can relive the A-Troupe's Nationals win – and get a refresher on the dancers' most recent dilemmas – with a never-before-seen extended episode of the season two finale on Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following the emotional episode viewers can stay tuned for a special sneak peek of what's to come in season three.

"From the series' consistent ratings to the sold-out national Live on Stage tour, we are thrilled by the overwhelming demand from our audience to produce anything and everything for *The Next Step*," said Michael Goldsmith, director, Original Programming, DHX Television. "By delivering brand new episodes daily through linear broadcast, next-day SVOD availability and online streaming, we can offer the best possible viewing experience to our fans. And, with so many viewing options available, our viewers won't have to worry about missing any of the spectacular dances

and story lines."

Season two left off on a cliffhanger with the future of *The Next Step* – and the A-Troupe's chance to compete at Internationals – hanging in the balance. After receiving an eviction notice, rival dance academy, Elite, came to the studio with an interesting offer: merge the two studios to create a hybrid team for the International competition. Season three kicks off with the A-Troupe dancers grappling with a tough decision. Can they learn to work with their arch-rivals, or will they risk forfeiting their spot at Internationals?

The *Next Step* stars 2015 Canadian Screen Award nominee Brittany Raymond as Riley; Victoria Baldesarra as Michelle; Alexandra Beaton as Emily; Trevor Tordjman as James; Isaac Lupien as Eldon; Lamar Johnson as West; Jennifer Pappas as Chloe; Logan Fabbro as Amanda; Taveeta Szymanowicz as Thalia; Samantha Grecchi as Stephanie; Brennan Clost as Daniel; Zac Vran as Hunter; Bree Wasylenko as Kate; Natalie Krill as Phoebe and So You Think You Can Dance Canada season four winner Jordan Clark as Giselle.

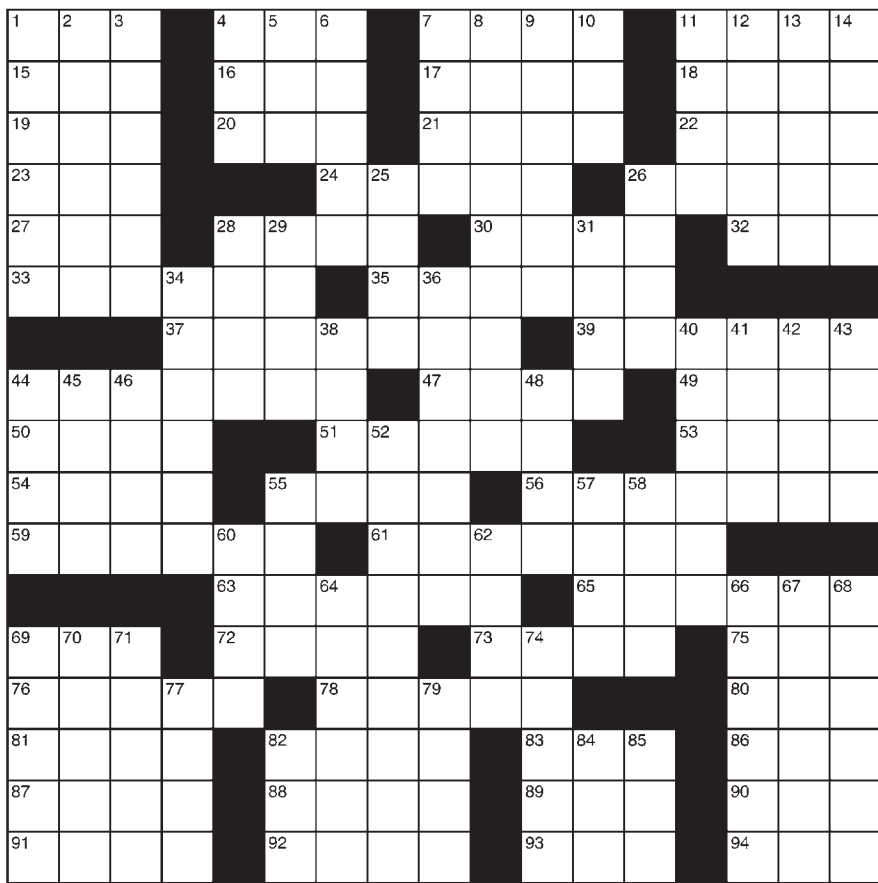
Additionally, several returning cast members will be brought to centre stage with exciting new story lines including Myles Erlick as J-Troupe dancer Noah, along with Devon Michael Brown as Max and Cierra Healey as Cierra, members of Elite Dance Academy. The cast also welcomes newcomer Ella Gilling, a semi-finalist on season two of the United Kingdom's live-talent television show *Got To Dance*, in a recurring role.

A recipient of the 2013 Shaw Rocket Prize and the 2013 Digi Award for *The Next Step* Interactive, *The Next Step* was recently nominated for three 2015 Canadian Screen Awards. Nominations include: Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series; Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program or Series; and Best Performance in a Children's or Youth Program or Series for Brittany Raymond.

The *Next Step* is produced by Temple Street Productions and is executive produced by Frank van Keeken (Wingin' It, Kids in the Hall, Billable Hours), Ivan Schneeberg and David Fortier (Orphan Black, Being Erica, Wingin' It). BBC Worldwide has acquired international distribution rights. *The Next Step* is also produced with the financial assistance from The Shaw Rocket Fund and the Canada Media Fund.

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- 11. Pin money
- 15. Negative
- 16. Paddle's cousin
- 17. Nerve network
- 18. Toast spread
- 19. Sable
- 20. Prior to, in verse
- 21. Of a time
- 22. Indian melody
- 23. WWII agency
- 24. Sailor's "stop"
- 26. Come again
- 27. Steep
- 28. Coin
- 30. Continental currency
- 32. Florida island
- 33. Sparse
- 35. Expose
- 37. Follower
- 39. Sober
- 44. Mother-of-pearl source
- 47. Coily roguish
- 49. Promptly

- 50. Unit of cotton
- 51. Enrage
- 53. Western tie
- 54. Abba ___
- 55. Fencing equipment
- 56. Weirdo
- 59. Absolute ruler
- 61. Vital
- 63. Shoe part
- 65. Music lover's equipment
- 69. On the ___ (fleeing)
- 72. Tropical American rodent
- 73. Killer whale
- 75. Flightless bird
- 76. Plato's market
- 78. NBA site
- 80. Special favorite
- 81. Exposed
- 82. Waterless
- 83. Ghostly greeting
- 86. Foul up
- 87. Bread baker
- 88. "The Over-the-Hill ___"
- 89. In addition
- 90. Turkish ruler
- 91. Repose

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 - 93. Football holder
 - 94. Perfect score, to a gymnast
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 - 6. Coffee additive
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 - 8. Keep trying
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 - 10. A real shocker?
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Tema Conter gala raises funds and awareness

By Mark Pavilons

The names and faces of front line responders who encounter stressful situations were in the spotlight at the 14th annual tribute gala, "Behind the Mask," held in Vaughan recently.

Celebrating 14 years in 2015, The Tema Conter Memorial Trust (Heroes are Human) was established to offer resources and support to emergency services and military personnel. Some 600 guests attended the star-studded event.

Dignitaries and notable guests included MP Rob Clarke, Cpl. Jamie MacWhirter, Master Cpl. Paul Franklin, actor and Nobleton resident Enrico Colantoni (spokesperson and star of Remedy and Flashpoint), Mark Ellis and Stephanie Morgenstern (creators of X Company and Flashpoint) and Dr. Howard Conter (brother of the late Tema Conter and a generous supporter of the charity).

Public service and media awards were handed out. As well, several students were recognized as recipients of scholarships.

National spokesperson of Heroes are Human Enrico Colantoni brought a few of his friends from Remedy, castmates Sarah Allen, Dillon Casey and Diego Fuentes.

MP Rob Clarke spoke about how many on Parliament Hill are still reeling after the events in Ottawa, and he looks forward to members of Heroes Are Human coming to visit for "lobby days." He also said the organization will have his support "forever."

York Regional Police Chief Eric Joliffe unveiled their PTSD vehicle that has the Heroes Are Human logo on the back.

Chief Norm Barrette (York EMS), and Chief Larry Bentley (Vaughan Fire) also spoke. Bentley spoke about how the

issue of PTSD "is knocking" and that he is listening.

Paramedic and country music artist Kevin Davison performed his popular song, "When the Sirens Are Gone." He is a former colleague and friend of the late RCMP officer David Wynn. Davison sang this same song at Wynn's funeral.

The MC for the gala was CTV's Ken Shaw, and with his help, the organization was able to raise a significant amount of fundraising dollars from the live and silent auctions.

"The Other Side of the Hero" documentary will begin production at the organization's gala in Halifax this coming May 27. They are continuing fundraising efforts via take.theherochallenge.com.

"The entire event was a huge success, and more connections and relationships were formed this week than ever before," said Erin Alvares, Tema's director of media and public relations. "The amount of empathy, respect, compassion, and support shown among attendees, speakers, and staff and volunteers of the charity was absolutely overwhelming. We are truly a family, and this week our family grew."

The gala capped of a week of educational seminars and presentations put on by Tema.

So far this year, four first responders and one military member have died by suicide. Between April 29 and Dec. 31, 2014, 27 first responders died by suicide, and in 2014, 19 military personnel died by suicide.

"If this isn't a red flag, I don't know what is," said Heroes' founder and executive director Vince Savoia of King City. "It is heavily disheartening that this number continues to rise. This is why events like education week are so important. We need to raise awareness and tackle the issues where they start

– with those who spend their lives helping others."

For more, visit www.tema.ca.



Dr. Howard Conter (Tema's brother) joined scholarship winners (above) Ryan Sutton from BC, Stefanie Johnston from Manitoba, Tiffany Quinn from New Brunswick, Kevin Friedman from Ontario, Alessandra Viola from Ontario (she was also the national scholarship winner), and Vince Savoia. Diana Beltrame, Enrico Colantoni and Vince Savoia (below) share a moment during the annual gala. MC Ken Shaw and Colantoni (below, left) helped raise some money during the auction.

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

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

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Allstone creation vies for world record at show

By Mark Pavilons

Little Joe has a younger brother. Schomberg's Allstone Quarry Products has created the centrepiece for the Canada Blooms garden and flower festival, running March 13-22 at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto.

The inukshuk is made of Ontario granite and stands three metres (10 feet) tall, spans nine feet across and weighs an estimated 24,000 pounds!

It's part of the Landscape Ontario turf display, and raises the bar at the annual show.

"We are so excited and proud to have this massive inukshuk as a unique element of Canada Blooms," said Terry Caddo, general manager of the festival. "It is a beautiful creation and impres-

sive to see up close. It is a uniquely Canadian piece that we can celebrate in a spectacular setting."

Landscape Ontario extended an invitation to Michael Gravelle, Ontario Minister of Northern Development and Mines, to be their special guest at "Industry Night" March 19. Industry Night brings together approximately 400 industry owners to celebrate the accomplishments of this sector:

Landscape Ontario represents the landscape industry that generates some \$7 billion of economic activity and employs over 70,000 people. They are reaching out the minister to let him know about the potential for increased northern development. Currently one of the barriers to growth is the lack of education and awareness for Ontario's quarried products. So much of the stone that the industry uses in the landscape is imported from India and China. This situation could be reversed through a combination of a "Choose Ontario" campaign in conjunction with the development of education and apprenticeship programs to ensure that the skills required for quarrying and installing stone are provided.

Joe Melo, owner of Allstone, said Landscape Ontario approached him with the request, and they're hoping to snare a world record for the largest indoor inukshuk. Melo has had a long relationship with Landscape Ontario over the years and his centrepiece will be near the entrance to the show.

The structure is made of Ontario granite and should Gravelle take them up on the invitation, he's more than happy to bend his ear about making Ontario granite more accessible.



Joe Melo of Allstone Quarry Products in Schomberg stands next to his latest creation, which will be on display at the Canada Blooms festival in Toronto March 13-22.

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Melo's Little Joe is a well known landmark at the Schomberg facility on Highway 27.

Towering 11 metres high and weighing 82,000 kilos, Little Joe was named after Melo himself. It's the tallest inukshuk in the world.

The sculpture is constructed from 11 granite slabs trucked in from the Grenville Mountains in the Canadian Shield, boasting some of the oldest rock formations in the world at 1.3 billion years old. These extremely large pieces of granite gneiss were extracted from Allstone's quarry in Big Wood, Township, north of the French River.

Co-located with the National Home Show, Canada Blooms has been a showcase of the latest trends and innovations in gardens and landscaping for nearly two decades.

Now in its 19th year, Canada Blooms was founded by Landscape Ontario and

The Garden Club of Toronto. Each year it is supported by a committed group of partners, sponsors and volunteers.

Canada Blooms has been named One of Ontario's Top 100 Events by Festivals and Events Ontario and One of North America's Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association.

"Melo Landscaping and Allstone Quarries have long been pioneers and leaders in promoting the use of natural stone in the landscape," said Tony DiGiovanni, director of Landscape Ontario.

The traditional Inuit meaning of the inukshuk is "you are the right path." It is a profound symbol and message.

"The inukshuk is a reminder to the 200,000 visitors to Canada Blooms that taking care of the natural environment is the right path," he said.

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You can pick tickets up for this popular event at these different merchants in the area before the tour - Nobleton Feed Mill; Tottenham Feed Service; Tottenham Home Hardware; Brownsville Pharmachoice; Richvale Saddlery; Schomberg Rona and Schomberg TruCountry & Garden.

The tickets are \$10 per car and with that you get a map that allows you access to the farms involved with the tour. You'll get a personal tour, have your questions answered and get a peak at a way of life that otherwise you may never be privy to!

Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main Street. This is the headquarters for the day where you can purchase a light lunch at some point during the day and free face painting is available for the kids. For more information on this event, visit their website at www.schombergfair.com or call 905-859-0834.

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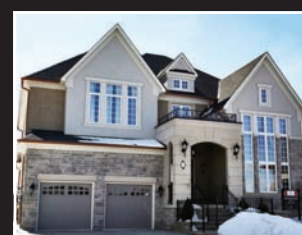
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Nobleton native aims for Miss Universe Canada title

By Mark Pavilons

A local competitor is setting her sights high, aiming for the top pageant title in the country.

Nobleton's Bianca Catracchia is starting the lengthy process of preparing for the Canadian pageant in May of 2016.

She admits she has a lot of work ahead of her, including runway training, securing sponsors and upping her game.

There are a lot of costs associated with this prestigious competition, particularly with hair styling, make-up and clothing.

She's excited that it's happening and she's embarking on this process. Right now, she's trying to secure corporate sponsors to join her on her journey.

She has a lot on her plate, studying human resources at Ryerson in Toronto.

Catracchia will be passing the

torch and giving up her Miss Earth Ontario crown this May.

She earned the title in 2014, competing against seven others. At last year's provincial competition, she also earned the honours for Miss Congeniality, Best swim suit, Best evening gown and Miss Entrepreneur.

A pageant contestant since she was 18, Catracchia is enthusiastic about the path she has chosen.

The pageants, she said, are much more than glitz and glamour. They are a means for young women to build camaraderie, friendships for life and self-esteem. In this "sisterhood," many become ambassadors and spokespeople for various causes.

Catracchia has in the past competed in Miss Universe Canada and Miss World Canada events so she's no stranger to this level.

If you would like to support Catracchia, she's anxious to hear from you. You can contact her at bianca.catracchia@rogers.com.



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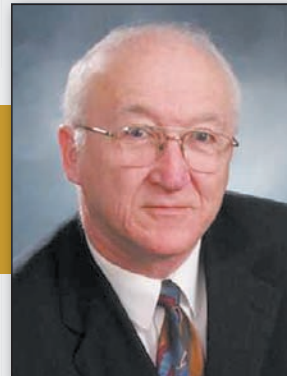
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OMB hearing begins for rural development bid

By Angela Gismondi

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) pre-hearing is under way for an adult lifestyle community.

In April 2013, King council unanimously rejected an official plan amendment application proposal submitted by Maryann and Vito Pacifico, citing that

the proposal does not conform to the Township's municipal and provincial plans and policies. Council instructed the Township solicitor to represent its position at the OMB. The pre-hearing began yesterday (March 11) at the Township of King municipal offices.

The applicant is proposing to build an adult lifestyle condominium communi-

ty with an independent living environment for seniors on Mill Road and Elmpine Trail just southeast of Nobleton. The lands are located at 12490 Mill Road and include about 86 acres on the west side of Mill Road south of King Road and abutting the King-Vaughan boundary. The proposed facility includes about 120 independent living units (freehold townhomes) organized in clusters, an assisted living building, commercial uses and a community centre.

In May 2012, the Pacificos made an application to the Township to amend the official plan and the Hamlet Secondary plan. The purpose of the proposed amendment was to designate certain lands along Elmpine Trail as a hamlet and then to expand the boundary of the proposed Hamlet to include the Pacifico lands, thus permitting the development on the lands.

The proposal was rejected by the Township of King, the Region of York and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, however; the applicant appealed to the OMB for approval and three cases will be considered at the pre-hearing.

The applicants filed an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board on the basis that the region failed to make a decision on OPA 58. OPA 58 was the Township's official plan update for the rural areas of King, adopted in 1997, but never approved by the Region. The applicants requested that OPA 58 be modified and approved to designate the entire Elmpine Trail lands as a hamlet in order to allow for the development of the proposed condominium community on the Pacifico lands.

According to the Township's staff report, neither the Elmpine Trail lands nor the Pacifico lands were ever identified by the Township for consideration as a settlement area. Furthermore, there was no intent at any time during the development of OPA 58, which took place prior to 2001, to recognize the area in the vicinity of Elmpine Trail as a hamlet. Planning staff pointed out that it is not appropriate to utilize OPA 58, a

long dormant, outdated and unapproved official plan document, to facilitate the application submitted by the applicant so many years after its adoption.

Planning staff identified significant concerns with the application relating to conformity to provincial, regional and local policy including the identification of a small group of existing residential dwellings as a new settlement area, the expansion of that new proposed settlement area to include the Pacifico lands and the proposed development on those lands and the scale of such development being much more appropriately located within a designated town/village settlement area.

"This area has never been a hamlet, nor has the Township any intention to ever make it one," reads a letter submitted by the residents of Elmpine Trail and Mill Road. "The residents whose properties are swept up into the net of this amendment proposal are wholeheartedly against it. Provincial land use planning policies including the Places to Grow Act, and the Greenbelt Plan legislate that this land, which is designated Natural Heritage agricultural land within the Greenbelt, remain agricultural and that developments such as the Pacificos' be directed to settlement areas, in Nobleton, Schomberg or King City."

The residents argue Elmpine Trail and Mill Road are located in the area of the East Humber River valley lands and a high density development would set a dangerous precedent.

"This very environmentally sensitive area, consisting of mainly hazard lands and floodplain, must be protected, and if a small cluster of homes such as this were to be declared a hamlet by the OMB, then a very dangerous precedent would be set to aggressively chip away at King's rural, natural heritage that many of us have fought long and hard to protect," stated the letter.

The residents will be presenting their concerns before the board member at the hearing.



Deb Schulte (middle) with husband Dave and her mom celebrating at Rockford's in King City.

Submitted Photo

Schulte known as a problem-solver

From Front Page

"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."

"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."

Schulte served the Province on the Greenbelt Task Force and the Oak Ridges 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.

"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. It's an exciting time, a time for change and I want to work together to make that change."

For more information visit www.debschulte.ca.

Open auditions for Blackhorse musical-comedy

The Blackhorse Village Players Theatre wish to invite members of the community to audition for their upcoming production of "Ug, The Caveman Musical," written by Jim Geoghan.

It is Year 3, as we follow Ug and his feisty tribe of Neanderthals in this musical-comedy romp through the Stone Age. While the tribe feasts on wild boar, Ug decides to tell one of his many feats of bravery by re-enacting the event, and by doing so, he accidentally creates live theatre, an entirely new way of telling stories. The tribe agrees to perform this thing called a "play" to a rival tribe. Divas, costume revisions, and script rewrites cause nothing but friction during rehearsal. A hilarious prehistoric look at show business when there was no business.

Audition dates are Saturday, March 14 at 1 p.m., Monday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Blackhorse Theatre at 17272 Mount Wolfe Road and Highway 9, Caledon.

Auditions are open to men and women of all ages. Participants are asked to provide a song of their choice, sung a cappella or supply a CD/USB mp3 with accompanying music, and also perform a 2-minute monologue of their choice. Rehearsals dates will be set after casting.

Performance dates for "Ug, The Caveman Musical" include May 27, 29-31, June 5-7, 11-13.

For more information please contact director, Jim Gillies at 705-456-5000 or jim@jandayachts.com.

The Blackhorse Village Players are a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-equity community theatre group providing quality entertainment to the surrounding communities for over 40 years. Please visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/blackhorsetheatre>.

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Schomberg plan raises environmental concerns

By Angela Gismondi

A small residential development proposed for Schomberg has some residents concerned about the potential negative impact on the surrounding environment.

A public meeting was held this past Monday to discuss the official plan and zoning bylaw amendment applications submitted by Brownsville Junction Ltd. regarding the four-unit residential townhome development proposed to be located at the corner of Dr. Kay Drive and Cooper Drive.

The property is located in the northwest corner of a larger commercial property, located on the west side of Highway 27, south of Dr. Kay Drive which currently houses a commercial shopping plaza, explained Stephen Kitchen, director of planning for the Township of King, at the meeting Monday. The official plan amendment application proposes to re-designate a vacant portion of the lands, located at the northwest corner of the property, from Environmental Constraint Area to Medium Density Residential. The zoning bylaw amendment application proposes to rezone the lands from Shopping Centre Commercial – Exception to Residential Urban (Schomberg) Four –

Exception in order to facilitate the construction of the townhouses.

Previously under the same official plan amendment file number, the owner proposed to re-designate the same portion of lands to District Commercial to permit a professional office building. However, the applicant changed the plan after a town hall meeting last February, at which time residents expressed their desire to see residential units in that location, rather than a commercial building.

One of the biggest concerns expressed by local residents at the public meeting is that a portion of the land in question is located in a floodplain and an environmental constraint area near the Dufferin Marsh, which houses environmentally sensitive features and habitat.

While primary access to the townhouses is proposed from Cooper Drive, because the property is in a floodplain the owners are also proposing an emergency pedestrian access from the existing commercial plaza located at the rear (east side) of the development.

“The applicant is proposing pedestrian culvert crossings over an existing drainage ditch and to install gates in a wood privacy fence for access to each townhome in the event of a flood,”

said Kitchen. “The applicant’s agent identified that easements or other legal documents will be provided across the commercial property for pedestrian access.”

Councillor Avia Eek doesn’t think the development represents good planning.

“I’m always dead against building in a floodplain,” said Eek, adding it will cost the municipality, the province and the homeowners. “It’s just not a good idea.”

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti pointed out that just because an area is designated environmental constraint, doesn’t mean development can’t occur there, it just means various tests need to be done to determine if a development is appropriate in that location. He also pointed out that a commercial development might make more sense in that location as the property backs onto the plaza’s loading dock.

Bob Hodgson, of W.R. Hodgson and Associates, the agent for the applicant, explained the decision to change the plan from commercial to residential came from public feedback at the town hall meeting last year.

“The general public made certain comments that they did not really like the fact that a commercial development is being proposed,” said Hodgson. “They would prefer more townhouses versus a business/commercial type of development.”

He also said that he has received confirmation in writing from the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority that the flood line elevation is lower than originally documented, which means most of the property is not in an environmental constraint area, only part of the driveway and Cooper Drive are located in the floodplain.

“The studies have been completed and it’s not in an environmental constraint area,” said Hodgson.

With respect to the Township’s request for a sidewalk, he said a sidewalk already exists and putting one in would be a lot of work and would require going through the environmental constraint area.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out that there is no sidewalk and what the agent was referring to is more of a bike and pedestrian pathway.

Local resident Barbara Burt said she

was satisfied with the revised applications.

“I think it will finish off the area and it will not bring as much traffic into the area as a professional building would have,” said Burt. “I don’t see the need for a sidewalk if it’s going to be an environmental issue.”

Charles Cooper of the Dufferin Marsh Committee said he does not support development of any kind on the lands. He pointed out that the development in that area in Schomberg has already stressed the wetlands.

“We firmly believe development has had a significant negative impact on the marsh,” said Cooper, adding there is a high salt concentration in the stormwater management pond. “Before you consider this plan any further, please consider the long term affects to the Dufferin Marsh.”

He did agree with the developer that the sidewalk does not need to be extended as it would be cutting through the environmental area on the east side of the street.

“I can see that causing problems in the future,” said Cooper. “It actually creates more difficulty.”

Greg Locke also came forward on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township.

“Why are we considering building on an identified floodplain, in an Environmental Constraint Area, next to a significant designated environmental feature, the Dufferin Marsh?” asked Locke. “The zone didn’t happen by accident – it was a result of thought and effort to preserve a sensitive area within the village Our area has been experiencing changing weather patterns that include much more intense rainfalls. Hence it is even more important not to build on flood plains.”

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said the houses don’t fit in with the surroundings.

“Is this really a place that you put a few houses – in the corner of a commercial district?” asked Schaefer. “We’ve got to be thinking about 10 years from now, 15 years from now ... I just don’t see how that fits in with the kind of community we’re trying to build.”

The applications were received and referred back to staff for further review.

Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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The Schomberg Agricultural Society or the “Ag Society” as it is affectionately known, is celebrating its 11th annual Farm Tour on Saturday, March 14.

This drive-yourself car tour gives everyone a chance to see what some aspects of farming are all about, pet a calf and talk to a farmer. The tour lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 14th and they ask that you please leave your dogs at home.

Four farms and farm equipment places will open their gates to you and at the Schomberg Fairgrounds you will be treated to performances by Agility dogs.

The tickets are \$10 per car and with that you get a map that allows you access to the farms involved with the tour. You’ll get a personal tour, have your questions answered and get a peak at a way of life that otherwise you may never be privy to!

Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main Street, Schomberg. This is the headquarters for the day and where you can purchase a light lunch at some point during the day and free face painting is available for the kids.

For more information on this event or the Fair, in general please visit their website at www.schombergfair.com or call 905-859-0834.

Horticultural Society

We’re not quite there yet, but we can see it coming. Spring, and with it, the Schomberg Horticultural Society’s first meeting of 2015.

We are very pleased to feature a special presentation from our very own local beekeeper, Andre Flys from Pioneer Brand Honey. Please join us on Tuesday, March 24 in the Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street, at 7:30 p.m. You will have a chance to speak with Andre afterwards, as well as purchase some of his many wonderful honeybee products from honey to beeswax candles, while enjoying complimentary refreshments.

It will be nice to see current members again, especially after this long and extraordinarily cold winter. New members are enthusiastically welcomed. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from March to June and September to October. Individual membership is \$15 per year and families for \$20.

Schomberg United Church By Jack Campbell

A new initiative Schomberg United is taking its Sunday worship service monthly to the Kitchen-Breedon Manor. Since December the last Sunday of each month has been dedicated to holding a regular 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning service at the Manor. All regular church members and residents of the Manor are invited to these services. The convenience of having a Sunday service at the Manor, especially for those residents with limited mobility, has been well-received.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are happy to invite everyone to their St. Patrick’s Day Celebration to be held at the Schomberg Community Hall, on Main St on Friday, March 13. The doors open at 5 p.m. to the mouth-watering aroma of good old Irish stew. What else should you expect from a St. Patrick’s Day party?

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Polar Bear Dip raises money for Seneca students
By Jeff Denner
Seneca staff, faculty and students rallied together and took a chilly plunge for the third annual Polar Bear Dip to raise funds for the Campaign for students last week at the College's King Campus.
Braving the frigid waters were 15 participants who collectively raised \$1,581 for the campaign that provides financial support to students.
“I think one of the things that is special here is that the students

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Hornets claim 2014-15 GOMHL Championship

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

And in a heartbeat, the Schomberg Cougars' unpredictable playoff run was over.

The powerhouse Alliston Hornets proved to be too much for the Cougars, sweeping the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League final series in four quick games.

They flexed their offensive muscle when the series opened, just last Wednesday, in a 5-1 victory that had four unanswered goals and 11 power play opportunities for the Hornets.

The onslaught continued the next day at the Trisan Centre when the Cougars surrendered a 7-1 loss to go down in the series 2-0.

Game three on Sunday was a much more even affair, with the Cougars getting the first handful of chances in their effort to even up the series. The first came off the stick of Mitchell Robinson, when he just couldn't find the handle on a 2-on-1. Mid-way through the first, Cam Russell was stopped right on the goal line when a one-timer was stopped by the toe of Alliston goaltender Tyler Brindle.

It was Alliston that opened the scoring after a questionable goaltender interference call on Brandon Savoy. On the power play, Nic Archibald banked it in off goaltender Taylor Ewart from the side of the net.

Schomberg had another chance to even the score before the end of the

period, as Kiefer McIntosh was stoned by a sprawling goaltender on a break-away with time running out.

Penalty troubles were the coup de grace for the Cougars in this one, as the Horneys doubled their lead with Brandon Yorke in the box for hooking midway through the second. Ewart stood very little chance on a blast from the point that he never saw.

Savoy gave the Cougars life with ten minutes left in the game, notching his sixth goal of the post-season unassisted to cut the lead in half.

Unfortunately, the Hornet power play was unstoppable. They took a 3-1 lead just over a minute later when Steve Griggs fought off Derek Neilly in front of the Schomberg net to restore the two-goal lead.

Brindle put the Alliston team on his back for the rest of the game, highlighted by another big toe save, this time on a Justin Formenton one-timer with six minutes to go. The Hornets took the game 3-1, a lead that proved insurmountable.

The series ended on Schomberg ice Monday, with a 3-2 Hornets win at the Trisan Centre to cap off a four-game sweep for the GOMHL championship.

The Hornets are no strangers to the podium, having now won the championship in seven of the last eight seasons.

They now head to the 2015 incarnation of the Clarence Schmalz Cup, Ontario Junior C-level's highest honour that they won previously in 2010.



Brandon Savoy is checked into the Alliston net in Sunday's loss to the Hornets. The Hornets swept the Cougars in four games to take the GOMHL championship.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



Villanova's Brooklyn Wodehouse (right) won bronze at the provincial swimming championships.

Submitted Photo

Villanova freshman takes home bronze at OFSAA

Brooklyn Wodehouse, a freshman at Villanova College in King City, demonstrated just how much of a powerhouse she is in the pool last week with her top eight finishes at this year's 2015 OFSAA Provincial Swimming Championships held on March 3-4 at the Etobicoke Olympium.

Brooklyn had outstanding swims all week, earning her way into the A Final (top 8) for both of her individual events during the preliminary heats. During the finals for the U16 Women's 100-metre Individual Medley, Brooklyn came from behind to finish 7th with a lifetime personal best of 1:19.89.

Her most outstanding performance of the meet was definitely in the U16 Women's 50-metre Breaststroke, where she broke the 39-second mark in prelims, a feat in and of itself, and followed it up with a hard-fought 3rd place finish.

Brooklyn's accomplishments are even more noteworthy given that this is her first season as a competitive swimmer. While Brooklyn has experience as a synchronized swimmer with the Granite Swim Club, this was her first season testing the competitive swimming waters.

At the start of the season, she was not under the OFSAA qualification standard but she managed to shave over 4 seconds off her time in the 50-metre Breaststroke earning her a spot at the provincial competition.

Brooklyn's success is a direct result of her dedication and positive attitude making her a cherished teammate with a bright future in the world of competitive swimming.

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Hundreds support Schomberg charity pond hockey

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

Two pieces of local history are closer to being back on the road after a charity pond hockey tournament raised thousands of dollars for repairs.

The first annual Restoration Classic took place earlier this month, with around 150 skaters hitting the ice to raise funds to keep two early-1900s fire trucks on the road in Schomberg.

More than \$7,000 was raised in the one-day tournament, played over five ice pads on Ansnorveldt's Spray Lake last Sunday.

"The tournament was a huge success," said Randy Shepherd, acting Captain of Station 36 in Schomberg. "We're currently sourcing parts and shops to do the work to get the 1940 back on the road. The plan is to fix the front-end suspension as well as the driveline issues."

The trucks in question are a 1926 International Lorne Fire Pump, as well as a 1940 Ford two-ton truck, both in need of major repairs to be able to get back into local parades and gatherings.

The "Hose Teasers" from Bradford took home the championship, earning entry fees into the 2016 Canadian Pond Hockey Championship in Huntsville. They defeated the "Sunday Boys" from home town Schomberg in the final game 19-17.

It was an exciting atmosphere throughout the day, as a barbecue and a stop-in from Red Bull promoters kept those off the ice fed and hydrated.

An overwhelming success in its first year, the Schomberg station hopes to make the tournament a staple in the community for years to come.

"From future tournaments we'll continue the restoration process," said Shepherd.

The domain name www.restorationclassic.ca has recently been registered to keep the public updated on the progress of the trucks, as well as provide info on next year's tournament.

Shepherd and Schomberg Fire would like to thank their sponsors for the event, including Spray Lake, The Schomberg Pub, Red Bull Toronto, Molson Coors, PRM Construction, and John's Firewood.



The Hose Teasers from Bradford defeated the Sunday Boys from Schomberg in the Restoration Classic final 19-17. Photo courtesy of DA Crowder Photography. The Restoration Classic featured five rinks and twenty teams on Spray Lake last Sunday. Photo courtesy of Gabriel Seca.



Schomberg Pub, Red Bull Toronto, Molson Coors, PRM Construction, and John's Firewood.

You can also follow the project on their Twitter feed @resto_classic, or forward any questions to restorationclassic@bell.net.

Dealing with wildlife topic at public sessions

By Josh Braun

King residents will have the opportunity to learn about the intricacies of living with wildlife at upcoming sessions in April.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) is hosting three information sessions across King throughout April.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is a leading organization in the field of wildlife rescue, veterinary care, rehabilitation and education in southern Ontario. TWC is Canada's busiest wildlife centre since opening in 1993. The wildlife centre has helped 74,000 wild animals and over 270 different species over the year.

TWC will be at the King City Library Wednesday, April 1; Nobleton Library April 7, and Schomberg Library April 14. The sessions all begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. There is no need to R.S.V.P.

During the meetings representatives will be focusing on three main topics – what to do when you find a sick or injured animal in your area; what to do if you find an animal in some sort of distress, and handling conflict situations with animals, such as raccoons in attics or skunks in your garden. Information and tips on coyotes will also be presented.

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King Curling playoffs draw first round upsets

By SHELEE MORNING

March means playoffs for a lot of sports, and as the King Curling Club embarks on its 2015 playoff schedule, curlers are preparing for their most coveted prize – League Champions.

All of the guards, double and triple take-outs, and of course the mighty draw to the buttons over the course of the season will have played a key factor for teams for their final league standings and playoff positions.

Thursday night Mixed Team Entry, one of the club's more competitive leagues, got under way with their playoff opening round this past week, and although the scoreboard displayed some fairly lop-sided results, the strategy, and determination was apparent within every curler.

Team Robinson ranked 13th was in the chase all game against Team Steenhoek (ranked 4th) in their opener until a 6-ender for Robinson turned the game around for an 8-7 win, upsetting the Steenhoek team and moving them to the Consolation Round.

Team Gerrits, ranked 10th going into game one, upset 7th seeded team Sheardown 6-3 and Team Howard, who were

ranked 11th, kept their championship dreams alive after upsetting the 6th rank Barber team in a tight end for end match for a score of 9-6.

Other winners remaining in the championship division were Davis, Boynton, Sidon, Wright, and Curtis.

With a one-game knock-out format, teams are in a must win situation "every game" to stay alive for a chance to become league champion. With this kind of performance pressure, the Mixed League playoffs are predicted to be nothing short of electrifying excitement with sensational curling.

King Corbras at Inter-club

The Bantam King Cobras played a strong game against the Dixie Sparkle Ice Hawks this past weekend where they controlled the house and almost every end in their second last game of the Toronto Inter-club League.

The score was tied at one a piece after the first 2 ends as both teams struggled with the keen fast ice with many rocks thrown through the rings.

Skip Brent Mills attempted a 12-foot run back on one of their guards to try to score four in the 3rd, but it feathered by



Bantam Cobra Skip Brent Mills calls the line for his sweepers Ashley Mills and Natalia Poroco. The team currently sits in 4th place of 12 GTA teams in the West Division of the Toronto Inter-Club Bantam League.

Submitted Photo



Mixed Team Entry Skip Wilf Robinson led his team to victory in game one of the league's opening playoff round.

Photo by Ian Donaldson

the shot stone by an inch for a steal of 1. Sitting with 3 in the house Skip Mills tries a split on one of their own tight guards for a multiple score.

The weight was perfect, and Vice Ashley Mills called the lined for sweepers Natasha Poroco and Nick Caradonna who brushed it to the exact spot bouncing both rocks into the rings scoring 5 making it 6-2 after 4.

The Cobras dominated in the 5th with another steal of one for a commanding 7-2

lead. The struggling Ice Hawks came up short on their final draw of the game giving up a steal of 5 more and shook hands for a 12-2 Cobra victory.

The front end of Natasha Poroco and Nick Caradonna played a solid game while the Mills siblings had another steady game taking advantage when presented and keeping control of the house. With the win, the Cobras sit in 4th place overall but with one more game to go, a first place finish is definitely within reach.

King City Bowling celebrates 40 years

By Jake Courtepatte

The King City Bowling League gathered at Richmond Hill Pro Bowl in February to celebrate four decades of fun and friendly competition.

Started in the fall of 1974 by Audrey Ludlow, the group of ladies were looking for a way to get their husbands involved.

"She started the league because all the ladies were playing ball and hockey, and were looking for something to do as couples," said Karen Weidenfelder of King City.

Three members of the original group, Diane Hawksworth, Thora Moir, and Linda Crockford are still bowling with the league today.

With six players to a team, the lowest score is scratched.

"Diane is quite certain her score was scratched every week for that first year," said Weidenfelder.

Among the fun and friendly competition, the group has found other ways to stay lively, including a turkey roll with real turkeys.

Weidenfelder recalls a memorable, small-town experience with the turkey roll.

"The year Linda and Chris won a turkey, when they got home Linda suggested that they put the turkey on top of the car so their dog Keisha didn't get into it. Fast forward to morning – and a good drop of snow had fallen overnight. Linda backed out to work, not knowing the turkey had slid off the car and onto Keele Street. When she realized later, she happened to check in at the IGA and sure enough, someone had turned in that frozen turkey to the store."

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Horticultural societies gearing up for season

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
905-859-5174

St. Paul's Church

We welcome our new Youth Leader Taylor Scott and invite all students from Grades 7 to 12 to come out and meet her on Friday, March 13. Bring your skates for an evening of pond skating near Nobleton. The group will meet at the church starting at 7 p.m.

Join us Sunday, March 15 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his new series entitled "Rebuilding A People."

Jeff's message this week - You Must Be Doing Something Right. FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKonnection and NextStep Program (for children ages 4 to 11) takes place at the same time.

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

Mark your calendars for the following events. On Sunday, March 22 starting at 11:30 a.m., Jeff will lead a Step By Step workshop. Anyone interested in learning about the Presbyterian Church is invited to attend. Lunch is provided so please let Jeff know if you plan to attend by emailing him at jeff@stpaulsnobleton.ca.

On Saturday, March 28 starting at 3 p.m. you are invited to come join us for our St. Paul's Family Winter Picnic. Everyone will meet at Skyview Lanes in Bolton for a time of bowling. Afterwards we will gather at the church for a pot luck dinner and games.

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

Nobleton United

Sunday, March 15 is Lent 4. Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days, and we remember his time there and the fact that

we are not saved by our own doing, but by grace. We also remember that God loved the world. Our services start at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, March 18 at 2 p.m., we have Lenten Study in Nobleton. The following Wednesday, March 25, at 2 p.m., we will have our last Lenten Study at our sister Church, Schomberg United Church.

Remember to save your items for our big Garage Sale on May 2.

Last Sunday we had the first of our Special Joint Services with Schomberg United. Our service started as usual with hymns and readings in the sanctuary. Then we went downstairs, grabbed a tea or coffee and listened to Rev. Darren Liepold give a presentation on "World Religions." The focus was on the similarities and differences between Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Rev. Liepold had some interesting insights on this topic, because he had studied World Religions at university and because where he lives in Scarborough, there are many Moslems, many of whom have become his friends. They celebrate Christmas with him and he celebrates Eid with them. We had an informal Q and A session after Rev. Liepold's presentation. Rev. Liepold pointed out that if we consider a large banner all covered with white with one speck of black on it, the white part could represent how many Moslems that there are in the world and the black speck represents how many radicalized people there are in the Moslem community. It is a very small proportion that is getting all the attention. Most Moslems are quite peaceful. Rev. Liepold pointed out that Asbury and West United Church, which is his church, is located in a very Jewish area and he often sees the strict Jewish Men wearing their big black hats. He said that many people fear others who are different from them, but that once you get to know these different people you realize that you have much in common with them.

Our next Special Joint service will be on Sunday, April 19 at 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Cathy Hird from Palgrave United Church. Our minister, Brian Nicholson, will be at Bolton United Church. Bolton's Jeff Warner will be at Palgrave

United Church.

St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's CWL invites you to their zeppole sale for St. Joseph's Day. It will be held March 14 and 15 after all masses. Proceeds to the SM CWL activities and the St. Mary's mortgage fund.

Horticultural Society meets

We're not quite there yet, but we can see it coming. Spring, and with it, the Schomberg Horticultural Society's first meeting of 2015.

We are very pleased to feature a special presentation from our very own local beekeeper, Andre Flys from Pioneer Brand Honey. Please join us on Tuesday, March 24 in the Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street, at 7:30 p.m. You will have a chance to speak with Andre afterwards, as well as purchase some of his many wonderful honeybee products from honey to beeswax candles, while enjoying complimentary refreshments. It will be nice to see current members again, especially after this long and extraordinarily cold winter. New members are enthusiastically welcomed.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from March to June and September to October. Individual membership is \$15 per year and families for \$20.

Nobleton Victoria Day

Nobleton Victoria Day Fair is coming on Monday, May 18 to the Nobleton Arena grounds.

If you are a community group, business, product vendor or crafter and would like to participate please contact pmfevents@gmail.com.

Students, if you are looking for community hours and would like to volunteer for the day please contact the above.

NKCHS flower show

The Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society is already gearing up for the fast-approaching gardening season. At our first meeting the subject is roses and the theme for the design class in

flower show is "The Ides of March." This all happens on Monday, March 23 starting at 8 p.m.

Please note that due to damage in Nobleton Community Hall caused by a burst water pipe, this March meeting and flower show and the April meeting and flower show will be held in Room 1 and 2 in the arena complex just south of the hall.

Nobleton Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis Club registration for the 2015 season will be held April 8 at the Nobleton Arena 7-9 p.m. On line registration will open April 1. Early bird registration fees are in effect until April 30, so register early! Come and join us for fitness and fun. There will be opportunities for people that are new to the sport and would like to learn to play as well as for players who have experience. Visit www.nobletontennisclub.com.

Nobleton Lions

The Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 31. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision dogs, Hearing Ear dogs, and Service dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.purinawalkfordogguides.com for much more information, and think about coming out to walk.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Club Annual Fund Raiser being held this year on June 7. This year, the Fund Raiser will consist of a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home, at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This event will be the major fundraiser for the club, and proceeds from the event go to sponsor numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to contact Jim Kassam at KARS on King Road west of Highway 27 at 905-859-5277.

Watch this space for further details on these events as the dates get closer, and why not check out our website at www.nobletonlions.com.

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King council excited about new equestrian facility

By Mark Pavilons

A proposal to create a world-class equestrian facility in King received a very warm welcome by council and staff.

Councillors voiced their enthusiasm following a public meeting Feb. 23 for an application to create an additional dwelling for farm help on a Jane Street property.

Murray Snider appeared on behalf of Dr. Lloyd Carlsen asking for an amendment to the zoning bylaw to permit the new building.

Snider noted this is the type of development the Township likes to see and the entire equestrian project, when completed, will be quite substantial. Work on the property includes a new barn and arena, which are currently under construction. The new accessory building a new main residence are also planned.

Snider noted the Carlsens bought the property in 2012 with the intention of turning it into a world-class facility. They have a long history in the horse industry and their daughters are accomplished, Olympic-calibre riders.

The amendment, Snider observed, is one of the most common and a neighbouring property owner was granted a similar request, so it's in keeping with the area.

The 90-acre property is located on Jane, south of Highway 9 and it's situated in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan area. The Carlsens also submitted a site plan for a new, two-storey principal residence, measuring 7,847 square feet, along with a swimming pool, cabana and private sewage system. Phase one of the two-phase plan received approval by the Township's planning department last May.

ORMCP policies do permit accessory building on agricultural operations, provided they meet certain criteria.

The application proposes a modular, portable Viceroy home measure upwards of 3,000-square feet, but specific plans have not yet been finalized.

Staff are generally supportive that this application meets all of the guidelines of the ORMCP and King's Official Plan. Agency comments are still outstanding.

Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek said she's

“very excited about this development,” adding it ties in nicely with King's various strategies.

Councillor Linda Pabst said the Carlsens will do “a fabulous job at the facil-

ity.”
“Something of this calibre is exactly what we need in King,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park renovation progress

With just over 100 days to go until the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games, work crews have made excellent progress on the new builds at the Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park this winter.

“The beauty and functionality of the Park will be celebrated by Caledon residents for years to come,” said Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson. “To see the final phase(s) come to life is so exciting. Caledon is Pan Am ready!”

During February, the coldest February since 1875, the new structures have come to life.

Caledon's Bethany Lee, communications manager, was on-site to interview Sherry Brake, project manager, and Craig Collins, Chair of the TO2015 Sport Organizing Committee (Equestrian). Together they tour the site of the community room, which will seat 150 people, the indoor competition arena and the stabling area.

“We have done some research and have found that ours is the largest indoor competition ring in Canada,” said Collins.

To see the tour, go to <https://vimeo.com/120736251>.

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- Collaborate with the Billing Department to maintain collection goals and general A/R performance levels.
- Communicate with internal/external sales representatives and accounting/tax professionals as necessary to complete job duties.
- Complete credit analysis and review of new clients. Determine credit limits and annual review of major client accounts.
- Receive and fill out receipts for third party payments, whether by cash, cheque, credit, and other forms of payment.
- Post and reconcile customer payments to general ledgers.
- Review all credit balances, refunds, and adjustments, and apply adjustments and/or corrections to corporate billing records.
- Balance daily A/R batches; prepare and distribute income reports and statistics to key personnel.
- Ensure the strict confidentiality and privacy of financial records as they relate to the organization and its customers.
- Form collection strategies to mitigate customer objections to making timely A/R payments.
- Investigate collection problems and advise customers on corporate A/R policies and procedures.
- Make arrangements for payment of outstanding and late accounts; prepare documentation for management.
- Investigate and resolve billing discrepancies or misapplied cash transactions.
- Maintain a filing system for all financial documents.
- Ensure the confidentiality and security of all financial and employee files.
- Provide backup support to the receptionist for answering of phone calls.
- Assists in other duties as needed and directed.

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- Applicants should possess the following qualifications:
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The Sermon – “The Nature of Being Chosen – The Invitation.”

We have been studying both the Book of Esther, and the Parables of Jesus in Matthew. The King had chosen the beautiful Esther to be his queen, not knowing she was Jewish. Her uncle Mordecai, also a Jew, was hated by the king's right hand man, Haman. He convinced the king that all the Jews should be killed. Now Mordecai is calling on Esther to go to the king and to wear her robes of faith, obedience, righteousness, of love, and stand before the king with courage and strength to show your Jewish loyalty.

In the reading from Matthew, Jesus tells a parable of the wedding feast. It's a very difficult parable because there is violence in it. This story takes place about the same time as Jesus is in Jerusalem for the last time. This parable tells of a king who gave a wedding

banquet for his son. All the people didn't come. Many had excuses. They were too busy. They didn't know the people. They didn't want to be bothered getting all dressed up.

The king was enraged. He ordered his slaves to go into the streets and invite everyone, the good and the bad, so the wedding hall was filled. It's about choices. How do we respond to the invitation to be a follower, to show our faith, to spread the word? Do we make excuses? Sitting in a pew doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in the garage makes you a car. Believe that you are worthy. Speak up! Accept the invitation. Wear your robes of justice, forgiveness, loving, kindness, peace. Practise and share your faith. What will you put on to accept the invitation?

Messiah Bible Study will have its final session on Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Wednesday Bible Study 10:30. Scriptures for the following Sunday are discussed and interpreted. Sometimes we even go for lunch.

Thursday - bell choir - 6:45 p.m.; vocal, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 is our annual Irish Dinner, starting at 5:30 p.m. To order tickets, call the office 905-833-5181 or 905-833-1631. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Enjoy some good entertainment, dancing, and a good Irish stew. Take out will be available if pre-ordered. Bring your friends and neighbours, even if they aren't Irish.

Our new Photo Board has arrived. View it outside the secretary's office door beside the previous one.

Holy Week will be upon us in two weeks! Sunday, March 29 is Palm/Passion Sunday and we will celebrate communion. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. is Maundy Thursday at All Saints Anglican Church. Friday, April 3 we will join with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. for the Good Friday worship at which our choir will be singing at. It is a worship of sights and sounds.

Easter worship is at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 5. We hope to see you at one or all of those worship services! Watch for the new newsletter this week. We love to welcome new faces.

Hope to see you on Sunday at 10 a.m. worship with Sunday school. Enjoy Rev. Evelyn's meaningful messages with a touch of humour. Stay for refreshments. We're at 50 Elizabeth Grove. Office, 905-833-5181, email kcuc@bellnet.ca, Reverend Evelyn McLachlan, kcucmin@bellnet.ca website, www.kcuc.ca.

King City Seniors Centre

We welcome everyone, including

non-members, to our Friday morning “drop-in” at the Seniors Centre. Make it a point to drop by, meet some friendly people, enjoy a coffee, read the paper or even bring your knitting. It's a great opportunity for non-members to check out the Centre and see what it has to offer. Time – 10 a.m. to noon. For further information, call Marlene Deacon at 905-833-9841.

Seniors' Travel Club

Are you ready for a full day of activity? Join the Travel Club on Wednesday, April 22 as we travel slightly west with a stop at the Windmill Country Market for some shopping (bakery, deli, gifts), then on to lunch at the Brantford Club before finally arriving at the Sander-son Theatre in Brantford, where elite members of the Golden Dragons Acrobats will flawlessly perform the newest spectacle “Cirque Ziva.” The cost is \$104 per person, due by March 17. The coach leaves the arena at 9 a.m. To reserve your spot, call Jane at 905-833-5870, or Nora at 905-833-6162.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, March 15 as Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series “The Gospel Truth” with The Gospel – A Different Kind of Slave.

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

We want to invite you to our Good Friday service as we remember Jesus' incredible sacrifice for us! It will be held April 3 at 10 a.m.

We will have childcare for children nursery up to Grade 4.

York Pines United

The community is welcome to participate in the following activities:

Stew Supper, Tuesday March 17; 5 to 7 p.m.

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Yoga in Spirit. Stacey Hollings returns to York Pines. Plan to arrive for 7:30 p.m. and benefit from the stretching and meditation. The evening ends with refreshment and you are on your way by 9 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. Your donation is appreciated. Classes will be Wednesday, March 18, no class week of March 23, Tuesday, March 31, Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday, April 14, Wednesday, April 22 and conclude

Wednesday, April 28.

The Dance Group meets on Monday nights. The more introductory class is at 7 p.m. Those who are better skilled are asked to gather at 8 p.m. The class is administered by Jackie Catto, 905-939-2233. Again, your donation is appreciated.

Worship of God in Jesus's name occurs on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. For further information please check the website at www.yruc.ca or call the church office at 905-727-8118. The York Pines United Church is located at 3150 the Aurora/Lloydtown Road, Kettleby.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Come and experience the excitement as we journey through this season of Lent, knowing that Easter means the promise of forgiveness, acceptance, rebirth and eternal life.

St. Andrew's invites you to worship with us this week, the 4th Sunday of Lent at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and nursery care run concurrently.

The Rev. Dr. John Vissers will continue with the sermon series on the letters to the churches, found in the Book of Revelations. We are finding this series a real blessing! We looked at Revelations 3:7-13 where the letter to the Philadelphians, celebrated their faithfulness.

With March Break activities, Coffee and Conversation, led by Lynn Vissers will resume March 25 and Family Fun which follows the worship service, will take place March 22.

Thank you to all who participated and attended The World Day of Prayer last Friday, March 6 at Sacred Heart. It was good to learn more about the Bahamas and to pray together for this country of islands.

The annual congregational meeting took place Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Many reports were read, the new budget discussed and various motions were made. Call the office if you weren't able to attend and wish to discuss outcomes or wish a copy of the report, hard or digital copy.

The Ladies' Prayer Time is 10 a.m. each Tuesday, held in the church narthex or the office. 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. Visit www.standrews-kingcity.ca.

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708 DEATHS

CAREY: Henry "John" At St Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Saturday March 7th, 2015. John Carey, in his 75th year, beloved son of the late Henry and Kay Carey. Dear brother of the late Ruth Fraser, and Eleanor Bolton. Respecting John's wishes cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Toronto and District Humane Society would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

SURA: Diana Jean Suddenly at her home, in Loretto, on Sunday March 8th, 2015. Diana (Rosling), in her 77th year, beloved wife of David Sura. Loving mother of Michele Sura and Edward Elliott of Ottawa and Brett and Amanda Sura of Kitchener. Remembered with love by her 3 granddaughters, Breeana, Taylor and Chloe. Dear sister of Derek (Julia) Rosling of Lymington, England. The family will receive friends and extended family at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Friday March 13th, 2015 from 1:00 pm until the time of the memorial service in the chapel at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Diana's memory to Bruce Trail Conservancy, P.O. Box 857 Hamilton, ON., L8N 3N9, (www.bruce-trail.org), or the Alliston and District Humane Society, Box 378 Beeton, ON, L0G 1A0, would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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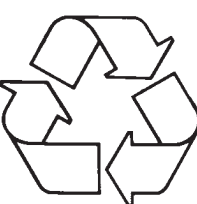
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World needs to eye lots of things, Gwynne Dyer says

By Josh Braun

The world is drifting out of control due to a variety of factors, according to Gwynne Dyer.

Dyer, a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs, was at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton last Wednesday, giving a lecture to Grade 12 students on some of the things he addresses in his books, including *Ignorant Armies: Sliding into War in Iraq* (2003), *Future: Tense* (2005), *The Mess They Made: The Middle East After Iraq* (2007) and *Climate Wars* (2008) his most recent book. Students viewing his presentation are taking world issues, philosophy and politics courses.

Dyer's presentation was focused on, as he would put it, "the two most frightening things in the news, ISIS and ISLE depending on the Canadian or American viewpoint." The other "frightening thing" is what's currently taking place in Ukraine with Russia.

Americans believe that Russian President Vladimir Putin needs to be stopped as soon as possible because he will expand into the Ukraine and take over several territories. Not only do Americans think Putin needs to be stopped, they believe terrorism needs to be abolished, and Dyer said that just can't be done.

"Do you think that terrorism is an inevitable by-product in international politics and business or are there measures we can take to prevent it?" asked Grade 12 student Tara Salehi. Dyer replied: "Regard terrorism as part of the cost of doing business in the 20th century. There is bound to be a bit of terrorism, not necessarily from an extremist group, but say you have an individual who goes and blows up a store. That was one man you couldn't exactly calm down with a batch of cookies."

Dyer said he was not referring specifically to Muslims, but people within these terrorist groups, like the extremists who attacked in Canada in the fall. When they attacked, they killed one person every time and that may not likely have been a direct order from ISIS or ISLE. It simply could have been somebody who was trying to go down with a certain degree of fame.

"You don't have to get direct orders from ISIS," Dyer said. "You're encouraged to go out and do it yourself. I don't know if ISIS initiated these attacks, but am almost positive they didn't."

"War is the continuation of politics from other means," Dyer quoted a soldier. "They're not doing it because they enjoy being ruthless and brutal. There is a political objective and that's what you need to figure out if you want to make them tick."

The goal of these groups is to displace the existing government and replace it with themselves, Dyer commented.

"Islamists promised to urbanize, industrialize and make it less likely for

their territories to be taken over," Dyer said. They failed. They have a political project to impose their views on the residents in eastern countries to force them to conform to them."

Terrorism's purpose is getting noticed; whether that be by blowing things up, or killing people. Dyer observed these are things that will get you noticed. What terrorism also accomplishes very often is sending the government into an extreme depression. It's not just Islam's who use this tactic of terrorism; the military teaches it as well. Terrorists want the Americans or whoever they're attacking to overreact because their overreaction is beneficial for terrorist groups. It strikes fear into the innocent civilians who have been affected during America's retaliation.

"You have two snipers in a building across a field. You have two options on how to deal with the snipers," he said. Option one: send two of your own military agents into the building to kill the snipers and possibly lose one of your own. Option two: drop bombs on the building and kill the snipers but possibly kill a civilian. Almost all people are going to choose option two every time. "It's much easier to bomb the entire building and take care of the snipers inside with the possibility of killing one or two civilians," he said.

But killing those one or two innocents is exactly what the terrorist groups want. Strike fear into civilians who then think maybe we would be better off in these terrorist groups; America does them a huge favour. They've just made it easier for these groups to recruit people.

Around 1999-2000 Osama Bin Laden was involved in terrorist activities which would later lead to 9-11. That was very successful for them because it gave Bin Laden exactly what he wanted. Dyer believes that Bin Laden did not inform the Taliban of his plans for 9-11. He wanted to invade America and as a result of that, the United States invades Afghanistan, which Dyer said "was unnecessary."

When something like this happens, the government doesn't give the truth of why they're going in to one of these countries, but they're under extreme pressure from the media to "do something," Dyer said.

"There will be further terrorist attacks in Canada, possibly," Dyer said. "You cannot exterminate terrorism, or crime for that matter."

"Don't panic about terrorism, don't fall into things that benefit what they (the terrorists) are trying to accomplish. There is a level of terrorist activity that you just have to live with."

In Ukraine, Russia stepped in to push back rebellion forces and that's happened three times in the last year. Dyer said something isn't right about Putin trying to expand 16 years after his election in 1999. Ukraine is one-third the size of Russia and sort of democratic,



Author Gwynne Dyer spoke to high school students in Bolton recently about some of the harsh realities of today's world.

but not really because the media is controlled. Russia is very nervous of their neighbours because they have tanks and they might attempt to join NATO, which could cause cultural lag for Russia. "Russia gets totally bent out of shape at the thought of this becoming a reality," Dyer stated.

Dyer went on to explain that "last winter (former Ukrainian president Viktor) Yankuvych got into trouble." What kind of trouble? Dyer explained by saying "Eastern Ukraine very Russian, was always a part of the Russian empire. Western Ukraine, not in the Russian empire, was associated with

the European empire and they're much more suspicious about Russians."

"There is a major gap, which did not go over very well for him," Dyer stated. "The conflict between Eastern and Western Russia poses a risk for a cold war."

As for Putin, Dyer said he does not need to be stopped. Putin doesn't even want Ukraine he just wants to be respected.

"It's not as bad as it looks don't panic," Dyer wrapped up. "The world is mostly democratic and we have doubled the amount of people in Democratic communities."

York EMS offers tips on allergic reactions

York Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedics want you to be prepared for anaphylaxis – a common school medical emergency.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can happen within minutes or hours after exposure. Common causes include exposure to peanuts, tree nuts and bee stings.

What are the symptoms? Coughing, shortness of breath, throat and chest tightness, difficulty swallowing, facial swelling, vomiting, diarrhea and dizziness.

To guard against allergic reactions, EMS has some tips. If your child does have a known allergy, ensure they carry an EpiPen. Check that the EpiPen has not expired and that school staff and family know where it is and how to use it.

Sabrina's Law says that all Ontario School Boards must create and maintain an anaphylactic policy. According to the policies of the York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board, parents must provide two EpiPens – one for the school and one for the student.

EpiPens can be purchased at any local pharmacy without a prescription. Paramedics are able to treat allergic reactions with a series of medications regardless of EpiPen availability.

If you see someone having a severe allergic reaction administer the EpiPen immediately; call 911 and let them know that someone is having a severe allergic reaction.

You should visit a hospital if experiencing a minor allergic reaction because a second, more severe reaction can occur. As a general rule, call 911 if the patient's condition is life-threatening or quickly getting worse, or if moving them can cause further injury.

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John Arnott explains origins, uses of daffodils

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Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Visiting priest Father Paul Robinson at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church (Parish of Lloydtown) asked the young people attending the Holy Communion Service how many days there were from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday and was told 40 because this is the number of days in Lent. Then using a calendar they counted 46.

So Father Paul then explained Sundays are never counted as part of Lent and delighted the youngsters by telling them whatever they'd given up for Lent in the way of treats, games or favourite foods were all right to have on Sundays as these weren't considered fast days and this would make the observance of the actual 40 fast days a little more bearable.

Horticulture Hints By John Arnott

What with St. David's Day just past and spring close at hand the daffodil known as narcissus botanically is much in gardeners' thoughts.

Daffodils grow from bulbs and are members of the lily family closely re-

lated to the amaryllis. They are native to the western Mediterranean region where they once grew wild in their millions in North Africa, but especially in the Iberian Peninsula (modern Spain and Portugal).

Narcissi were used in ancient times for medicinal purposes as well as garden plants. The migrating Celts are thought to have brought them to northern Europe where they made themselves at home and spread happily through the fields and woods of France, the Netherlands and Britain. European colonists would later introduce them into the Americas.

Many different cultivars were developed by early horticulturists and by the late 1600s these daffodils were being grown as a valued commercial crop for export in the Netherlands.

The name narcissus seems to come from narke the Greek word for numbness through narkissos referring to this poisonous plant's narcotic effects if ingested. Of course it could be connected to the handsome young man, Narcissus, of Greek myth who fell in love with his own reflection in a pool and because he pined so was changed into the first daffodil!

The leek that other Welsh emblem is a distant cousin of the daffodil. It is a type of onion with flat overlapping leaves that form an elongated bulb often mistakenly called a stalk. Leeks are native to the Mediterranean region and like daffodils have an ancient history. Records show they were being used by the ancient Egyptians for culinary and medicinal purposes as early as 2000 BC.

Leeks were the favourite vegetable of Roman emperor Nero who liked them in soups or served in oil. He claimed they improved his singing. It is said that St. David ate only leeks when fasting particularly during Lent.

Leeks and daffodils are perennials

and easy to grow in our area-leeks from seed or seedlings from a garden centre and daffodils from bulbs found for sale in late summer into early fall.

Leeks long overshadowed by their cousin onion have over the last 50 years come into their own and are now favoured for their savoury mild flavour by cooks around the globe. Certainly leek and potato soup is a favourite of mine.



Wheelchair ballroom dance program created in York

WHEEL DANCE and Victoria Ballet Company are pleased to announce that they are using the three-year, \$271,200 grant they received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation earlier this year to establish a wheelchair ballroom dance program in York Region.

WHEEL DANCE's unique program provides subsidized social and competitive wheelchair ballroom and Latin dance classes to wheelchair users and their able-bodied friends, family and community members, on the premises of Victoria Ballet Company's newly renovated accessible studio space.

"It's wonderful to see inclusion programming get such recognition and funding in York Region. I look forward to attending the community celebration with everyone," said Thornhill MPP Gila Martow.

With the grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, WHEEL DANCE and Victoria Ballet Company are forging ahead with this first-of-its-kind collaboration in Canada. Capital funds from the grant have been used to transform Victoria Ballet Company's studio into a fully accessible dance facility. WHEEL DANCE is using the grant programming funds to run classes on site since Oct. 1.

"This initiative helps remove the physical, social and economic barriers that prevent wheelchair users from participating in community life, thereby increasing accessibility, engagement, and inclusiveness," said Dr. Iris Kulbatski, director of WHEEL DANCE. "By promoting and celebrating diversity in sport, art, and cultural activities, we are providing a positive example of how art and sport can build communities and affect positive social change. By making recreational and competitive dance accessible and inclusive, we are improving the physical and psychosocial well-being of our community."

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