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Draft Trails Master Plan gets support

By Angela Gismondi

The Committee of the Whole was given an update on the development of the draft Trails Master Plan at the meeting March 9.

As part of the 2014 budget process, staff requested funding to develop a Trails Master Plan that would build off of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan Update and the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. The intent of the Trails Master Plan is to explore the expansion of the current and planned trails system while considering the feasibility of overall inter-connectivity of trails in individual neighbourhoods, communities and the municipality as a whole, explained Mike Tocher, a consultant with Thinc Design, in a presentation at the meeting.

The plan is intended to assist in setting standards for trail types, infrastructure and roles/responsibilities of the various agencies, partners and organizations that participate in trail planning and construction in the diverse trail systems throughout King. Once completed, the document will establish the guiding principles for the strategic development of trails within the municipality.

There are currently over 108 kilometres of trail in King under various ownership including private and public. Trails include the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail, Cold Creek Conservation Area, Happy Valley, Centennial Park, Seneca, Jokers Hill, Thornton Bales, Cawthra Mulock and the Greenbelt Cycling Route.

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Dog tricks at Farm Tour

Racer and other amazing RuffSport canines showed off their skills at the Schomberg Farm Tour on Saturday at the Schomberg Fairgrounds. It was a definite crowd-pleaser. Turn to Pages 6 and 7 for more Farm Tour coverage.

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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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

EASTER OFFICE CLOSURE

King Township offices will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, 2015 and Monday, April 6th, 2015 for the Easter holiday. All municipal offices will open for regular business hours on Tuesday, April 7th, at 8:30 a.m.

Township Libraries Will Be Closed On Friday, April 3rd, Sunday, April 5th, And Monday, April 6th, 2015. All libraries will be open for regular business hours on Saturday, April 4th, 2015.

In case of an urgent Township matter, please call (905) 833-5321 and the Township answering service will relay your call to the appropriate personnel.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWNSHIP OF KING

NOTICE OF DISRUPTION OF SERVICE EXTENDED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure of the intersection of Charles Street and King Road in King City from March 23rd to April 3rd, 2015.

Access to King Road from southbound Charles Street and to Charles Street from King Road will be unavailable during this period. Please use John Street as an alternative access to King Road.



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

For more information, contact Brent Schuknecht (engineer) at 905-889-8100 ext. 229, or Felipe Osorio (contractor) at 416-543-6728.



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, contact sustainability@king.ca or 905-833-4080

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Participants have the option to donate all unsold items to Goodwill on site after event completion.

Yard Sale

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REMINDERS



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
Ansnaveldt 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



Seeking Nominations for
Volunteer Awards

Closing Friday, March 20th, 2015

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
Thursday, May 7th, 2015

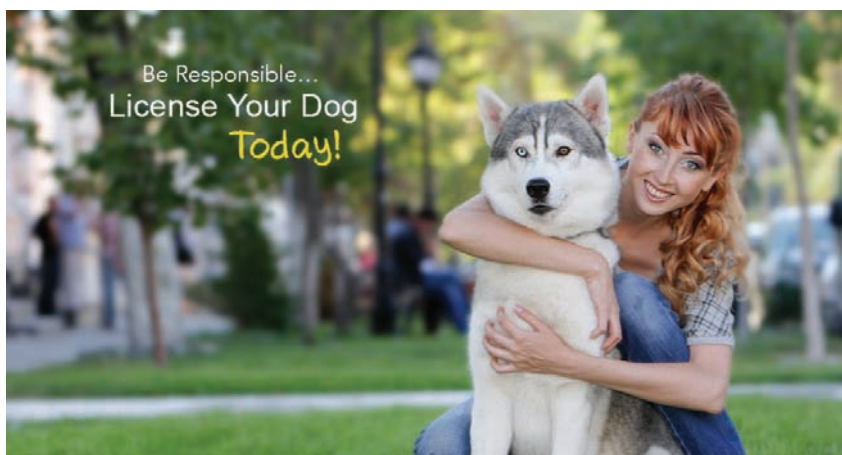
Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

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

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Public input sought on trails plan

From Front Page

The consultation process has taken several months and has involved discussions with key stakeholders, members of staff, residents and the general public to identify the short and long term opportunities and priorities for trail development in King, Tocher explained. Some of the stakeholders which were consulted on the project include the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the King City Trails Committee, the Cold Creek Conservation Authority, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Lake Simcoe and Region Conservation Authority, York Region and the Oak Ridges Trail Association.

"This is an exciting project for King," said Tocher. "We are still looking for comments and we're very much interested in feedback as we go through this process."

According to Tocher, the survey results showed that the most used trails in King are the Oak Ridges Trail, the King City Trail, the Cold Creek Trail and the Happy Valley Trail systems. They are most used for walking and hiking, dog walking and equestrian activities and are most often accessed by car.

"The one thing I take from this is that the existing trails are well used,"

said Tocher. "Another thing that is important is signage and wayfinding. If you could do anything on this program, that one thing could really help. In many ways, it's about improving what you already have, you've already got a lot of trails out there and they are quite well used and interesting to visit. We're looking for opportunities to enhance the existing trail network."

The draft plan identifies short, medium and long term goals. As for the short term goals, in the next one to five years, the report recommends a signage strategy, marketing and promotions, operations and maintenance, repairs to existing trails and new trail connections within urban areas. For the medium term, in the next five to 10 years, the plan recommends trail connections between communities inside King and for long term goals, over the next 10-plus years, the consultants recommend new trails to link Kings trail network to trails outside of King.

In terms of budget, overall the plan identifies funding requirements in the amount of \$5,978,100 further broken down into short term (\$1,446,100), medium term (\$1,152,000) and long term (\$3,680,000) categories. The report explains the costs are primarily related to the construction of the projects and the costs associated with the plans, specifically for construction, may not

be borne completely by the municipality as many require joint ventures and partnerships.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer was pleased to hear about the draft plan.

"This is so very exciting," said Schaefer, adding it's a great way for people moving into the community to explore their new home. "I love the big picture. It really helps to see how we can make progress on this."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini was happy to hear that the consultants will be going back to the community for more input and feedback.

"It's music to my ears that we get to engage them more," said Pellegrini.

In terms of next steps, after receiving input from council, Thinc Design and staff will reengage key stakeholders and community groups and host one more public information session to gain feedback prior to finalization of the report. Following this exercise, staff will bring the finalized document back to council for approval.



Knights hold St. Patrick's dinner
Anna, 1, celebrated St. Patrick's Day with dinner at the Schomberg Community Hall on Friday. The event was put on by the Knights of Columbus.

Accused not criminally responsible in 2011 double murder


By Mark Pavilons

A Schomberg man has been acquitted in a 2011 double homicide. In Newmarket court March 12, the Honourable Justice Edwin B. Minden found 51-year-old Robert Abernethy not criminally responsible for the death of James Wilson, 76, of Orangeville and William Allan Jones, 76, of Schomberg.

The homicides took place the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011. Police were called to an industrial business on Lloydtown-Aurora Road, east of Highway 27, initially for a report of two injured men. When officers arrived on scene they discovered one man deceased and other man seriously wounded. He later died in hospital.

Robert Abernethy was arrested at the scene and was originally charged with two counts of second degree murder.





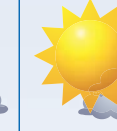


Abernethy will now be before the Ontario Review board, according to police. Initial media reports noted Abernethy appeared disoriented at the scene. During one of his first court appearances at the end of August 2011, Abernethy "behaved erratically."




King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 25

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Humans require some cerebral down time

"I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do. And that enables you to laugh at life's realities."

Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

Many of us are engaged in fields of employment that use more brain than brawn. But that's not to say we don't get physically tired.

Every minute of every day, the billions of cells in our brains send and receive signals that influence everything – from our memories to our emotions. When we receive new information, our neurons transmit electrical signals, triggering the release of chemicals called neurotransmitters at special locations called synapses. These chemicals act as messengers, passing along instructions that switch nearby cells on or off. Fascinating stuff.

From song lyrics and jokes, to hieroglyphics and languages, our brains can hold a seemingly endless amount of information.

Science tells us that during learning, our brain cells undergo chemical and structural changes. Changing the number (strength) of the connections between brain cells increases our memory and storage of information.

Our wrinkly walnut-like gizmos are really neat. The surface of the human brain contains tons of fissures, grooves and ridges. The surface (cerebral cortex) is home to about 100 billion neurons, or nerve cells.

This uneven landscape allows our brains to pack in more surface area and more memory power, into our skulls.

The number of possible connections in our brains measures about nine times the total number of subatomic particles in the universe.

Enough about our mental topography.

Like everything in life, it's what we



Mark Pavilons

do with it that matters.

How do you define "conscience?" How is it developed and how does it affect our daily lives? Our conscience, whatever that is, is not located in our brains, but in our heart, dare I say soul? We all have one.

So, when it comes right down to it, we tremendously powerful walking computers, capable of greatness, in mere micro-seconds.

And yet, we have trouble closing a zip-lock bag or remembering where our car keys are.

We make hundreds if not thousands of decisions each day. Just how does each of them affect our lives and impact our future?

I've thought a lot about the human journey lately, and just how strange and weird our paths become.

Every time we make a decision, is it merely mundane and meaningless, or do they all gather together like a puzzle, creating a huge map of our existence? All of my previous decisions have brought me here, to this

place. Where would I have ended up if I turned left instead of right?

Our emotions, that inhabit those recesses of our minds, may very well be our undoing. Or godsend, depending on how you look at things.

While we have this almost immeasurable capacity for logic and mental prowess, we're subject to the whims of our feelings, those nasty bits that trip us up all the time. We also have freedom of choice, and how we choose to think, feel and act make us who we are.

That, and a ton of weird biochemical fluids, electrical energy and countless other substances that are not clearly marked on our personal labels.

Adult life, for the most part, is seriously business. Although I did read somewhere that when you reach the age of 60 in Japan, you are free from all the burdens of adult responsibility. Sounds wonderful, albeit a bit crazy. What a place to retire!

People are not machines. We can't just keep running on meeting deadlines, creating strategies, concepts and products all day long, then doing our best at parenting the rest of the day, without some sort of down time. We don't come with "release valves" so we become distracted by life's little pleasures to unwind.

Some retreat into the online world to seek solace. Others have hobbies and most of us watch TV. While our brains never stop soaking up tidbits of infor-

mation, we do enjoy mindless entertainment or relaxing fantasy.

Our brains, despite their size, absorb a great deal of our body's energy. It's almost like a voracious pet. And so, we all have our necessary pastimes and vices.

I've known humans for my entire life. I've watched them and written about them. I think they're among the funniest creatures on earth.

They're much more entertaining than cats and dogs, although I've seen pet owners on all fours playing tug-of-war with their pooches. Okay, I admit it, I've done that. They're more interesting than dolphins, although dolphins are a close second. On the whole, they're more courteous than parrots or lemurs.

Unlike those lesser evolved species, humans can sure muck things up and make pretty big fools of ourselves.

But that's part of our charm. Laughter is unique to humans, and perhaps those aforementioned dolphins.

I spend as much time as I can laughing at myself and others. I heard it's good exercise.

Nothing brings a smile to my face than laughing at life's realities, just as Geisel did.

One last thought from "the doctor:"

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself, any direction you choose."

Letter to the Editor

Lack of high-speed access frustrating

The following open letter to Mayor Steve Pellegrini, and Councillor Linda Pabst, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

I recently received in the mail a copy of the 2015 Community Guide. I found your message both amusing and frustrating; encouraging the residents of King Township to visit "our" website.

As a resident of Schomberg for the past 30 years, I feel like I'm stranded in the "Twilight Zone," unable to receive high-speed Internet or cell phone service. Are you sure that King Township is only 40 kilometres from Toronto? It is very hard to believe.

I would like to think that King Township is all that you describe, but for many residents like me, King isn't that great a place to live. Not until King Township has ensured that all residents have access to the 21st century world of telecommunications. Perhaps then, I can visit your website and explore the opportunities that await me in my little hamlet.

Tim Thorpe
8th Concession



Brainteaser



What do you call a left-handed dog?

Last week's answer: You can swallow water, and it can swallow you.

King Township Trivia

Toronto's Carrying Place Trail, 1615-1793, ran for 10 miles through King Township, mostly through the east bank of the Humber River.

<p>WEBPOLL www.kingweekly.com</p> <p>Results from last week's poll: York Region is asking the province for permission to re-introduce photo radar.</p> <p>Would you like to see it?</p> <p>a) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 79%</p> <p>b) No <input type="checkbox"/> 21%</p> <p><small>The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.</small></p>	<p>THIS WEEK'S QUESTION</p> <p><i>Do you feel comfortable with the tax increase in this year's King budget?</i></p> <p>a) Yes b) No</p> <p><i>So go to the website and cast a vote!</i></p>
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Eek praises farmers, notes plan reviews on TV show

By Mark Pavilons

As the province launches its 2015 review into the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine plans, the subject got a boost on national TV recently from a King councillor.

Ward 6 Councillor and farmer Avia Eek appeared on The Agenda with Steve Paikin on TVO.

The topic was “A Decade of the Greenbelt” and the segment included Ontario Environment Commissioner Gord Miller and Toronto planning chief Jennifer Keesmaat.

“What a tremendous opportunity to have the voice of one of the farmers in the Greenbelt heard,” Eek said.

Eek admitted she was a bit nervous and excited about on-air interview. She prepared by obtaining some information from King’s planning department as well as the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee.

Wearing her trademark carrot earrings, Eek was her bubbly and vocal self, kicking off the segment with a bang.

Eek noted the Greenbelt plan review has been on the minds of planning, agricultural, and environmental folks for some time now. The Greenbelt is a very restrictive piece of land use policy which was created 10 years ago with a view to protecting farmland and the environment.

The broad Greenbelt band protects



Councillor Avia Eek

against the loss and fragmentation of the agricultural land base and supports agriculture as the predominant land use.

It also gives permanent protection to the natural heritage and water resource systems that sustain ecological and human health and that form the environmental framework around which major urbanization in south-central Ontario

will be organized.

The “Protected Countryside” areas of the Greenbelt protect specialty crop area land base while allowing supportive infrastructure and value added uses necessary for sustainable agricultural uses and activities.

It vows to protect prime agricultural areas by preventing further fragmentation and loss of the agricultural land base caused by lot creation and the redesignation of prime agricultural areas. It does have provisions for the appropriate flexibility to allow for agriculture-related and secondary uses.

The Greenbelt also serves to protect and restore the natural and open space connections between the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Niagara Escarpment, Lake Ontario, Lake Simcoe and the major river valley lands, while also maintaining connections to the broader natural systems of southern Ontario beyond the Golden Horseshoe such as the Great Lakes Coast, the Carolinian Zone, the Lake Erie Basin, the Kawartha Highlands and the Algonquin to Adirondacks Corridor.

Eek noted that last year, the Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) put together a panel of people to talk about the environmental component of the Greenbelt Plan, including guest Gord Miller. It also featured improvements and ways to measure whether or not the Greenbelt is working.

York Region undertook a workshop involving municipalities, environmental, farm organizations, etc. with a view to compiling information on what has

worked in the Greenbelt within York Region, and where possible improvements could be made.

The discussion of the Greenbelt review is being raised at the meetings Eek attends where agriculture is the main focus.

“I am urging all farmers, in all sectors of Ontario agriculture within the Greenbelt, to make a point of attending, or at least submitting your comments with respect to what is working, what should be changed, how we can move to the next step of farmland preservation by retaining and expanding the viability of agriculture within the Greenbelt,” she said. “After all, part of the intent of the Greenbelt Plan was to preserve farmland. On its own, preserving the prime agricultural lands, soil classes 1-4, does not solve all that ails Ontario agriculture, but is only one small component. Farmers need to be allowed to make a living on this farmland, or the exercise in saving it is pretty much futile.

“The Greenbelt: has created a level of uncertainty for farmers. Support for Agriculture is not clearly articulated in the Plan; recognition of the value of agricultural land to provide ecological goods and services; should allow for growth/strength of the local food movement; should make it clear the interdependency of the economies between urban and rural/agricultural areas; and has slowed down urban sprawl and the loss of some agricultural lands to development.”

To view this interview go to: <http://youtu.be/3qDhD0XxCPM>

Tanaka to host community supper to mark Earth Hour

The York-Simcoe Federal Liberal Association will host a free spaghetti supper in Mount Albert to mark Earth Hour, a global effort to raise awareness about climate change.

Dr Shaun Tanaka, the Liberal candidate in York-Simcoe, will speak about her pledge to be a consistent champion for our environment.

Liberals will also use the evening to celebrate Shaun Tanaka’s birthday. Admission is free, however, donations to the York-Simcoe FLA are appreciated.

The Mount Albert Lions Hall is located at 5057 Mount Albert Rd., Mount Albert, East Gwillimbury. It will be held March 28, starting at 6 p.m. Speeches follow at 7 p.m.

Residents can RSVP at www.shauntanaka.ca under the “events” tab.

Shaun grew up in Mount Albert and is raising her family in Sharon. She earned her doctorate at Queen’s University. Shaun is a social and cultural geographer; she is a champion of the environment and currently sits on the sustainability board of the University of Toronto. In addition to her academic qualifications and environmental leadership, she served in leadership positions with the Maytree Foundation and the National Association of Japanese Canadians. Locally, Shaun is a member of the East Gwillimbury Friends of the Library board.

Learn more at www.shauntanaka.ca.

Have your say on review of provincial plans

Four provincial land use plans work together to manage growth, protect the natural environment and support economic development in this region – the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe; the Niagara Escarpment Plan; the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan.

These four plans are now being reviewed. Share your ideas on how to make the plans stronger and work better together. Include what parts of these plans you see as working well and should remain as they are.

There are several ways to participate:

Share your feedback online; share your views at a regional town hall meeting or email a submission to landuseplanningreview@ontario.ca.

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“It keeps the roads safer, I guess.”



Julian Tompkins

“I don’t think it’s a good idea.”



Katherine Buchannan

“They should never have gotten rid of them.”

Visitors meet animal friends at 11th Farm Tour

By Mark Pavilons

From young emus and piglets to well trained horses, visitors to the 11th annual Farm Tour Saturday got a glimpse into a wide variety of agricultural operations.

“Beasley Bear” welcomed families to Beasley Farms, located on the 8th Concession.

Beasley Farms is owned by Warren and Noreen Beasley and managed by Richard and Sylvia Dixon. Richard and Sylvia came to Canada in 1994 from England where Richard was a landscape gardener. Richard manages Beasley’s farm and also maintains the rides at Centreville on the Toronto Island, also owned by Warren Beasley.

Sylvia has been working for Warren Beasley since 1989. In England she earned an animal science degree and a national stud diploma. She looks after the farm horses and the ponies at Centreville.

They are a top show barn. They stand three stallions at stud, provide private lessons, breed, and show at The Royal Winter Fair where they were awarded a 1st and 3rd place ribbon in 2014 for their show horses.

Sylvia is also the senior manager of the Far Enough Farm in Centreville on the Toronto Island. Centreville obtained the lease on the Farm in 2012, since then

the farm has undergone many improvements. It operates 365 days a year. The on-site manager is Rob Croft.

They showcase many animals such as, peacocks, pheasants, runner ducks, Chinese geese, bantams, black swans, royal palm turkeys, silkys and several other birds.

They also have mini ponies, donkeys, jersey cows, goats, sheep, mixture rabbits, Guinea pigs, llamas and alpacas. There’s a lot to see and do and while enjoying a great learning experience.

Two, recently born emus were on hand Saturday, as well as the large eggs they hatched from.

Winsong Farms

King’s well known Winsong Farm was a popular sport among tour participants.

Bill and Winnie Stott purchased Winsong Farm in 2000.

As Bill said: “We’re going to look back on this as the time of our lives.”

In 2004 two Lusitano weanlings joined the Stotts. These youngsters started Bill and Winnie on an interesting journey. Since the horses, Zelador and Zeloso, were too young to be ridden (traditionally Lusitanos are first ridden around the age of three) the Stotts started teaching them games and tricks at liberty (by way of halter and leadline).



Visitors to the annual Farm Tour, hosted by the Schomberg Agricultural Society, got a chance to see some of our four-legged friends up close.

Photos by Mark Pavilons

Since 2008 the Lusitanos have been performing at fundraisers along with the other horses at Winsong Farm. The acts in the fundraisers (which have raised over \$13,000 for a variety of organizations) include horses sitting on bean bags, fetching and delivering the mail, retrieving over a jump, catching a towel, pushing a big ball, playing baseball (hitting the ball and running the bases), participating in the Winsong Farm Orchestra, blowing bubbles and rolling out the carpet. The list goes on and on and is added to all the time.

The horses and humans at Winsong Farm presented many of their games in the arena throughout the tour.

Visitors met 25-year-old Kye, an Appaloosa. There’s Blue Executive, a 19-year-old thoroughbred; Pax, a Canadian, who has many talents.

On March 1 Zelador had his first reading lesson. He was in the arena showing off his reading skills.

It gives the Stotts great pleasure to open the arena for visitors to see what they enjoy every day – the intelligence, curiosity and delightful sense of humour of the horse.

Green Tractors - Nobleton

Nobleton Farm Service began in 1956 as a small agricultural repair shop. Glen Davis began selling machinery shortly after, signing on with the Oliver Corporation. “Green” tractors were sold from this location as early as 1957.

The business grew over the years and in 1977, a new facility was constructed on the site on King Road near Nobleton.

In 1981 Glenn’s son Karl and his wife Barb joined the business. His son Keith joined them in 2009 and then his son Kevin joined them in 2010, making it a 4th generation family-run business.

In 1985, John Deere became the principle supplier to Nobleton Farm Service, continuing the tradition of “green” tractors. 1992 saw the addition of Clark Moor Motors of Brampton, a long-time John Deere Lawn and Grounds Care dealership. In 2002, Milton became the target of expansion, as Halton Turf and Tractors was incorporated at a location just off the 401, continuing the tradition of a strong John Deere presence in Halton Region.

See ‘RuffSport’ on Page 7



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ACROSS

1. Drama part
4. Bakery treat
8. Lady’s shoe
12. Unlock, in verse
15. Green
16. Fever
17. Milky gemstone
18. Rose-colored
19. Greek letter
20. “___; Warrior Princess”
21. Gumbo ingredient
22. Zig’s partner
23. Certain bowler’s target
25. Title of respect
27. Tower or Coast
29. Thus
30. Property document
32. Lab burner
34. Fine
36. Detect
38. Sort of resort
41. Earthen vessel
43. Pertaining to a time period
45. ___ leather
48. Chorus syllable
49. Cameo

51. In the center of
53. Conscious being
54. As well
55. Seed cover
56. Scottish girl
57. Overcame
58. Chair cushion
59. Oceanic movement
60. Atop
61. Unit of work
62. Hi-fi
64. Moniker
66. Ratite bird
68. “Look ___ ye leap”
69. Minstrel’s item
71. Jeer
73. Flush
75. Forewarning
77. Period of repose
81. Uniform color
84. Draw the ___ (limit)
86. Spot
88. Nothing
89. Still sleeping
91. Blackthorn
93. Soil-breaking tool
94. “To Autumn,” e.g.
95. Beak
96. Antitoxins

97. Slip up
98. Teensy
99. Makeshift bed
100. Jerk
101. Unit of radiation

DOWN

1. Mountain crest
2. Furnish food
3. Pluck
4. Hired car
5. Meeting plan
6. Move quickly
7. Flirt
8. Pitiful
9. Maintenance
10. Scratch
11. Ordinary
12. Ricelike pasta
13. Bosc, e.g.
14. Anxious
24. Billiards game
26. Imaginative thought
28. Extensive
31. Facial feature
33. Office keyboard user
35. Martial art
37. Ski race
39. Runt
40. Soft wool
41. Elaborately adorned

42. Device for climbing
44. Yield
46. Hold in a condensed coating
47. Chinese association
48. Bugle serenade
50. Bird at bat
52. Horsemanship
63. Smell strongly
65. One billion years
67. Medal of Honor winner
70. Except
72. Innate
74. Food item
76. Disorderly
78. Clear sky
79. Make a goal
80. Heating unit
81. Recognize
82. Mask
83. Toward shelter, nautically
85. March 15
87. Plumber’s problem
90. Ghostly saying
92. Pastoral setting

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RuffSport dogs show off at annual Farm Tour

From Page 6

In 2010, Green Tractors merged with Greendale & Utica Equipment Services Inc., with two locations in Omeme and Port Perry, Ontario further strengthening their position in the equipment market and in January 2012 merged with Ag-Nor in Ealton, Ontario.

In 2014, Clow Farm Equipment of Kingston, Ontario joined the Green Tractors family.

The Davis family is still proud to be rooted in Nobleton, with a strong support for local agriculture, commercial, municipal, and residential clients and our community

S. B. Brethet Holsteins

The sign that you see at the end of the driveway represents four generations of dairy farming.

The Brethet family had the first Holstein herd in Simcoe County. Scott's great-grandfather John, brought the first registered Holstein bull calf to the county in 1908 by train. In 1929, John's son Gordon took over the farm; in 1960 Gordon's son Bill took over Erincliffe Farm and now Bill's youngest son has been farming on this site since 2005.

The herd consists of 100 head of black and white or red and white registered Holstein cattle; 40 are milked daily at 5 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The balance of dry cows (pregnant cows about to have a calf) and the young stock are kept at Scott's brother Glenn's farm right next

door.

Select cattle are chosen to compete each year at county Holstein shows, the Royal Winter Fair, and the world dairy show in Madison, Wisconsin.

Scott's roots, his involvement with 4-H, his keen eye to select a flawless animal, have earned him the recognition of being known as the "Top Fitter" in the Holstein industry. A fitter in layman's terms is a make-up artist, hairdresser that creates an outstanding image. Scott now travels extensively to buy, sell or judge cattle.

RuffSport

RuffSport is owned and operated by lead trainer and president, Heather McLeod. She is based out of Bow Wow Country Club located in Schomberg.

Heather has had a lifelong love affair with dogs and their well-being. Her training skill crosses multiple sports from Agility, Disc, Dock Diving, and Flyball. She is a fully accredited dog trainer along with being Sport Mutt certified.

She trains using her positive reinforcement training program which really gets the dogs using their brains rather than their noses. She has been performing in events for the past 10 years and the amazing RuffSport dogs are rated among the most requested at special events along with Heather's enthusiasm, laughter and smile!

Heather loves to show her team in action and they performed during the tour at the Schomberg fairgrounds.

Her team will be performing with the team at over 12 fall fairs and special events throughout Ontario this summer. The dogs will be performing tons of different skills including Frisbee, dance and high speed performance. Her 10-year-old border collie Diesel was the longest dock diving dog in Canada for the years 2008-2010 and he loves to perform. Diesel is a very active part of the team and has learned in excess of 50 tricks which he performs at most shows. When you come to one of her shows you never know what you might see, she is always working on new ways with her team to surprise and delight an audience.

To make all this happen she would like to thank her sponsors Big Country Raw, Hero Dog Treats and Slobbers Organic Treats.



Visitors got to meet the farm residents at Saturday's tour. The agility dog performance by RuffSport at the fairgrounds attracted a lot of attention.

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King trying to meet bylaw enforcement challenges

By Mark Pavilons

Enforcing municipal bylaws is a challenge.

Residents may be quick to criticize the Township, but King has upped the ante in 2015.

The bottom line is bylaw enforcement costs the Township money and it comes with a hefty price tag.

In the 2015 budget, council approved allocating \$394,000 to bylaw enforcement, which is mainly staff salaries. They are looking at a Township vehicle and staff uniforms, to make the officers more visible.

Property standards, illegal uses and parking issues are just three of the areas bylaw officers address. Currently, King has three full-time bylaw enforcement officers, overseen by a deputy clerk who has bylaw experience.

Internal changes have increased efficiency and the number of officers who hit the streets. An annual report for 2014 on the departments activities is due out soon.

Unlike more urban areas, King doesn't have major issues with parking, simply because we have fewer restrictions. In some municipalities, parking tickets alone generate substantial revenue and make their bylaw departments self-sustaining.

The challenges in King include its vast geography, number of dedicated staff, lengthy prosecution periods and even the wording of each bylaw.

As a former solicitor, King CAO Susan Plamondon finds the court route for bylaw infractions to be "frustrating" to say the least. While prosecution can ultimately lead to compliance, provincial

courts don't consider such things as priorities and sympathetic JPs may not levy sufficient sanctions. Without consistently strong penalties, violators will not be deterred.

Each case is different and officers have to size up each situation. Some assessments are subjective and there can be a fine line between "treasure" and "nuisance" when it comes to property standards and aesthetics.

Staff also have to appreciate the urban/rural differences in King and the impacts that infractions have on neighbours and neighbourhoods.

"One size does not fit all," Plamondon observed.

Staff are encouraged to work with property owner to solve the problems.

With more than 1,000 in-home businesses in King, the subject of illegal use is also a complex one. Home-based businesses are economic drivers so it becomes a bit of a catch-22.

King approaches enforcement on the basis of receiving complaints from the public. Officers are dispatched and they conduct an investigation, with the goal to force offenders to comply with the rules.

Prosecution is a tool in the Township's arsenal, but Plamondon believes that money invested locally in a business or a property is better than being spent at court.

The job of a bylaw officer can also be quite stressful at times. No one wants to see a bylaw officer at their door and they have to use their own strategies and people skills to do their jobs, sometimes meeting with anger and conflict.

Sometimes complaints from residents are the result of strained relation-

ships between neighbours. And this can drain a lot of staff time and resources.

Plamondon said municipalities share information about bylaws and this can help in terms of consistency, when every municipality is on the same page with certain rules and regulations.

Recently, Councillor Cleve Mortelliti requested a staff report to come up with some figures relating to the costs associated with putting extra bylaw enforcement officers on duty after hours and on weekends.

While it's been an ongoing issue for years, Mortelliti said his request was driven by recent complaints from his ward residents.

The Township has never had full-time after hours bylaw enforcement which is typical of small rural municipalities.

"Residents who are asking for this must understand that this represents a level of service that has never existed previously. We do focus on certain areas

on a complaint basis after hours or on weekends like noise or parking issues, etc. But this in no way represents true after-hours bylaw enforcement," Mortelliti said.

His request centres on asking staff to analyze the staffing level requirements and the costs associated as well as providing various options or methods of providing the service in a manner that is cost effective.

He's anxious to see what information staff come up with, have some public debate on the issue, and decide if this is a level of service the public wants to pay for.

Plamondon said they do currently address problem areas and staff are sometimes assigned to duties after regular office hours.

The staff report will see if it is a big problem and outline the potential solutions.

Second MRI machine coming to Southlake

Southlake Regional Health Centre can now begin renovations that will bring a second and critically needed MRI to the region as Southlake Foundation announced the completion of the \$16-million Images for Life campaign to upgrade diagnostic imaging across the hospital.

"We did it!" said Neila Poscente, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation president and CEO and Peter van Schaik, Images for Life Campaign cabinet chair.

"We are thrilled to announce that we have reached our ambitious campaign goal," Poscente said. "Once again, our community has shown incredible support for our hospital. Thanks to your generosity, our health care team can continue to provide the world-class care that our community expects from Southlake."

Southlake Foundation relied completely on community support to raise funds for the campaign, as the Government of Ontario does not provide funding for hospital equipment.

"Diagnostic imaging is critical in the diagnosis and treatment of nearly all of our patients," Poscente said. "Thanks to our community's generosity and our dedicated volunteer cabinet, our patients will now have faster and more comprehensive access to the diagnosis and treatment that is critical to their care."

Three recent and very generous gifts helped Southlake Foundation close out the campaign, including a leadership donation from Chris Pfaff and Pfaff Automotive Partners.

"We (Pfaff) have been a part of this community for 50 years and felt it was time to give back to the community that supports us so much," said Chris Pfaff, president and CEO of Pfaff Automotive Partners. "For us to make progress in health care, it's all hands on deck. You need government, private individuals and corporate business supporting it. That's why we made this donation and why I decided to join the Foundation board of directors. It takes a whole community to support a hospital, and Southlake is worth supporting."

Southlake will continue to upgrade and renovate areas of the Diagnostic Imaging Services over the course of 2015, with the first patients for the new MRI targeted for 2016. With the Images for Life campaign complete, Southlake Foundation will focus on raising funds for the recently launched love lives here - campaign to build a residential hospice on the Southlake campus. For more information on Southlake's campaigns and events, visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca.

Southlake Foundation's Images for Life campaign was launched in April 2011, with the goal of bringing the very best in Diagnostic Imaging technology to Southlake.

The first phase was completed with the opening of Southlake's new Interventional Radiology Suite (IRS) in 2012. Outfitted with the latest technology, the IRS has brought minimally-invasive diagnostics and treatment to Newmarket and surrounding areas, allowing Southlake's health care team to perform over 2,000 more complex life-saving procedures each year.

The second phase of the campaign raised funds to upgrade Southlake's nuclear medicine services and to bring a second, state-of-the-art 3T MRI machine to the hospital. Southlake is the only hospital in Ontario specializing in both cancer and cardiac care that is operating with a single MRI unit. With demand increasing

daily, the wait time for a non-urgent case MRI is over 100 days. For a cardiac case, the wait is six months to a year, meaning families need to travel to Toronto for MRI scans, costing them time and money, and the added stress of travel for care outside of their community.

The addition of a second MRI machine means that least 5,000 additional scans will be performed each year. Community support for the Images for Life campaign totaled 1,553 gifts from 519 donors, including several gifts over \$1 million - including an anonymous \$4 million gift in 2013.

Spring pop-up art gallery

Spring has sprung at the King Township Museum and Arts Society King (ASK) welcomes artists for the Spring Renewal Gallery. Please visit the Museum Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery runs until April 22. Share this information with your friends. Original art is for sale and this exhibit is a great way to changes seasons.

Upcoming King Chamber events

Mayor's lunch has been rescheduled. More information to follow.

The Chamber holds Health and Safety Training sessions, one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring session will be held April 21-22, from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at Nobleton arena. The fall session runs Sept. 29 and 30.

The 3rd annual Electronic Recycling day will be held May 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at King City Arena; Nobleton's Dr. William Lacey Arena and Trisan Centre in Schomberg.

The Chambers hosts a series of Networking Breakfast events.

Next will be March 26 at 7 a.m. at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. For more, visit www.kingchamber.ca.



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One volunteer's remarkable journey to the fire hall

By Mark Pavilons

We never want to see a full equipped firefighter at our front door, but we take comfort knowing they're only a few minutes out.

But for little Timmy or Suzie, they look up to the men and women in uniform in so many ways.

The proud statement "my dad's a fireman" resonates in the hearts of our children, and speaks volumes about the time-honoured profession.

The story of one King volunteer firefighter is not a typical one. It came quite by accident.

Schomberg's Neale Nicholas has been serving locally for the past four years. An ad for volunteer firefighters in the local paper caught his attention and he thought he'd give back in his spare time. He literally thought that in this capacity he would run errands, help around the station and roll up the hoses.

Little did he know what was in store. Into his rigorous training, he knew this was serious business and he found the training quite intense. When he was taken on by King Fire and Emergency Services, he'd become an efficient, well trained first responder.

He's part of a finely tuned organization, led by Chief Jim Wall. Nicholas is a strong believer that "good leadership leads to good workmanship."

They come together as a team to get the job done. Nicholas said giving respect and getting along is key to every fire station and crew.

King's family of firefighters are considered among the best and the term "volunteer" seems to be meaningful only on paper. As Nicholas points out, there's no such thing as "a volunteer fire."

On the truck, as the firefighters are en route to a scene, they are given specific duties, forming a strategy and

Getting to know those who serve

game plan before they arrive.

Nicholas recalls his first few emergencies, including some fatal car accidents. He takes it all in because it's part of the job and he tries not to let it bother him. The reality is we all lose loved ones.

But on the flip side, people are happy to see them come to the rescue. "They know help is here," he said.

Nicholas was motivated by his sense of giving back, and knowing where he came from.

"Look at me today," smiles Nicholas, who hails from Grenada. "I always remember where I came from."

He's from a large family with 11 bothers and sisters who all still live in that island nation located northwest of Trinidad and Tobago. The "Island of Spice" is some 344 square kilometres and home to 110,000 inhabitants. The country has had a troubled past, with a U.S.-led invasion in the 1980s to the devastating Hurricanes Ivan and Emily in 2004 and 2005.

Nicholas gives back whenever he can and he has sent supplies to local schools. He donates uniforms to children who play both cricket and soccer. And he visits his family when he can.

They're quite proud of Neale becoming a firefighter in a foreign country. And they have every reason to be.

Putting service above himself is one aspect. Being a role model to his own children is another.

"I do it for my kids," he said. "Children know what they see and I set an example."

Moving to Schomberg with his family was one of the best things he's ever done.



When Schomberg's Neale Nicholas decided to volunteer for King Fire & Emergency Services, he thought he'd be rolling up hoses. He is now a well trained first responder.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

His volunteer efforts haven't gone unnoticed. Nicholas received the Paul Jackson Memorial Award, given to a fire department staff member who exemplifies the values, dedication and commitment that was demonstrated by Training Officer Paul Jackson. Paul Jackson was the fire department's training officer who passed away in 2008.

Nicholas remembers being quite surprised at this vote of confidence by his peers.

And he learns from those very same peers, both veterans and newcomers alike. Every firefighter brings his-her

own skills and knowledge to the station and has something valuable to share.

Nicholas said he loves meeting new people and new recruits. He loves the camaraderie and his extended firefighting family. He gets excited when the pager goes off and he races out to a call.

It's another way for him to give back. Nicholas also owns and operates his own landscaping and snow removal business.

It doesn't matter how Neale Nicholas found his way to the fire station. The fact is he did. And we're better off because of it.



Carting Dogs thrill Guides

The Good Guys Carting Dogs, with roots in King, were pleased to bring their dogs to Bolton recently, to girls and parents of the First Bolton Guides. The organization, founded in 1987, is a small group of dedicated dog owners who take time out to support worthwhile community services by way of fundraising events. For more, visit thegoodguyscartingdogs.ca.





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Resident meets his brother for the very first time

By Mark Pavilons

Family journeys are as unique as its members.

For some, it's a rather uneventful path, but for others, the journey is quite remarkable.

For King's Ron Littlejohn, his trek has come to fruition, meeting his brother for the first time in his life.

Littlejohn was an only child and raised by his single mother:

For his mom, raising him alone was not an easy decision, one Ron never fully understood but always respected.

"My mom never said a bad word to me about my father. She often expressed regret that I grew up without a father figure in my life," he said.

Littlejohn pointed out that he never missed not having a father, as they say you don't miss what you don't know. "My mom was both my mother and my father and provided me with a fantastic childhood."

As the years went by, Ron would occasionally ask his mom questions about him.

"I knew very little other than his name, and that he possibly remarried and had other children of his own.

"My mom passed away unexpectedly in 2002. Obviously I was devastated and completely alone. No brothers or sisters, no father and now no mother."

His thoughts turned to his father more frequently after the loss of his mom. The urge to contact him would come and then go just as quickly. It didn't consume him by any means.

However, ever couple years the need to find him would arise once again along with all the old questions.

How would we meet?

Where would we meet?

Could I even find him?

Would I be intruding if I did contact him? Would I call him by his first name or would I call him dad?

At some point, Littlejohn sent out letters to everyone in Ontario with his father's name gently expressing interest in meeting, while assuring him I wanted nothing and had no expectations.

"I heard nothing from any of them."

Littlejohn's daughter Ella was born in April of 2013.

"It was my goal to be best father I could be yet I had no idea how a father was supposed to act. I could only improvise and hope I was doing the right thing."

With fatherhood, his curiosity about his own father grew stronger.

In a last-ditch effort to find his father, he posted to a Facebook group called "I Grew Up in East York Toronto" simply asking if anyone remembered his father.

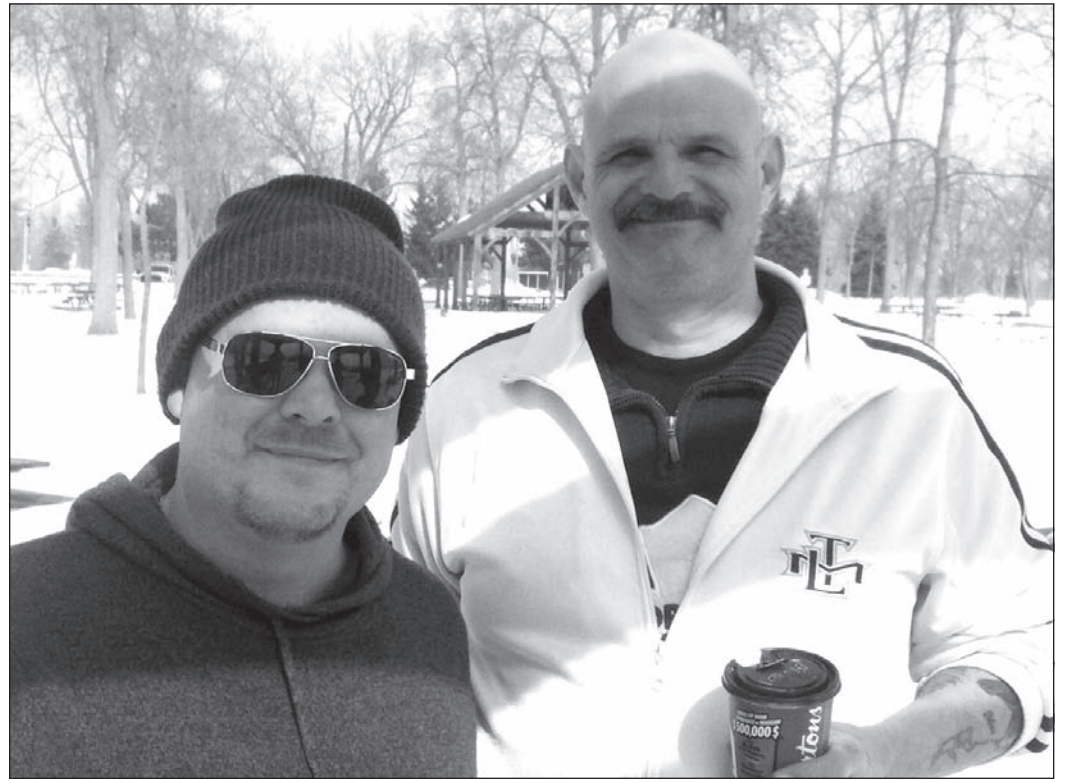
"Surprisingly, I received several replies but they were all about someone else with the same name.

"Miraculously one girl replied that her father worked with him and knew him for over 25 years.

"Her and I spoke on the phone and we compared photos. We agreed it was the same man, however, she informed me that sadly I was too late in my search."

Ron's father had passed away suddenly of lung cancer at the young age of 64 in 2007.

"I hung up the phone and was overwhelmed with unexpected grief. I found him and I lost him all in one split second. The feelings were like none I had ever felt before. How do you grieve for someone you've never met or knew?"



King's Ron Littlejohn (left) met his brother Phil for the first time last week.

Submitted Photo

That wave of sadness passed and Ron was able to track down the obituary from a Toronto newspaper. In that obituary, it said he had fathered another son named Phil Westlake.

"I figured I would try Facebook once again and with a few quick keystrokes I had located my brother. I messaged him and delicately suggest we should talk. Miraculously he figured out exactly why I was contacting him.

"We spoke on the phone and he told me all about the father I never knew but more importantly I was starting a friendship with a brother."

The duo met for the first time March

10 in Oshawa.

For Littlejohn, it was "wild and unbelievable." He said they hit it off immediately, but both admitted prior to the meeting they felt like it was an important job interview. They have a lot in common and Ron said they even share similar mannerisms.

Littlejohn said that night, they were both exhausted from the "crazy, emotional roller coaster" ride.

Phil is three years older than Ron and has three children, so Ron is become an instant uncle, and his daughter has cousins.

"It's amazing stuff," he said.

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Bullying is not just child's play. It is an issue one can encounter in the community, in the workplace, and just about any other environment.

This month, however, local students are preparing to hit the catwalk to make "lift the mask" on bullying, one fashionable step at a time.

Défilé du Courage, or "Strut for Courage," is the sixth annual fundraiser organized by ESC Renaissance, the French Catholic high school on the northeast corner of Bloomington Road and Bathurst Street, serving students from Aurora, King, and as far away as Vaughan and Caledon.

Each year, students select a cause that is near and dear to their hearts. Past "Struts" have benefited the Children's Wish Foundation and, last year, the Canadian Mental Health Association, after a fellow student lost his battle with depression on Aurora's GO Tracks.

"We chose bullying this year because we honestly feel it is something that affects everyone," said Emilie Bouce of Newmarket, one of seven students from Aurora, Newmarket, King City, Bolton, Richmond Hill and Vaughan who are hard at work to make the March 28 event a reality. "I have been on both sides of bullying. Sometimes people take it to the extreme and we need to raise awareness of that."

The result? This year's Strut for Courage will benefit the Kids' Help Phone, a hotline providing assistance to youth in a variety of situations ranging from bullying, to anxiety, to domestic abuse.

"We chose our theme because by standing up and showing that you aren't afraid and can speak up about it, you're using your courage and you're not hiding behind the mask," said Nicole Quance of Richmond Hill.

Preparing to strut are 10 girls and 10 boys who will be modelling a variety of fashions, including coats from Boathouse at Upper Canada Mall, where Emilie works, as well as children's fashions provided by Osh Kosh. As they make their way down the runway, many models will be wearing masks that will ultimately be stripped away, symbolizing overcoming fear, overcoming bullies and ultimately finding the courage to make that call.

"A lot of kids are embarrassed as to why someone would want to bully them," offers Nicole on why some are reluctant to take off their own masks. "You just feel you are drowning because everyone is attacking you and you can't speak up. I find a lot of people just try to keep to themselves, (believing) by keeping it to yourself other people won't find out and it will suddenly go away. I find when they don't speak up and they don't talk about it with someone they trust, it also just gets worse and worse because they have no one to lean onto."

Adds Danika Bertrand of Aurora: "Courage is such an easy term, but it is so much bigger than that. Sometimes I find myself trying to do something and you think, 'Yeah, I can do it!' but when you get to it, it is like, 'Wow, this is way harder than I imagined.' Courage is a lot bigger than just a word."

For Alexia Chabot of King City, a student who was the beneficiary of a past Strut when, facing health issues, students teamed up with the Children's Wish Foundation to make her dream trip to Paris a reality, choosing the Kids' Help Phone was an easy decision.

"They are very accessible to everyone because you can do it anon-

ymously. You don't have to tell your name, where you're from, or who is bullying you. You can be anonymous and they can give you an anonymous opinion."

Not wanting to leave anything to chance, these seven students got the wheels for this month's Strut in motion this past September. Since then, they have been able to build awareness of the cause within the school community, as well as hosting fundraisers like t-shirt sales and bake sales along the way. Now that everything is just about in place, they are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour, and also hoping these fruit spread seed well beyond their walls.

"I hope the community enjoys themselves, see students coming together for this one cause, but also learn about what is going on, the importance of knowing about bullying, the importance of being aware of what is going on, and understanding the points of view of students and parents," said Nicole. "Parents (might think) when their child comes home upset they can just pretend like everything is okay. After this, maybe they'll understand more how to talk to their children about this cause and approach it in a positive way."

Adds Emilie: "Sometimes we think only kids get bullied when adults do too, sometimes in the workplace. Everyone cares about each other."

Tickets for the Strut for Courage on March 28 are available now for \$15 from the office at ESC Renaissance (700 Bloomington Road) or by calling 905-727-4631. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$20 the night of the event.

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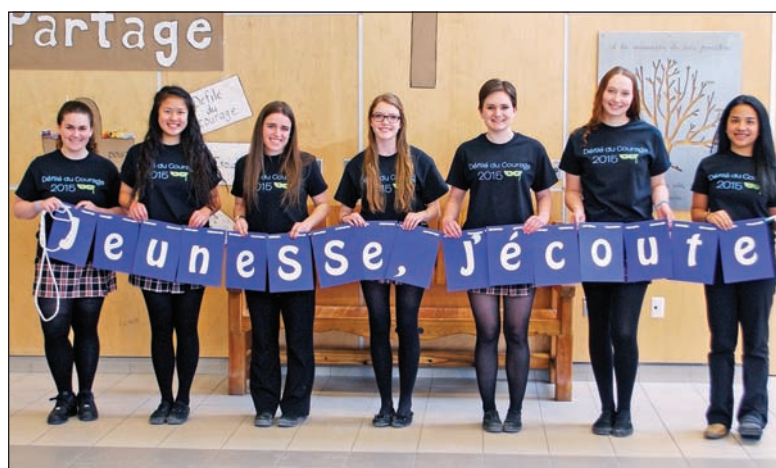
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ESC Renaissance students Darryl Cormier, Nicole Quance, Céleste Wloka, Claudia Wagner Searle, Danika Bertrand and Alexia Chabot are gearing up to get Renaissance ready to "strut" this month, all in the name of the Kids' Help Phone. Bringing together local clothing companies, the Défilé du Courage hits the catwalk on March 28.

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Libraries offer plenty during March Break

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King Township Public Library

Contact your Library (King, Nobleton or Schomberg) and find out all the exciting plans the Library has come up with to help your kids while away their March Break! Some of the programs are free and some have a cost but there is a program out there for your child no matter their age or interest.

These programs range from Lego Robotics to Reptilia to Babysitting Courses to great movies and so much more! So, take advantage of what the Library is doing for you and your kids and then you can all enjoy your March Break!

The Library is also looking forward to their Spring Session of kids programmes "Every Child Ready to Read" (April 13-June 22).

"Toddling To Read" features stories, songs and action rhymes for toddlers aged 18 months to 5 years, with their parents and caregivers.

This is a free program.

"Pathway to Kindergarten" encourages children to enjoy an independent half-hour of stories, songs, activities and crafts while learning some of the social skills they need in kindergarten. Caregivers must remain in the Library.

Please pre-register. This program is for ages 3-5 years at a cost of \$25 for 10 weeks or \$2.50 per class.

For more, visit <http://www.king-library.on.ca>.

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.

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 won-

derful 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.

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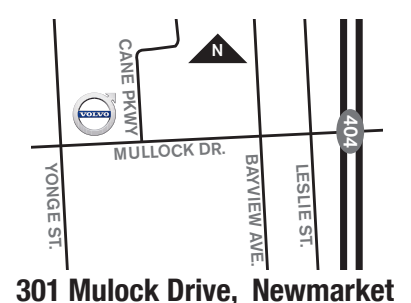
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Novice reps advance to championship series

By RAY TRIBE

In an exciting semi-final match up on March 15, the Schomberg novice rep Red Wings took the series against Georgina Blaze with a 3-2 win.

It was a loud and energized crowd of family and fellow Schomberg teams who came out ringing their cowbells and filling the Schomberg Trisan Centre with cheering that was deafening.

In true goalie style, Hayley Dagenais rallied the team to another edge-of-your-seat ice battle with brilliant clutch saves.

The first period was dominated by the shooting barrages of both Justin Caruk and Nathan Watt. These wingers set the tone for a game of rapid shooting and hard pressing which Georgina struggled to respond to.

Centre forward Keaton Walsh delivered on three goals throughout the match on stunning break aways. Defensive rushes came from Pax Degli-Angeli and Grady Duggan who rocketed down the ice before collapsing the Georgina defence together into their own crease. Roman Porcelli followed with his own defensive rush and zone control against the visiting team.

The third period was controlled by left-winger Aaron Kay and James DeCarvalho who dazzled the fans with their lightning agility and hard carving into the corners. Luca Peca received the admiration of the fans and his team mates with flawless penal-

ty killing and offensive to defensive pressure.

The control of the Schomberg zone with heads up play and passing accuracy by defencemen Davis Forrest and right-winger Avery Tribe enabled the winning goal by Keaton Walsh in the final period.

Thanks go out to back up goalie Blake Bowler who has continued to support the team since being called up from his younger Tyke team. Following the game, the players received calls from Noah Harbridge and Dillian Cook, who were cheering the team on from their vacation, watch-

ing the play by play messages coming from Schomberg.

Schomberg finished 3rd in York-Simcoe League with a 16-6-8 record, and is matched with the Aurora Tigers as the championship series got under way Wednesday (results unavailable at press time).



Schomberg's novice Red Wings downed Georgina to earn a berth in the finals, which began Wednesday.

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King Township will hopefully be adorned with many horse statues to usher in this summer's Pan Am Games.

A 'Parade of Horses' is coming to the region

By Mark Pavilons

The world is coming to the region for the Pan Am Games this summer and the equestrian industry is gearing up for the world-class show.

King residents are encouraged to join the enthusiasm as events will be hosted in nearby Caledon and Mono. Equestrian events will be hosted at the Caledon Equestrian Park and the Pan Am Cross Country Centre at Will O'Wind in the Town of Mono, from July 11-25.

The Headwaters Equine Leadership Group is welcoming visitors with a novel idea – the "Headwaters Parade of Horses," a whimsical and unique series of outdoor horse sculptures featuring fiberglass horses transformed through the creativity of talented artisans.

The Headwaters Parade of Horses statues will be displayed throughout the Headwaters Region during the 2015 Games.

The Headwaters Equine Leadership Group is looking for artists to bring these magnificent sculptures to life. Consideration for this program is open to all artists (individual or groups) and the deadline for submissions is 11:55 p.m. on Monday, April 6. Those interested can visit HeadwatersHorseCountry.ca for program criteria and to register for consideration as a Headwaters Parade of Horses artist.

Along with highlighting the majesty of the horse and showcasing the talent of local artists, the Headwaters Parade of Horses is also an opportunity for individuals or businesses to own a one-of-a-kind horse sculpture.

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Ladies curling lights up the rink in King

By SHELLEE MORNING

Tuesday night Ladies League has certainly had some exciting games this year and as the league is winding down for the season, the remaining games will undoubtedly live up to their high standards.

As the league is showing great growth in numbers as well as with calibre, the Rockettes produced some top quality curling in last week's action.

Sheet 4 featured teams Bones and Oakley who never disappoint for an exciting game when going end to end with against each other. Oakley, sitting in 2nd with one point ahead of Bones in the standings, was anticipated to be a close rock for rock game. Veteran Skip Fran Bones and her team of Debby Johansson, Tamara Niepage and Cheryl Hamilton played with meticulous strategy keeping the score close. Skip Julie Oakley, Barb Davis, Pam McKinley and Kim Broad also kept a watchful eye on the board and threw with great weight and accuracy maintaining a well-balanced match.

Oakley went on to win the battle and maintain the team's overall standings.

Diana Russo and her team met up with Sue Burman and company on sheet 2.

The score was 5-3 heading into the 7th and Skip Burman along with Maria Ruska, Carol Kozopas and Louise Ishili had scattered their rocks crowding the 12 foot ring making it a Skip's nightmare.

Skip Diana Russo, down a member of her team, relied heavily on the sweeping powers of Michelle Boynton and Petra Sidon. Boynton stepped up to the hack and delivered her skip a perfect draw to the button. Maria Ruska followed with her own draw to the button and pushed the opposition rock back to claim the shot rock. Team Russo made a corporate decision to not play with fire giving Burman the point, but keeping the win for a 5-4 score.

Ruska commented that "Michelle Boynton stood out as most of her shots had the perfect weight, making the difference for her team."

Team Gorsline, skipped by Kathleen Gorsline and her squad of Marnie Deathe, Heather Routledge and Linda Mackie, went into their game with an impressive 8-0 record against Team Morning and their 5-3 record.

After a surprisingly close game, Morning was up by 1 point without hammer in their final end of play. Morning had one



Michelle Boynton of Team Russo delivers her stone while Petra Sidon gets ready to sweep during Tuesday Night Ladies League. Boynton and her team won their game 5-4 over Team Burman in a classic end for end game.

Submitted Photo

rock sitting in the back 12 foot ring while Gorsline had 2 slightly angled on the top 4. Vice Kaye Groen held the broom for the double, and with superior solo sweeping by Noelle Andrews, Morning's last rock made contact spilling out both opposition rocks and leaving her shooter on the red ring for a count of 2.

Gorsline's last rock left her hand beautifully for the nose hit and the tie. The rock crusaded towards the target but failed to hit the nose by a millimetre sending both to the outer-skirts of the blue. A measure was required to determine that the 2nd shot also belonged to Morning for a 6-4 win.

Notable mention goes to Noelle Andrew who played her best game of the season. Great weight for guards and come-arounds were asked of her and she delivered!

Sheet 3 highlighted teams Brown and Morawetz for a fun filled game of laughter mixed with some great shot making and angled tap ups. Both teams, sitting in the middle of the pack and only a 3 point difference between them, the game was expected to be a nail-biter. After both teams hitting rock for rock, Morawetz went on to victory.

Men's March Madness By Larry Sheardown

After a furious finish to round 3 of regular season play, which had as many as 2 and even 3 teams tied requiring multiple tiebreakers to determine playoff positions, the next three weeks will bring rock crushing excitement to tap this year's champion.

With a lot of pride and a trip to The Do-

The other close game will be the 4th and 5th place game with Macdonald and Sheardown in an evenly matched bout that could come down to the last rock.

In B Division play Pat Lee and his greatly improved group start as the Number 1 seed and take on the senior Doug Groombridge. George Gerrits will try to extract a win from Gary Howard after getting bumped out of the A Division. Scott Boynton and his merry men will have a lot of fun playing long-time friends "The Witherspoon Family," and David Barber will be sure to have a heart stopping screaming match with the studious Mike Sidon.

In the popular C Cup play downs pride will be on the line as Muller, Livingstone, Wright and Phillips try to master their opponents for one last time.

Bonspiel cancelled

Due to the untimely and major power outage last Saturday, the infamous and the club's most anticipated Green Tractor Bonspiel was forced to cancel. The 64 disappointed curlers were denied the chance to claim the ultimate prize of Spiel Champion as event co-ordinators Rosie and Peter Kamstra met excited curlers at the door to inform them of the bad news.

Everyone who drove to the arena on this dull damp day would like to thank Peter and Rosie and their committee for all their hard work in the preparation of the event.

minion Club Championship qualifier on the line, there is going to be a lot of "hurry up and go hard" heard at the Trisan.

In A division 2 time champions Karl Davis and his men have returned to form and start as the number one seed and will take on Team Al Scott, who sneaked into the 8th spot. Team Dave Barber suffered a late season swoon and slipped into 2nd place after smoking everyone in the first two rounds but will be looking to show they have the goods with a tough match up against Jim Smith who put together some big victories to graduate from B Division. Third place Tim Gerrits and "The Young Bucks" as they are called take on wily veteran John Frans in what could be the closest match with their previous game a 5-5 tie.



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From Page 13

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Canadian Show Jumping team ties for third in Florida

The Canadian Show Jumping Team, comprised of Caledon resident Yann Candele, Tiffany Foster, Eric Lamaze and Ian Millar, tied for third place in the \$200,000 Furusiyya Nations' Cup held at HITS Post Time Farm at CSIO4* Ocala, Florida.

Six countries contested the first-ever Furusiyya Nations' Cup — Canada, Colombia, Ireland, Mexico, United States and Venezuela.

Following the first of two rounds of competition over the track set by German course designer Martin Otto, Canada was tied for the lead with a perfect score of zero. Ireland and Colombia were also sitting on fault-free scores, trailed closely by the United States and Venezuela, both counting four faults. With a first-round score of 12 faults, Mexico lay in sixth position.

However, things changed for Canada in the second round of competition. As the lead-off rider, Candele, 43, was unable to repeat his first-round performance, incurring four faults at the open water with Showgirl, a 15-year-old chestnut selle francais mare owned by The Watermark Group.

Foster, marking her 20th appearance riding for the Canadian Show Jumping Team, had incurred four faults in the opening round at the "b" element of the triple combination riding Verdi III for Artisan Farms LLC. The 30-year-old Vancouver native was unable to improve on her score in the second round, posting a 12-fault effort that would prove to be the drop score.

Like Candele, 10-time Olympian Millar, 68, of Perth, also picked up an uncharacteristic four faults at the open water riding Dixson, a 12-year-old bay Belgian Warmblood gelding owned by Susan Grange and her daughter, Ariel.

As the anchor rider, 2008 Olympic gold medalist Lamaze of Schomberg knocked the plank off the "b" element of the triple combination, adding another four faults to Canada's bottom line riding Zigali P S, an 11-year-old dark bay Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Artisan Farms LLC. With a total of 12 faults added to their perfect score from the first round, Canada tied for third with Colombia in the final standings.

Ireland claimed victory with a final score of four faults, helped by double clear performances from Kevin Babington riding Shorapur and Conor Swail on the Canadian-owned Grafton. Georgina Bloomberg and Beezie Madden were also double clear to lead the U.S. to a second-place finish with a final total of eight faults. Canada and Colombia both posted a final score of 12 faults to tie for third while Venezuela was fifth with 16 faults and Mexico placed sixth with 28 faults.

"Sometimes it's just not your day," said Lamaze, 46. "We had a great first round, but the second round just didn't go our way. Yann had a mishap at the water, Ian's horse had a toe in the water, which he wouldn't normally do, the course didn't suit Tiffany's horse, and I barely touched the plank. It wasn't a disaster, but sometimes you need luck on your side."

"Our horses all jumped well, but the second round just didn't fall into place," Lamaze continued. "It wasn't meant to be our day."

"It wasn't that bad, it just wasn't that great," Canadian Team chef d'equipe Mark Laskin concurred. "Our guys came through in the first round, and we were right in the hunt at the half-way point. In the second round, we had three fours, which is not bad, but when you add them all up, it is 12 faults."

"At least we earned second-place Furusiyya points, and we move on to the next qualifier," continued Laskin. "For me, our goal is getting to Barcelona."

For Canada, Mexico and the United States, the Nations' Cup in Ocala acted as the first of three qualifying events in the North and Central America and Caribbean League. The top two teams in the League earn an invitation to the Furusiyya Nations' Cup Final in Barcelona, Spain, from Sept. 24 to 27. In 2014, Canada finished second in the final in Barcelona.

With its second place finish in CSIO4* Ocala, the United States now leads the North and Central America and Caribbean League. The next qualifying event takes place from April 23-26 in Coapexpan, Mexico, where Canada is the defending champion.



Eric Lamaze wasn't pleased with his team's performance at the Furusiyya Nations' Cup event held in Florida recently.

Submitted Photo

Charity Golf Challenge set for June at Kettle Creek

The golf tournament season is fast approaching. With this in mind, the public is invited to join in this year's second annual Charity Golf Challenge. It will be held at Kettle Creek, Cardinal Golf Club's Executive Course on Thursday, June 4.

The event is in support of Friends of We Care. This organization has been in existence for over 31 years with the sole purpose of raising money to send children with disabilities to summer camp. Following golf, there will be a buffet lunch at Cardinal and a small silent auction.

Register online to play or to sponsor at www.charitygolfchallenge.ca by April 23 and be eligible to win a foursome at Kettle Creek. This will also ensure your company name will be on the event program and website as a 2015 sponsor.

Organizers are thrilled to have four-time Canadian Olympian skier Brian Stemmler as the special guest again this year.

The cost is only \$85 per person to play is limited to 72 players. Hole sponsors are only \$100 (limited to 18) so register and or sponsor a hole early to secure your spot in this great community event.

On behalf of the committee and Friends of We Care, we would like to thank you for your consideration of being part of this 2nd annual event. If you have any questions about this event or, if you would like to donate a prize or auction item please contact Brent Morning at 905-841-5735 or email. charitygolfchallenge@gmail.com.

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St. Paul's hosts its annual winter picnic

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

We welcome our new Youth Leader Taylor Scott - and invite all students from Grades 7 to 12 to come out and meet her on Friday, March 20. The group will meet for a movie night at the church starting at 7 p.m.

The King Township Food Bank will be open Saturday, March 21 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Join us Sunday, March 22 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his new series entitled "Rebuilding A People." Jeff's message this week - Taking Care of Each Other.

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.

Also on this day, 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 join in. Lunch is provided so please let Jeff know if you plan to attend by emailing him at jeff@stpaulsnobleton.ca.

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 calendar for the following events - 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.

On Friday, April 3 at 10 a.m. we will have our Good Friday worship gathering. On Easter Sunday morning, you are invited to join us for an Easter Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. followed by the celebration of our risen Lord at 10 a.m.

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

Nobleton United

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

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.

Horticultural Society meets

The Schomberg Horticultural Society's first meeting of 2015 will take place Tuesday, March 24 in the Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street at 7:30 p.m.

We are very pleased to feature a special presentation from our very own local beekeeper, Andre Flys from Pioneer Brand Honey. 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 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.

Free advertising is available to non profit groups in and around Nobleton via the electronic sign at the library.

Contact the Township of King for details on how to get your message up there at no charge.

Your support is greatly appreciated by the Lions, and those who we support, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve."

The Lions Club is seeking new members at this time. If you are interested in helping your community become a better place to live while having lots of fun, please call Bob Phillips at 416-522-9675.

Anglican Parish

By John Arnott

The colour of church hangings and Holy Communion vessel coverings as well as those of clergy vestments change for each season of the church year.

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton wants us to know that the purpose of using these colours is not only to make church interiors more attractive but to renew and enrich the setting of worship and in so doing freshen and enhance the worship itself.

During this solemn season of Lent purple is the colour used in many churches in King Township including those that make up the Anglican parish of Lloydtown.

Purple, the royal colour, symbolizes Christ's position as God's son as well as his Earthly royal heritage as a descendant through both his Earthly parents Mary and Joseph of David the man God chose to be the second king of ancient Israel. Purple is also the colour of mourning and during Lent Christians worldwide once again mourn the crucifixion of Jesus almost 2,000 years ago.

Horticulture Hints

By John Arnott

I am surprised to learn that not only are there are over 300 species of clover, but because this common plant is found worldwide, it is not known where it originated. Although the majority of clover species claim the Northern Hemisphere as home there are clovers found in Africa and South America that are not found elsewhere. Clover flowers can be white, rose, pink mauve or yellow.

See 'Shamrocks' on Page 17

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'Shamrocks' are really just flowering clover

From Page 16

This member of the pea family (leguminous) has annual, biennial or perennial species. Most of which have 3 leaves giving it its botanical name trifolium from the Latin tres for three and folium for leaf and its other common name trefoil. However, there are clovers that have 5, 6 or 7 leaves not to mention the lucky 4 leaved one.

The most common species in our area are t. repens (creeping) or white clover, and t. pratense (meadow) or red clover. These are among the clovers cultivated as fodder for farm animals. Clover is popular because it grows abundantly in a variety of soils and climates, regrows after mowing, is nutritious and palatable for livestock, takes nitrogen from the air and through its roots deposits it in the soil where it acts as a fertilizer and reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers and can be ploughed under as green compost.

Today this plant suffers from what agriculturists call "clover sickness," which is very much related to the dramatic decline in honeybee and bumble-

bee populations as these endangered insects are the chief pollinators of clovers around the globe.

Now what has put me in clover mode? Tuesday was St. Patrick's Day and shamrocks are very much in mind. So what are shamrocks? Well there is really no such plant as a shamrock! The Gaelic speaking Irish called clover semair and young clover semairog from which other Gaelic words for clover including shamrote and scothshemrach (flowering clover) are connected. Thus shamrocks are just clover.

Of course the story of how St. Patrick (403-461AD) used the three leaved clover to explain the difficult concept of the Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost (Spirit) sometimes referred to as the Three in One to the Irish Celts he converted to Christianity, is well known. And for centuries the clover or shamrock has been a symbol of this British born saint, but it wasn't until the 18th century that this plant began to be recognized as symbol of Ireland.

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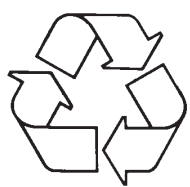
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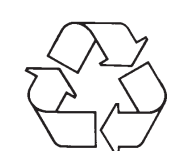
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Churches gearing up for Easter services

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with Don Gould. A memorial service was held for his wife Lillian last week with many family members and friends attending to pass along their condolences. Don and Lillian have both had health problems along the way recently, but they were always side by side.

Please make a note of the Holy Week services. Sunday, March 29 Palm/Passion Sunday with the sacrament of communion at King City UC.

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday at All Saints Anglican Church at 7 p.m. This is a worship where we remember Jesus and his disciples sharing their meal together in an upper room. During this worship, Jesus washed the disciples' feet, giving them a new commandment, to love one another. There will be symbolic washing of feet, along with communion at this worship. It is a very moving service, preparing us for the events of Easter weekend. Please consider joining us.

Friday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m., Good Friday service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Sunday, April 5 Easter Worship at 10 a.m. at King City United Church.

On Thursday, March 19 Rev. Evelyn will be leading a service at King City Lodge at 2 p.m. with Sandra Kirby. Mary Lee will join in at the piano. They would love to have anyone help them to bring some joy to the residents there.

The evening unit of the UCW is planning a yard sale for Saturday, April 18. Spring cleaning and de-cluttering? Add your unwanted items to the yard sale. You can leave them in the chapel anytime marked "Yard sale." Your unwanted items are someone else's treasure! Start preparing. Watch for flyers.

So many relatives and friends all enjoyed a great "surprise (?)" birthday party for Earle (Mr. Ev. the Rev.) last Sunday. His shirt announced "Made in 1950." Wayne and his friends (Old Tyme Connection) played and sang many great tunes of that era, as did New Directions from Emmanuel United Church in Brampton (Evelyn's home church). Sandra told a great story. Here was a gal - Evelyn - who never dreamed

of getting married. "Too busy." Then what happens after a blind date? As Sandra sang, "flash, bam, ala kazam." May they always walk side by side for many more birthdays.

Thanks to all who attended our Irish Dinner and to all who helped to make it another big success.

Please join us for 10 a.m. Sunday worship with Sunday School then stay for refreshments and conversation. We're at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. For any information, call our office, 905-833-5181; email kcuc@bellnet.ca; Reverend Evelyn McLachlan, kcucmin@bellnet.ca, or visit the 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 Sanderson 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 22nd as Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "The Gospel Truth" with The Law and Christ.

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

The Good Friday service will be held April 3 at 10 a.m.

We want to invite you to our Good Friday service as we remember Jesus's incredible sacrifice for us.

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

Please join our Seniors Overtimers on Tuesday, April 14 at 1 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Robyn Kassam, Seniors Safety Officer of York Regional Police. She is returning to speak to us about crime prevention, the latest scams targeting seniors and any updates about seniors and driving.

We will begin with a time of refreshments and fellowship before our special program.

York Pines United

The community is welcome to participate in the following activities:

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. Remaining classes will be 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 905-727-8118.

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708 DEATHS

HORAN: Leo Patrick Joseph

At Shelburne Residence Nursing Home, on Friday March 13, 2015. Leo Horan in his 76th year, beloved son of the late Willie Pat, Gladys, and Marie Horan. Beloved husband of Bertha Horan (McCullough). Loving father of Sonya, Tanya, and the late Esther. Remembered with love by his grandchildren: Thomas, Andrew, and Shantell. Dear brother of Clare Horan, and predeceased by Irene, Tom, Mike, Bob, Linus, Gordon, and Norman. Remembered by his many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. As per Leo's request a private family service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

KWACH: Solveig Anna-Lise, (nee Jacobsen)

Peacefully at Matthews House Hospice Alliston on Friday March 13, 2015. Anna-Lise in her 80th year, beloved wife of the late Joseph Kwach. Loving mother, and sadly missed by daughter Annette Thomsen. Dear grandmother of Shannen, and Chelsea, brother of Mogens and his wife Bodil Jacobsen, and nephew and niece John and Tanja and loving friends Diane and Bradley. The family would like to thank Ludi and all the staff and volunteers at Matthews Hospice and Riverwood Retirement Residence for their caring and compassion. Per Anna-Lise's wishes cremation has taken place and a private Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

708 DEATHS

MERRICK: Phyllis Mae (nee Taylor)

Peacefully at the Vera Davis Center, Bolton, on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, with her family by her side, Phyllis Mae Merrick, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of Vincent Merrick. Loving mother of Terri and Gary Adams, Larry and Liz Pato, Stephen and Trudy, David and Vesna. Adored Nanny of Kyle and Trish, Dean, Michael, Devin, Tyler and Inara, Mackenzie and Darryl, Andrea and Adolfo, Kevin and Whitney, Elyse, Stephanie, David, Taylor, Tyson, Alex, and Emma. Cherished great-grandmother of Drew, Bryson, Holton, and Mya. Survived by her brother Alan Taylor and Bernadette. Predeceased by her siblings George Taylor and Doreen Dodson. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Friday afternoon 2 - 4 and evening 7 - 9 o'clock. Funeral Mass was held in St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 16066 The Gore Road, Caledon, on Saturday morning, March 14 at 11 o'clock. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Schomberg. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Vera Davis Center, 80 Allan Drive, Bolton L7E 1P7. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

PRONOVOST: Jacqueline

Passed away peacefully, on Friday, March 13th, 2015 at The Westmount Long Term Care Centre at the age of 78. Beloved wife of Paul of 52 years. Loved mother of Dan (Patricia) and Nita (Jorge Gidi). Proud grandmother of Devin and Joane. A life-long nurse, 25 years at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, dedicated to the service of others. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in the coming months at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Road Tottenham, (905) 936-3477. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society of Waterloo Wellington (www.alzheimer.ca/ww) would be appreciated by the family. For those who wish more information on arrangements (as they become available) or to leave a special note / written tribute for our family, please visit www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com for Jacqueline's memorial page.

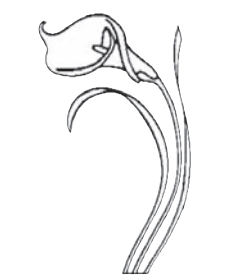
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Margaret Platt
Mar. 6, 1915 - Mar. 19, 2006

Dear Mom,
May the winds of love blow softly by and whisper so you can hear,
We will always love and miss you and wish that you were here.
For all that life has given us and for all that is left to do, we know no greater treasure than the days we spent with you!
Always loved and forever in our hearts, we miss you Mom.

Bert (Jean), Roy (Heather), Lorne (Lynda), Joan (Jack), Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren.



709 IN MEMORIAM

MERVIN BARTLEY MASON

January 19, 1924 - March 24, 2014

In memory of our Dear Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather Mervin Mason.

One year has passed since that sad day.

It broke our hearts to lose you, however you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Although the world will still turn and change from day to day, the precious memories of you will never fade away.

Now that your wife Marie is again by your side may you both watch over us each and every day.

We hope that this message filled with so much love will somehow find its way to you in heaven above.

It's to let you know dear Dad/Grandpa that although you are now at rest you'll live forever in our hearts for you were the very best.

Love always and forever missed,

Daughter Dale & Husband Mark, Granddaughter Kelly & Husband Reno, Grandson Scott & Wife Erin, and the Great Grandchildren
xoxoxoxo

710 CARDS OF THANKS

THE O'LEARY FAMILY sincerely thank Father Nick, the altar servers, the Raits, the Lazarus committee and all our relatives, friends and good neighbours for their kindness and support at this time. Special thanks also to the Rod Abrams Funeral Home staff members for their kindness and professionalism. It was all very much appreciated.

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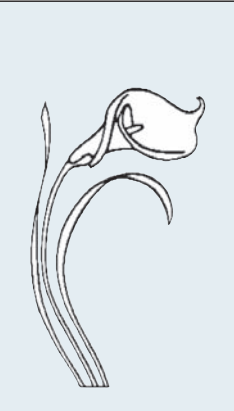
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Holy Week events taking shape at churches

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St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to worship with us this week, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Come and experience the excitement as we continue our journey through this season of Lent, knowing that Easter means the promise of forgiveness, acceptance, rebirth and eternal life!

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and nursery care running concurrently.

The Rev. Dr. John Vissers finished his sermon series from Revelations 3 on the letters to the churches, concluding with the letter to the Laodiceans, who were found to be "lukewarm" - neither hot nor cold. Ouch! God was not pleased. He would rather us be hot or cold, not pretenders, just going along for the ride in our complacency. God is standing at the door of our hearts, our churches, wanting to come in and make us alive! John then read a letter he wrote from St. Andrew's to

Jesus. How thought-provoking and wonderful.

We were encouraged to write our own letters to Jesus, based on what we had learned from the series and apply it to today, to our lives, to our congregation.

Lynn Vissers will lead Coffee and Conversation this Wednesday at 10 a.m. in her office where we can discuss our thoughts and questions on the sermon. All are welcome.

We welcome Pastor John Mills back this Sunday while John Vissers is away. Lynn Vissers will be with us and will be leading Family Fun following the worship service. Stay for a light lunch and family fun events.

The Junior Youth Group (ages 10-12) will meet this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Ladies' Prayer Time is 10 a.m. each Tuesday, held in the church narthex or the office. Won't you join us for a time of fellowship, sharing or quiet contemplation? It is such a blessing to know that God is there as promised. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst."

Should you have prayer requests,

praise items or any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 905-833-2325 or call Kathy Patterson, Clerk of Session at 905-833-0391.

For pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. www.standrews-kingcity.ca.

All Saints
By Nicola Skinner

Spring seems to be to well and truly on its way, and for that we are thankful. Here are All Saints we are gearing up to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

Every Wednesday we have a quiet service of meditation at 11 a.m. in the chapel followed by a soup lunch. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 29 when we remember the last week of Jesus's life and his dramatic yet humble entry into Jerusalem for the Passover feast.

His small donkey and the crowds waving palms and shouting Hosanna stood in stark contrast to the mighty Roman army also marching

into the city to display the power of the empire. The kingdom that Jesus preached was one of love, humility and service, and it was so threatening to the religious and political powers of the day that it got him killed.

Later in the week we celebrate the Last Supper and foot washing at 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, the solemn liturgy of Good Friday at noon and the great celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. All are welcome to join us.

On a far less spiritual note, we have the Rummage sale coming up on Saturday, April 25, which means you have a few weeks left to spring clean your houses and bring your rummage to the church. Most good quality items are welcomed. No electronics please. Come on the big day and find yourself a treasure.

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

Dealing with wildlife is the 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.

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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.

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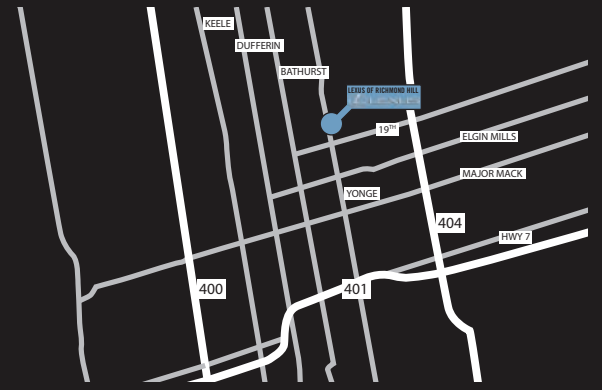
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