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Use of former arena by staff is clarified

By Mark Pavilons

Concerns raised over the use of the former Schomberg arena for King's Parks, Recreation and Culture department has led staff to clarify some of the facts for the public.

Director Chris Fasciano noted the decision to relocate staff to the building generated discussion and concerns by local residents and he wanted to alleviate some of the misconceptions.

Council gave their stamp of approval to the move earlier this fall and staff began to evaluate the Western Avenue facility to see what was needed to move in.

Councillor David Boyd said the information report received at Monday night's council meeting "paints a very clear picture of what the Township wants to do" and "addresses public concerns."

Fasciano explained the site will be used to locate parks staff and parks maintenance equipment, with no changes to the overall appearance. In the off-season (fall, winter) there will be roughly eight parks staff in the building, growing to 18 in the busy months. The fleet for parks includes 10 pickup trucks and an assortment of trailers, mowers and tractors. They hope to store the majority inside the building. Very little traffic is expected to be generated from this operation.

Fasciano stressed there will not be any salt, sand, soil or wood chips stored on the property. They will continue to be located at the yard on the 8th Concession and Aurora-Lloydtown Road.

See 'Residents' on Page 3



Carol sing at tree lighting

The St. Patrick Elementary School Choir belted out Christmas tunes for the dozens gathered at Schomberg's annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Main Street Sunday. It was reported to be the best turnout ever, to usher in the season, and lead up to this weekend's A Main Street Christmas.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, December 7, 2015

6:00 pm – Special Council Public Planning Meeting
Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment Applications
File No. OP-2015-03 & Z-2015-08
Properties: 22 & 32 Snowberry Lane, King City
Owner(s): Ellen & Tara McCarthy

Monday, December 14, 2015

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole
Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plans

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

COMPETITIVE BIDS

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

REMINDERS

Winter Break Camp (December 21-24 & December 28-31)

Join us for fun and games this winter break. Spend a day doing crafts, playing games, daily ice skating and outdoor fun (weather permitting). Winter Break Camp will be located at Nobleton Arena between 9am-4pm at a cost of \$31.00 per day. Morning Extended Care (7:00am-9am) and Afternoon Extended Care (4:00pm-6:00pm) is available at a cost of \$3.50 per extended care. Please note Afternoon Extended Care will not be offered on December 24th & 31st. For more information or to register contact Kenzie Van Wagner at 905-833-5321 ext. 5237, or email kvanwagner@king.ca.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

2016 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City, ON

RE: Draft - 2016 Budgets & Business Plan
Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan will be considered at the December 14, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, December 10, 2015.

RE: Consideration of By-law for Adoption:
2016 Budgets & Business Plan
Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King adoption of the 2016 Budgets & Business Plan, will be considered at the January 25, 2016 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 21, 2016.

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

Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca
Jeff Parks, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, jparks@king.ca
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(Note: If necessary, Committee of the Whole may retire into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters)

Kathryn Smyth
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

**Finance Department
"Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan"**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2015
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**In the Council Chambers
At 2075 King Road, King City, ON**

AND

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2015
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Noon)**

**In the Upstairs Meeting Room
At the Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Arena & Community Centre
15 Old King Road, Nobleton, ON**

Members of the public are invited to attend the Public Consultation dates listed above to discuss the Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan and to comment on key issues affecting the Township. This is an informal opportunity to review the Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan, to provide input and ask questions.

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

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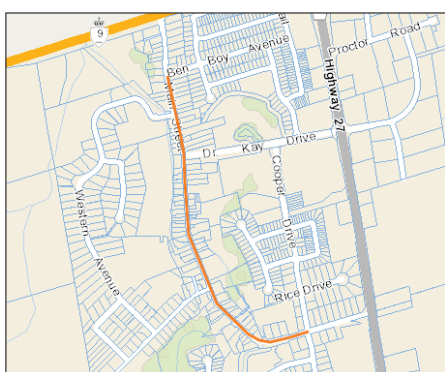
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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE DISRUPTION
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
MAIN STREET, SCHOMBERG**

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure of Main Street in Schomberg between Ben Boy Avenue and Moore Park Drive on Saturday, December 5th, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to facilitate A Main Street Christmas. Please see the closure map below for details:

Map of Road Closure Area:



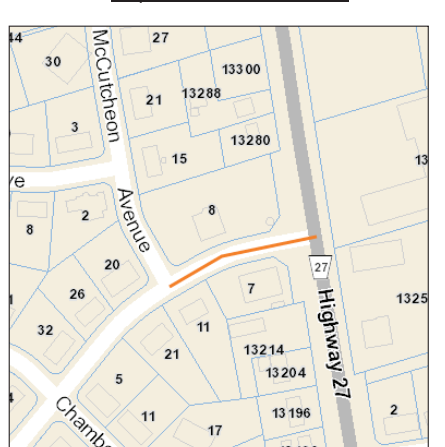
Access to properties will be maintained for directly affected residents; motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period. On behalf of the Township of King we thank you for your patience in this matter.

For more information, please contact the Township of King at 905-833-5321

**NOTICE OF SERVICE DISRUPTION
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
SHEARDOWN DRIVE, NOBLETON**

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure of Sheardown Drive in Nobleton between Highway 27 and McCutcheon Avenue on Sunday, December 6th, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to facilitate the Nobleton Christmas event. Please see the closure map below for details:

Map of Road Closure Area:



Access to properties will be maintained for directly affected residents; motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period. On behalf of the Township of King we thank you for your patience in this matter.

For more information, please contact:
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REMINDERS



Schomberg A Main Street Christmas:

December 5th, 3 - 9 pm
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From Front Page

The Schomberg Agricultural Society and the Lions Club will continue to have access to the building. Fasciano said the Township can extend the invitation to other community organizations as well, should they need the space.

This plan allows the continuation of the nearby tennis courts.

There is no desire to make a large financial investment into the facility at this time. The only thing planned is the addition of bay doors. Improvements being carried out deal with functionality and not an overhaul of

the building.

Fencing will be installed and the water systems will be restored. The former bleachers in the arena will be removed and heating equipment will be installed.

Staff, Fasciano stressed, will continue to use many of the areas of the facility as they are in the short term.

The facility has been used historically for municipal purposes and while the new use requires a formal change of use under the building code, a rezoning is not needed.

While this change is short-term, there is a long-term potential, but Fasciano said it's difficult to pinpoint an

exact timeline. Projections are that this is a 3- to 5-year term.

Community consultation took place through 2012 and 2013 to find a new use for the property. There is no real opportunity at this time to move forward with any of the major plans.

But, Fasciano pointed out, "there was broad support to maintain the property in public ownership and to support multi-purpose recreational uses.

"Staff believes that ... relocating the parks division that could operate in a manner that would be compatible with other forms of community use and nearby residential uses, is worthy of exploration. It is believed that the parks division will be able to operate with significantly less impact on the area than its previous use as an arena and community centre."

Staff will keep local residents informed and have a planned a public information centre for nearby homeowners. Input gathered from public sessions will come back to council for discussion.

Impaired driver calls police for help

By Mark Pavilons

A Richmond Hill man found an innovative way to call for help.

York Regional Police charged the 27-year-old man with impaired-related charges after receiving a call from him requesting assistance to get his vehicle started.

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, shortly after 2:30 a.m., York Regional Police received a non-emergency call from a man asking for help to get his car started. He was able to tell the call taker that he was in the area of Bathurst Street and King Road in King Township. The call taker could hear the engine revving in the background as the driver attempted to get his vehicle moving.

Officers located the car stopped on the shoulder of King Road just east of Bathurst Street. The car was running, with the lights and windshield wipers on. They spoke to the driver who was showing obvious signs of being impaired by alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the station for a breath test, where he blew over the legal limit of alcohol.

Police stress that Impaired Care or Control is a criminal offence for which a person can be charged with if they are impaired by drug or alcohol and make attempts to operate a vehicle. The vehicle does not need to be moving to be subject to the offence of Impaired Care or Control.

York Regional Police encourages everyone to call 9-1-1 if they believe a motorist is impaired by drugs or alcohol. They will respond to these calls promptly as they are considered to be crimes in progress.

ENE King 7-Day Weather Outlook
FRESH-4 WEATHER FORECAST SYSTEM

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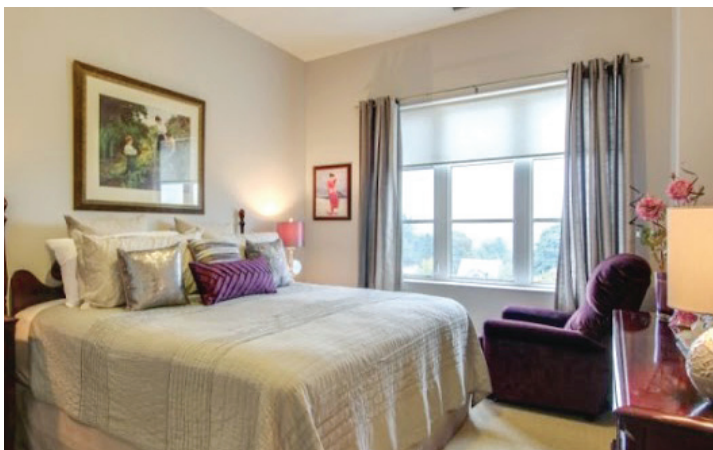
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Spreading cheer, not gifts, should be our mission

"Anyone who believes that men are equal to women has never seen a man trying to shop for his wife at Christmas time."

Some men have a difficult time shopping for their spouses and the holidays simply compound the matter.

I happen to enjoy shopping and don't mind the hustle and bustle of the malls this time of year. However, recent news clips showing the mayhem surrounding Black Friday have definitely put a damper on my enthusiasm.

Until recent years, I didn't have much trouble shopping for my wife. But after 20 years of marriage, and enough earrings to adorn 100 pairs of ears, pickings are getting rather slim. Jewellery and watches used to be the "old reliables," but lately, even these trinkets don't seem to cut it. My wife tends to be a bit hard on her watches as several sad, scratched faces sitting in her jewellery box will attest. And this year, my wife just happened to settle on THE most popular watch on the planet - the Coach stainless "Boy-friend" watch with crystals. Sold out almost everywhere and those that still have it are charging a premium.

This is what I get for waiting so long, according to my wonderfully organized wife, who pretty much has her shopping done. She found my "amazing" gift months ago.

And I hardly think a month before Christmas is past the point of no return. I know men who shop the last couple of days before the big day.

Our younger ones also seem to be having some hiccups this year.

My oldest loves movies, of every genre and time period. As a youngster, she burned through at least three copies of Wizard of Oz. She enjoys Gone with the Wind and I Dream of Jeannie. She presented another lengthy list this year.



Mark Pavilons

My son's list is missing in action. He doesn't seem overly excited about gifts this year.

My youngest has the biggest list and this 10-year-old appears to be our brightest bulb this season.

Maybe the demands of high school, friends, a part-time job and volunteer commitments have caught up with my older two.

Even though our tree has been up for a week already, I don't have the yuletide spirit just yet. Maybe it's the weather. Maybe it's car trouble. Maybe it's the mid-season break for my favourite TV shows.

Failing a decent present, my wife claims that all she wants is a warm and pleasant atmosphere around the house this season. That, and to be whisked away on some romantic adventure. I share her desire, but the realities of our current situation get me down.

I used to be marvellously organized, prepared and spot-on with special occasions and gift-giving.

My interests have dwindled a bit, but my wife always seems to know I need. I've heard it said that when shopping for a spouse, you really get a handle on how well you know them, or don't know them.

We tried to jump-start our wide-eyed wonderment Friday evening, during a "Santa Train" ride in Orangeville. It was festive and the gingerbread cookies were great. Santa was perfect and spent time with each and every child. Of course our two teens spent a considerable amount of time getting on each other's nerves. I need a really long, really sturdy cane, if you know what I mean.

My holiday joy seems to centre around good food, family gatherings and good cheer. I'd rather munch on my favourite foods, have a few cups of cheer and relax, while the young ones engage in Nerf wars all around. I can't wait for those dinners and leftovers that await!

While parts of the world have already seen the white stuff, we've been spared so far. Blame it on the newest El Nino, which experts say will see a warming trend through the winter and into the spring. That suits me well, but I wouldn't mind a covering of snow through the holidays. We all

have new snow tires as well and it would be a shame to waste them!

I am looking forward to local events and passing out toys for local drives. I believe giving is another important part of the season. In fact, in our house, it's a year-long activity.

Some holiday dinner tables will be smaller this year, and that's sad. It's been many, many years since my clan was still around to share in my mom's famous Christmas Eve open houses. That tradition has passed onto me, and hopefully my kids will one day carry this unique torch.

There are some great holiday flicks that poke fun at the hustle, bustle, lights and must-have toys. I get a chuckle out of all of them.

No matter how we celebrate the holidays, certain things are important. My oldest asked Santa for "world peace," but failing that, how about just sharing in the warmth and love that the holidays bring about? How about building on the goodness that begins to ooze out of us? How about extending that to friends as well as strangers?

There's really no limit to making others feel good, this time of year, or all year long.

Letter to the Editor

Welcoming refugee families

I support Canadian and local efforts to welcome Syrian refugees from the UN camps in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey.

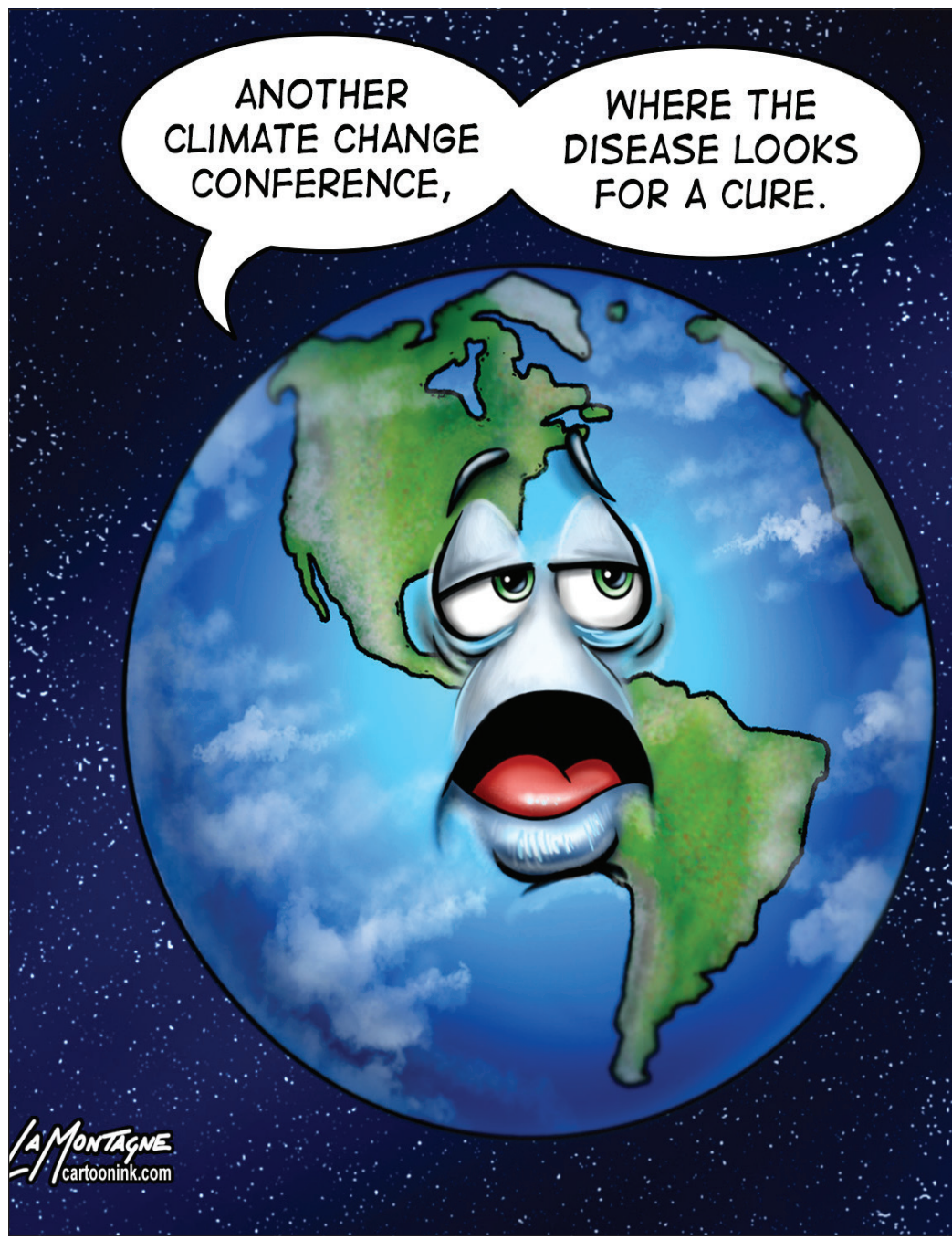
I am writing to respond to those who are asking why we should welcome terrorists into King. I am not an expert in all of the security challenges facing Canada and I do acknowledge that no security system is completely foolproof.

I think some people are confusing the homegrown terrorists carrying French and Belgian passports and killing people in Paris with the destitute families, mothers and children, who have already spent years in the UN-run camps. The former can simply buy an airline ticket to Toronto in order to "infiltrate King." They do not need to come as refugees. The latter will be thoroughly interviewed and screened for security issues by the UN staff, Canadian Embassy and Immigration staff, CSIS and INTERPOL staff and checked through many international databases, before even getting on a list to come to Canada.

Bad things happen when good people do nothing. Are you going to do nothing or do something?

Come to the next organizational meeting on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the King City Library or contact king4refugees@gmail.com.

LCol (ret'd) Susan Beharriell



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Brainteaser

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

Last week's answer: I am "ton."

King Township Trivia

The octagonal shaped dead house in the King City Cemetery was built by John Crook, whose family handled caretaking of the cemetery for three generations.

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Winter tires provide for insurance discount

By Mark Pavilons

Ontario is moving forward with its plan to help lower auto insurance rates in York Region and across the province by requiring all insurance companies in the province to provide a discount for drivers who buy and install winter tires, starting Jan. 1, 2016.

Policies vary among insurance companies. To find out if you qualify, contact your personal broker. Drivers with winter tires need to first contact their

insurance company to determine the amount of the discount they offer and the documentation they require to verify use of winter tires.

According to Ken Orr, of Orr and Associates in Schomberg, it looks like the discount will be in the range from 2% to 2.5% if the tires are on from November to April. Most companies are slated to offer the discount starting January 2016.

He said it looks like most companies are requiring a signed declaration that there are winter tires on the vehicle.

This discount was mandated by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario and the companies have had to file new rating logarithms offering this discount.

Winter tires enhance safety and reduce the likelihood of collisions by improving traction, braking and handling in frost, snow, slush and under cold and icy conditions. When buying winter tires, Ontario is also reminding drivers to:

- Look for tires marked with a logo of a peaked mountain with a snowflake.
- Install winter tires in sets of four.
- Do not mix tires with different tread patterns or size.
- Change tires that are worn close to the tread-wear indicators.
- Check the tires' air pressure at least once a month.

Over the last two years, the government has introduced a number of important and necessary reforms to Ontario's auto insurance system to reduce costs and lower the premiums of Ontario's more than 9.5 million drivers. In order to continue achieving rate reductions, the government outlined a series of further initiatives in the 2015 budget, including bringing costs more in line with other provinces and providing Ontario consumers with more choice in purchasing auto insurance to suit their needs.

"I am excited to see that our government is committed to reducing insurance costs and lowering premiums after recently introducing important and necessary reforms to the auto insurance system. I know that constituents within my riding of Newmarket-Aurora will be very pleased with the introduc-

tion of the winter tire discount. Winters in Ontario can be fierce, this is a great way to protect yourself and lower your insurance premiums. I urge all of my constituents to take advantage of this excellent initiative. Put yourself and your family first, call your insurance company and see how you can benefit by installing winter tires this upcoming season," said MPP Chris Ballard.

"Our government is working hard on numerous measures to protect auto insurance consumers in Ontario, including this new mandatory winter tire discount. Winters in Ontario can create some of the most challenging driving conditions and this is why I encourage my constituents in Markham-Unionville to install winter tires on their vehicles to both significantly improve driver and passenger safety and take advantage of reduced insurance premiums," said Michael Chan, MPP for Markham-Unionville.

"Our government's commitment to reducing auto insurance costs and lowering premiums has ensured that as drivers get ready for the winter season, they will be able to save more on their insurance by installing winter tires," added Vaughan MPP Steven Del Duca.

"Starting this winter season, drivers across Ontario will be able to save on their auto insurance when they buy and install winter tires. Winter tires, designed for use in colder weather, snow and ice, ensure greater comfort and protection due to better traction. I encourage drivers to contact their insurance companies for more details on how to keep themselves, and their families, safer on the roads this winter," noted Reza Moridi, MPP Richmond Hill.

Hankook's innovations help improve winter tire traction

By Mark Pavilons

When it comes to winter tires, manufactures are constantly innovating.

Today's lineup of tires offers a host of unique features that almost contradict the fact they're winter rubber.

Hankook delivers the winter i-pike RW11 studded tire. At first glance, it has an aggressive, almost ferocious pattern. Upon closer inspection, the tire is toned and not at all bulky or clumsy. The stud tire for light trucks and SUVs provides the best traction and braking performance on snowy and icy roads. Maximized snow traction is achieved edge block at centre and it boasts enhanced ice performance with the pin arrangement optimized through computer simulation.

Check out Hankook's i'cept iZ, a miracle of modern technology.

The tread pattern is referred to as a "husky paw print," which mimics the sole of a husky's foot.

"Hankook is constantly innovating to deliver the latest tire technology," says Bullock. "Gone are the days of noisy, clunky winter tires. Today's tires are quiet, safe and performance oriented, even in the worst weather. There is lots of information to help you pick the best tire for your vehicle at hankooktire.ca."

Knowing you're riding comfortably on such advanced tires gives you a sense of confidence behind the wheel. Backed by such glue-like traction, you never have to worry about overcompensating. Let the tire do the work it's designed for.

The proof is in the customers' reviews. Both the i-pike and i'cept get very high marks from customers on stopping, tracking, noise and comfort - all the ingredients drivers look for.

Headquartered in Brampton, Hankook Tire Canada Corporation is a technology-focused, customer-oriented company that markets and distributes a complete line of high performance and ultra-high performance passenger tires, light

truck and SUV tires, winter tires and medium truck and bus tires in Canada. With quality-proven products, Hankook Tire Canada is rapidly growing to become an industry leader in Canada. As the national partner and the "Official Tire" of Hockey Canada, Hankook Tire Canada actively supports grassroots sports and contributes back to local communities.

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Blood donor clinic Dec. 8

Canadian Blood Services were thrilled with the September clinic in Schomberg. The next one will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

Canadian Blood Services have added two more beds, in hopes of another successful clinic.

The holidays are such a challenging time for them as many people, despite good intentions, get the calendar filled up with holiday prep and gatherings to celebrate the season. But the need for blood never takes a holiday, so we must ensure there is always enough blood available for hospital patients when they need it.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini was at the September clinic, noting it was "over the top." He encouraged his fellow councillors, Township staff and King's firefighters to turn out for the next clinic.

"It's the easiest thing to do," he said.

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Groombridge's travels lead him to uncharted territory

By Mark Pavilons

When you are one of the world's most travelled young men, it's not easy to predict where the journeys will lead.

For Schomberg's Brock Groombridge, he's aiming to visit 100 countries by the time he's 30. So far, he's managed to travel to 74 distant lands.

In an unusual pit stop for the non-stop adventurer, Groombridge spent the past year in Boston. While Massachusetts is definitely a must-see destination, Brock fell into an interesting project.

He answered a Craigslist ad for a personal communication assistant, and that employer turned out to be Nick Littlefield, former staff director and chief counsel for Senator Ted Kennedy on the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Littlefield suffers from MSA, an aggressive form of Parkinson's and he needed help finishing his book, "Lion of the Senate," which was released recently. Groombridge was part of his trusted team who went through the painstaking editing process. Given Littlefield's condition, Groombridge spent countless, patient hours getting Littlefield's thoughts on paper and in email messages.

The effort was well worth it and the book is a success. It chronicles Senator Kennedy's efforts during the tumultuous years 1994-96, when the "Republican Revolution" took control of congress,

with Newt Gingrich intending to fulfill the Contract with America. The Republicans were determined to enact a conservative agenda that would reshape American government. Had it not been for Ted Kennedy, they would have succeeded.

Kennedy rallied the Democrats, including President Bill Clinton, passing key legislation.

This cemented Kennedy's role as a liberal "lion in the Senate." Kennedy was the second most senior member of the Senate when he died and was the fourth-longest-serving senator in United States history, having served there for almost 47 years.

Littlefield's book (co-authored by David Nexon) is a first-hand account of those times and Groombridge said it's an excellent read, even if you're not a political pundit. Groombridge noted Littlefield kept very detailed notes on everything - from meetings to dinner conversations - that found their way into the retelling of this story.

Groombridge admitted it was quite an experience, working with someone of that caliber, who was routinely visited by other senators, judges and dignitaries.

With this fascinating pit stop over, it's time for Groombridge to hit the road, literally.

He's a self-made world traveller, blogger and videographer, spending the last six years as a "nomad." He just got his first car - he never really needed one in the past. He considers himself to be "one of the luckiest and most fortunate" people on Earth, having explored 74 countries to date.

Through Viator, considered to be the world's leading resource for researching, finding and booking the best travel experiences worldwide, Groombridge is heading off to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. The eight-day junket will include many unique tours offered by Viator.

This will mean long days of traveling and filming. "We'll be working our tails off," Brock admitted.

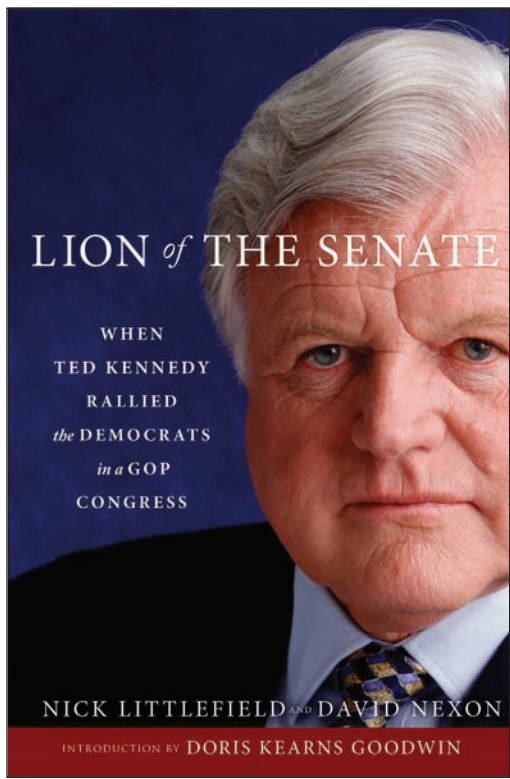
He was hoping to get in some skiing this season, and he'll get his wish, although the hills he'll be visiting are indoors, in the middle of the desert.

It's the ultimate in reality TV and Groombridge says "it's incredible not only to travel, but be paid to do it."

His next stop is Mexico for a friend's wedding. He's purchased a one-way



Schomberg's Brock Groombridge has visited 74 countries around the world. He's aiming for 100 by the time he's 30. While in Boston, he helped edit a new book on Senator Ted Kennedy.



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ticket because from there, the real adventure will begin. Groombridge hopes to explore Central America but doesn't have a set itinerary or game plan. He seldom does. He simply goes where the wind takes him.

He's adventurous, but definitely not stupid. Years of experience have taught him how to travel well and safely. His mother says he has "horseshoes" because in all those years, he's never had an issue. There are ways to travel inexpensively and really enjoy the culture of the places you visit.

Groombridge has become a bit of an advocate for travel, and even advises people on their routes and choices, especially students who choose to travel in their "gap year." He recommends it for everyone.

Travelling really builds character skills such as confidence, perseverance and communication. He admits he doesn't speak any other language fluently, so he gets by the best he can in each new nation.

He's uncovered some interesting truths about the world. Despite our differences, people the world over are basically the same. The world is huge, but at the same time, it can be a rather small place. Brock noted he met two female travellers in India one spring and the following fall he bumped into them at the mountain-top ancient city of Machu Picchu in Peru.

Through his blog (backpackwithbrock.com), YouTube channel, Instagram and Snapchat (@backpackerbrock), Groombridge keeps his followers informed. He's personable and light-hearted in his reviews, but sometimes you can't help but get a little philosophical. That time in Machu Picchu was very moving.

His adventures have made him quite appreciative and grateful, for every day on this beautiful blue-green ball. Groombridge doesn't know what he will do after he reaches 100 countries. Perhaps another must-see list will be created. Or maybe he'll find a niche helping other world travellers in search of mysteries.

Whatever he decides, Brock Groombridge may very well become "the world's most travelled man."

For more, visit backpackwithbrock.com.

Christmas concert Friday

King Township Historical Society invites you to their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m., at All Saints Anglican Church, 12935 Keele St, King City. Tickets are \$15 at the door; children 12 and under are free. Come celebrate the Christmas Season with a delightful concert featuring two very talented women from King Township: Nicole Lancaster, a young harpist from King City and Kettleby's own Catherine Hughes, the "Diva in the Rough."

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Alloro Fine Foods caters to customers' needs

By Mark Pavilons

When you walk through the doors of Nobleton's newest grocery store, your palate will thank you.

Alloro Fine Foods is not your typical grocery store. In fact, there's nothing typical behind the counters of this modern store that concentrates on customer service and quality foods. There's a lot of experience within those walls, as department managers all boast decades of experience.

As you enter the 10,000-square-foot store in the Nobleton plaza, you're met with a splash of colour from the produce, which includes a growing organic selection. Vince Lobuglio, store manager, noted their selection is constantly changing to meet customer requests. If you're looking for an exclusive brand of olive oil, Alloro can provide a bottle of the very best. If you're looking for a special product, don't be afraid to ask.

Tucked in the corner is a quaint bakery where you can find fresh breads, cakes and desserts of every description.

The never-ending meat and deli counter grabs your attention. The third generation butcher can find that perfect, one-inch-thick steak. Or try the in-house stuffed pork, roasted turkey or chicken, that goes right from the oven to the counter. All of the beef is aged to perfection. There's a huge selection of sausages, ranging from blueberry maple to veal and lamb. The chef-made

roast beef is to die for, as are the ready packed marinated meats. All you have to do is pop them in the oven and voila, dinner is served.

Lobuglio calls it "gourmet meats on the go." It's really making every day cooking challenges a lot easier for modern families.

Alloro also stocks a variety of fresh fish, meats from Beretta, and Mennonite chicken and turkey.

The dairy and frozen sections cater to customers' needs as well, as they've been asking for more organic and gluten-free products. Alloro has introduced Miller's Dairy line of jersey milk. Offering local products, Alloro sells Pioneer Brand Honey as well as Happy Juice.

One of the centrepieces of the store is the large, elaborate hot food section that offers a wide range of meat, pastas and salads prepared fresh daily. Look for rice balls, veal and even rabbit stew. Pizza is made to order on the spot, making it a great spot to stop for lunch, or to grab a dish on the way home after work. Enjoy their soup of the day or a cup of Lavazza coffee.

The store is expanding its offering of house brands of soups, sauces and marinades.

Lobuglio, who boasts 30 years in the independent grocery business, enjoys people and interacting with customers. It's all about building relationships with customers and catering to their needs, he said.



Rose Marchese, Vince Lobuglio and Donna Compagnone provide top-notch customer service and quality products at Alloro Fine Foods.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

That sentiment is echoed by co-owner Donna Compagnone. "Service is key," she said, adding they've put together a very knowledgeable and passionate staff who will help the business grow.

Alloro is really a family affair. Joining Compagnone is her husband Aldo, along with Rose and Vince Marchese. Everyone pitches in when needed. Their knowledge of the food industry, together with offering a unique variety of products, pulls everything together in this bright, open-concept store. Com-

pagnone gives credit to the Brand Factory for creating their image.

Quality and service always win out. At Alloro customers have both in spades.

The store is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Alloro will be holding its grand opening Thursday, Dec. 3. Handling the BBQ will be staff from Beretta Family Farms. A ribbon cutting is planned for 3 p.m.

Election of regional chair referred to February

York regional council referred the matter of publicly electing the position of regional chair by general vote to the Feb. 18, 2016 meeting and asked staff to bring a report to council on the experience in other regions.

Regional council also asked staff to bring back a report to the Feb. 18 meeting on undertaking a comprehensive review of governance in York Region and propose a Terms of Reference for a study.

Regional council was responding to a motion by City of Markham Regional Councillor Joe Li to support the election of the regional chair as proposed by Bill 42, a private member's bill in the Ontario Legislature to amend the Municipal Act in this regard. Bill 42 seeks to require the regional chair to be elected by a general vote beginning in the next municipal election in October 2018.

Since York Region was established in 1971, the regional chair has been elected by members of regional council. In 2012, a similar motion was defeated by council in favour of retaining the status quo.



Construction begins on new roundabout

By Mark Pavilons

The first roundabout in King will soon transform the landscape at the corner of Lloydtown-Aurora Road and Keel Street.

Construction has started on a now common traffic feature. It's a large undertaking and will take roughly one year to complete.

Work will include constructing a single lane roundabout; installing intersection lighting and extending and repairing culverts in the area.

Access will be maintained throughout the construction period, according to York Region staff. They will make every effort to minimize disruption to those living and working in the area.

A roundabout is a circular intersection without stop signs or traffic signals, designed to improve flow. Traffic moves counter-clockwise around a central island.

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Happy Juice helps on the road to good health

By Mark Pavilons

We have to be accountable for what we put in our bodies.

A Nobleton man has made it simple for all of us to kick-start our road to recovery. David Vena is the creator of the Happy Juice Co. and its line of fresh organic juices that are chock full of essential micro-nutrients that our bodies require.

He stressed Happy Juice is not another organic fruit juice, but rather it's a pure vegetable drink that provides the equivalent of 4-6 servings of fruits and green vegetables per bottle. These concoctions provide a host of anti-oxidants, boost cell health and immunity. Plus, they taste great.

Consumers no longer have to settle for unpalatable green smoothies or vegetable beverages. Now, you can get it all in one 255-milliliter bottle.

Vena, a single dad, has been a health and fitness enthusiast for decades. He used to blend his own juices at home but wanted to come up with a quick, easy way to get all the needed nutrients in a great-tasting beverage. He wanted his son to get the needed green veggies, but he wouldn't drink any of the existing products on the market. Working with a friend who is a chef, he came up with a lineup of eight amazing flavours, all of which make you smile. His son kept asking for more.

And that's when he knew that being healthy starts with being happy. And Happy Juice fits the bill.

Vena said it's great for kids and teens whose cells are forming and developing before our eyes. Popular kids' flavours are Sunshiny Kale and Happy Dance.

The product has been popular in Toronto area restaurants, grocery stores and juice bars. Vena introduced the product to Nobleton's Alloro Fine Foods and it's been literally flying off the shelves.

One of the culprits to good health is our fast-paced lifestyles. The key to better health, Vena said, is to slow down a bit, eat the best we can, and make sure we get those essential nutrients in our diet. Toss a bottle or two of Happy Juice into your routine and you're on your way.

Once you start drinking Happy Juice, your nutritional level will "go through the roof," Vena attests. Customers have told him after being on the juice they

have more energy, sleep better and have fewer minor aches and pains.

Those home-made creations can be time-consuming and often taste bad. They're not conducive to our hectic lifestyles where consumers demand convenience. One bottle of Happy Juice can be consumed in under a minute and give you more nutritional value than a soup and salad.

Live, organic greens are the way to go and your body just takes to them. Vena noted that we don't ingest enough micro-nutrients for proper cell health. Dark green vegetables, like kale, collard greens and spinach, are like high-octane fuel for our engines.

Happy Juices contain 70-to-80% green vegetables with just hints of fruit juices to complement the drink and enhance the flavour. The drink names say it all - Happy Dance, Happy Glow, Sunshiny Kale, Happy Tomato and Twilight Lemonade. For the cold and flu season, Vena recommends Sweet Tart Love, which combines spinach, orange, a hint of lemon, ginger and mint. It may just beat out chicken soup as the cure for the common cold!

Happy Juice was founded on the philosophy that happiness stems from being healthy, and Happy Juice can be a big part of the process in our busy lifestyles. Pounded for pound it delivers a tremendous amount of live, green nutrients in such a quick, easy, delicious way.

Vena wasn't aiming at a commercial success, but rather he was driven to provide a good product that helps people become healthier. He loves meeting people at the demos he presents.

There are no limits to the amount of fresh vegetables we can consume in a day. The added bonus of getting those nutrients is it invigorates our taste buds to promote healthy eating. Happy Juices are "epic craving killers" Vena said, noting they will help us to make better food choices.

Vena also offers some healthy tips that include a "nutritional supercharge" and "powerwash" cleanses. Using Happy Juice as a staple, a 3-, 5- or 7-day cleanse will work wonders.

Vena urges everyone to be healthy and be happy.

Happy Juice can be part of the process.

For more, visit <http://happyjuiceco.com> or drop into Alloro and try some for yourself.



Nobleton's David Vena started Happy Juice Co., which offers vital nutrients all in one small bottle. He's seen with Julie Marsland at Alloro Fine Foods.

FEATURE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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- 4 eggs
- 1 lb Panko bread crumb
- 4 cups canola oil

Method

1. Melt butter in a stock pot with chopped onion - sauté with no colour. Add rice and deglaze with wine then add boiling stock slowly.
2. By adding all the stock the rice will become overcooked. Remove from pot onto a cookie sheet..allow to cool.
3. Add all cheese and mix.
4. Scoop into 2 oz portions.



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Did you know that you have the power to stop the perpetuating cycle of weight gain right at its source?

only for the young gym buff you typically see on TV. Did you know, there could be some underlying health reasons why your body is choosing to store fat and calories as opposed to burning it for fuel and energy? Our hormones govern everything in our bodies from our mood to how we eat, sleep, drink, and even breathe. Consider your energy levels; do you struggle with low sex drive, getting to sleep at night or even waking up in the morning? Ever feel that 3pm energy crash, or do your food cravings control your day? These factors all point to an underlying hormone imbalance that is undeniably keeping you fat!

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Main Street Christmas

The Annual Main Street Christmas is happening on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

At 4 p.m. Santa Claus makes his appearance in the parade. It starts at Western Avenue and Main Street, heading south on Main Street through the Main Street district.

If you are interested in participating in this parade, please call myself, Wendy-Sue, at 905-590-0054 or email me at wsue52@hotmail.com.

There are a myriad of activities, entertainments, foods and talent presentations throughout the afternoon and at 8 p.m. Main Street, once again hosts another magnificent parade, this one the beloved "Parade of Lights." This amaz-

ing show is mainly presented by our strong agricultural community and is most definitely a sight to behold. If you are interested in participating in this show of lights, please contact Sandy or Dennis O'Hara at 905-939-7174.

Please note a special change; this magnificent evening parade will now take the same route as the afternoon Santa Claus Parade. They will emerge onto Main Street from Western Avenue (by the Old Arena) head south on Main Street and carry on through to Moore Park Drive and onto Roselena.

For a small community, in a small space, Main Street Christmas welcomes over 5,000 people to celebrate the gifts of Christmas, kick off the festive season and most importantly transports everyone to a happy, generous, giving place where we can all celebrate this most important time of year.

Visit the Craft Show in the Community Hall (from 3-8 p.m.); enjoy both parades; be entertained by the jugglers, musicians, singers, minstrels, magicians, Victorian ladies and gents all while enjoying some delicious foods.

Admission for this event is \$5. per

person, children 12 and under are free.

Parking in Schomberg is at a premium at the best of times. During MSC, from 3 p.m. on, Main Street will be closed from Dr. Kay Drive right down to Church Street. It will be open to pedestrians only!

Street parking will be very limited and all visitors are strongly encouraged to make use of the three parking lots that will be services by free shuttle buses at The Brownsville Plaza, Crossroads Plaza and Trisan Centre.

At noon Dec. 5, the public is invited to share in the memorial that the Schomberg Village Association is dedicating to the late Henry Verbruggen. They are officially unveiling a bench in front of the Schomberg Community Hall, in honour of the tireless and generous volunteer work that Henry gave to their organization.

Emmanuel Presbyterian

The Presbyterian Church on Main St. is having its Bake Sale, Bazaar and Christmas Cafe on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

There will be a terrific selection of gift baskets, baked goods and crafts to suit everyone's budget and Christmas list, but most of all, those taste buds.

Tea, coffee, cold drinks, scones, muffins, cookies and pie or soup and a bun will be served. Come and join your friends for lunch! The Christmas Cafe will open all day.

Christmas music will be presented upstairs, in the church, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The church is doing a sock drive for Evangel Hall. This is an outreach and residential mission in Toronto for homeless individuals and families. They provide many services such as meals, housing, dentistry, hair cuts etc. Visit <http://www.evangelhall.ca/>

We are hoping that people will bring socks to the church for A Main Street Christmas. A large sock will be hanging at the entrance. You are welcome to drop off a donation of winter socks for use at a homeless shelter.

Cougars toy drive

The Schomberg Cougars are hosting a toy drive for Sick Kids Hospital. New and unwrapped toy donations will be collected at the home games on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 at the Trisan Centre.

Babysitting course

The next Red Cross Babysitting Course will be offered at the King City branch on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. This popular course is for ages 11-14. It will get you certified and for you parents-this course now qualifies as a "Children's Activity Tax Credit."

The cost is \$50 per participant. We just ask that you pre-register and pre-pay at any of our four libraries.

York Pines Church

On Dec. 5 in Schomberg from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Main Street Christmas festival you can purchase coffee and cookies and make an angel craft. Upstairs at the back of the Community Hall there is a platform where the coffee and cookies will be sold. Proceeds will be used for the Mission Fund of the York Pines United Church.

See 'Drive' on Page 15



New board for Schomberg Agricultural Society

The Schomberg Agricultural Society named its 2016 Board of Directors, at their AGM, held at Cardinal Golf Club Nov. 22. Shown are (back, l to r) directors Brenda See, Judy Duffy, Karen Baker, Bill McPhail, Ed Gardhouse, Ryan Lahey, Fraser MacDonald, Danny Kanyo, Jesse Hepburn (also secretary) and (front) executives 2nd VP Mike O'Hara, VP Bev Donaldson, President Kevin Holmes, Manager Cathy D'Alessandro, Past President Ron Hepburn, Treasurer Linda Jessop.

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Sunday, December 20TH
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Photos with a King feel earn honours in contest



By Mark Pavilons

Creative images of York and the Greenbelt were showcased recently.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, the Professional Photographers of Canada – Ontario (PPOC-ON), and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection announced the 20 winners of the photo contest celebrating 10 years of Ontario's nearly 2 million acres of permanently protected Greenbelt. Judges had their work cut out for them as 800 submissions were received.

Judged by a jury of professional photographers and creative employees from the three organizations, the winning photographs are showcased at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg, and will be on site until spring 2016. Two people's choice winners were also chosen based on an online vote.

King City's Kate Goodale won for her shot of a local woodland creature.

Alexander Harras of Richmond Hill, a King Township staffer, also won for his creative image of a cow.

The submissions received included stunning landscapes, agricultural, wildlife, and human subjects. All of the winning submissions can be found at www.greenbelt.ca/photo_contest.

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"PPOC-ON is honoured to have been asked to lend their expertise in judging the Greenbelt's 10th Anniversary Photo Contest," said Jean Chartrand, MPA, Chair, PPOC-ON. "Choosing just 20 images to represent the Greenbelt from over 800 unique submissions was no easy task. The submissions reveal great diversity in both the landscape and artistic expression from the participants. As Canada's leader in developing and maintaining the highest level of photographic excellence, the PPOC-ON encourages the continuing growth of photographers at all levels. We look forward to seeing more great work from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation in the future and encourage them to pursue their passion for photography, agriculture, and the natural landscape."

"These photographs provide us with a great opportunity to engage visitors, particularly students, while supporting an organization working to help strengthen local economies, and protect and grow the natural features of Ontario's Greenbelt," said Anna Stanisz, associate director, Creative Learning and Programs, McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

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Images snapped by King's Kate Goodale (above) and King Township staffer Alexander Harras (top) picked up honours in a recent photo contest. The photos will be on display at The McMichael Canadian Art Collection through next spring.

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REPORT

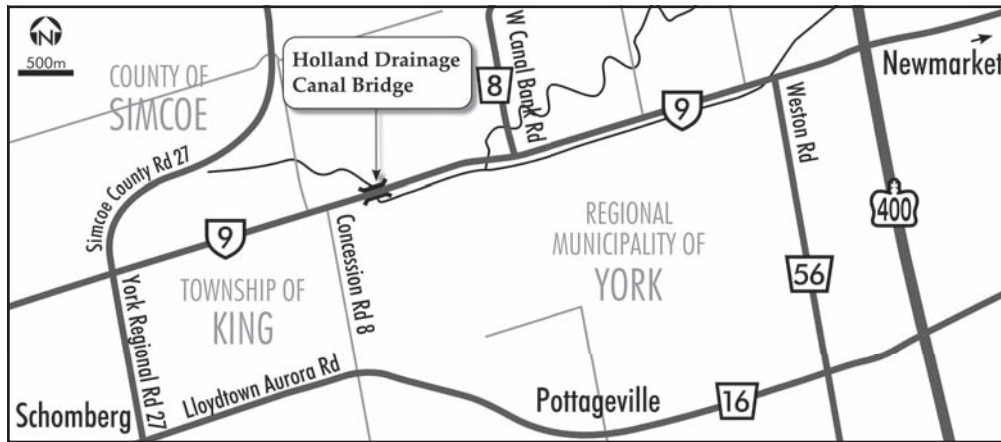
Detail Design for the Holland Drainage Canal Bridge Replacement on Highway 9
(G.W.P. 2188-08-00)

THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** retained **Stantec Consulting Ltd.**, to complete the Detail Design for the replacement of the Holland Drainage Canal Bridge on Highway 9, located in the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, as shown on the key plan.

The project includes:

- Replacement of the Holland Drainage Canal Bridge on a new alignment approximately 10m north of the existing structure; and,
- Reconstruction of the bridge approaches on Highway 9 to accommodate the new structure.



Key Plan

THE PROCESS

This project was carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' undertakings under the MTO's *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (1999, amended 2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project. The final design for the bridge replacement has not changed since the previous study that was documented in the Transportation Environmental Study Report Addendum, April 2013. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to document the final design, construction staging, environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for this project.

The DCR will be available from **December 3, 2015 to January 19, 2016** for a 45-day public review period and can be reviewed at the following locations during normal hours of operation:

**Ministry of Transportation
Central Region**
Environmental Section
159 Sir William Hearst Avenue, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M3M 0B7
Mon. to Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Regional Municipality of York
Regional Clerk's Office**
Administration Building
17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor
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**Township of King
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2075 King Road
King City, ON L7B 1A1
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**Town of New Tecumseh Public Library
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Fri.: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sat.: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**King Township Public Library
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Sat.: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun.: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Ministry of the Environment and
Climate Change - Central Region**
5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor
Toronto, ON M2M 4J1
Mon. to Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the DCR and provide comments by **January 19, 2016**. If after this time no significant concerns have been identified, construction may commence subject to funding and approvals. The DCR is not eligible for a Part II Order (i.e. 'bump-up' opportunity). If you have questions or comments please contact one of the individuals identified below:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



Councillors urge residents to recycle their junk mail

By Mark Pavilons

Residents need to take the bull by the horns and clean up the mess around neighbourhood mailboxes.

That was the message from King councillors recently, who discussed just how to clean up junk mail piling up around supermailboxes.

Andrzej Drzewiecki, Director of Engineering, Public Works and Building, pointed out that Markham has a unique program in place. They put blue boxes under the mailboxes that contain a slot for junk mail. Residents simply deposit their waste in the boxes, which are then picked up by city staff.

Councillors stressed that King simply doesn't have the money necessary for staff to visit every mailbox and empty the recycling bins. Canada Post won't address the issue either, so the onus is on residents themselves to address the problem.

Councillor Bill Cober said people often look to government to solve all of their problems.

"This is a litterbug problem," he pointed out, adding residents need to simply take their junk mail home and deposit in their own recycling bins.



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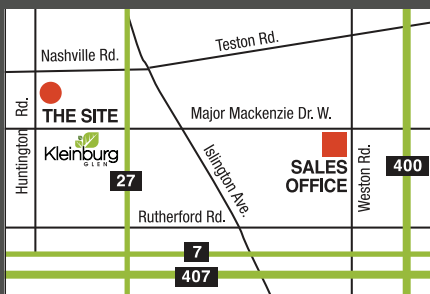
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Drive to support 'Coats for Kids' charity

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In addition, you can sit down and make an angel craft. Adults and children with adults are welcome to have a break from all the browsing and take time to make an angel craft suitable for hanging on the Christmas tree. The angels praised God at the first Christmas and our spiritual task is to find the reason in our hearts to join in that praise. God turned Jesus back into this world; God turns our hearts into glorifying God for God's gifts.

Then on Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. those who find Christmas difficult are invited to attend an ecumenical service of prayer, readings and reflections at the All Saints' Anglican Church in King City. This "Blue Christmas" service is sponsored by the King City and Area Ministerial Association. During the service you will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. If you wish, you may choose to be anointed with oil. The service points to the God who is with us in both our joys and our sorrows.

For more information you may call the church at 905-727-8118. The York Pines United Church is located at 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road. Worship is every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. There is room in a pew for you.

St. Patrick's Historical Committee

The St. Patrick's Church Historical Committee is moving ahead with plans to publish a booklet to commemorate the Centennial of St. Patrick's Church. They have a meeting planned for Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and welcome anyone who would like to participate in this venture or have information for it. To find out more about this project and the location of the meetings please call Cathy at 905-939-8955 or 905-868-4154 or email her at ivan.cathy.peters@rogers.com

Cathy is hoping that anyone with pictures of the church, or any events that took place there, especially from 1976 to present, or anyone with stories and anecdotes to share related to the church or their families involved, to please share them with the committee by the end of November.

They can either provide them to Cathy or to Bill Foran.

Free Community Library

As our community grows and houses seem to be popping up everywhere-have you noticed this new little home offering refuge to those who "have the need to read!"

You'll find this welcoming tiny little library in front of Helen Wicki-Nadler's Veterinary Clinic on Highway 27, right in the middle of Nobleton!

Help yourself to any reading material you find in the home and feel free to replace with any of your gently used reading materials. Thanks Helen at all!

Blood clinic

You have the power to give life - it's in you to give!

"Wrap it up Red" is the Canadian Blood Services' theme for this blood donor clinic planned for Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre (25 Dillane Drive, Schomberg).

Donate blood this holiday season to give life at blood.ca. You can book your appointment by visiting www.blood.ca or just come out and give!

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

"Just a wee deoch an doris" is Gaelic for a small toast at the door and many of Scottish heritage here in King Township and around the globe took "a wee drap that's all" to honour St. Andrew Scotland's patron saint as they celebrated St Andrew's Day this past Nov. 30.

The St Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that Andrew probably knew Jesus from going to hear John the Baptist and became his first follower. He and his older brother Peter were fishermen born in the small town of Bethsaida on Sea of Galilee.

After the Pentecost meeting 50 days following Jesus resurrection when the disciples received the Holy Spirit Andrew is thought to have gone to the Black Sea region and worked as a missionary in Scythia (Ukraine) and southwest Russia. Then making way his way to Greece he stayed in Byzantium (later Constantinople) where he consecrated its first bishop.

His final home was in Patras Greece where he continued his mission work for some years establishing a large Christian community there. During a

persecution of Christians he was arrested and crucified on an X-shaped cross. His tomb can still be seen in Patras. But at a later date his bones were scattered.

Regulus, a Christian monk, is said to have brought some to Scotland and the Christian Pictish king Oengus granted him a piece of land on which to bury them and build a small church nearby. Over the years a great abbey/cathedral took the place of the tiny church and the city bearing the saint's name, St. Andrew's, grew up around it. But the rumours that the saint became its first golf pro are completely unfounded!

According to tradition about 100 years later King Oengus II led a small army of Picts and Scots against a larger army of invading Angles at Athelstaneford in southern Scotland. He prayed to St. Andrew for victory. In the morning white clouds seemed to form an X shape against the blue sky and Oengus won. He proclaimed Andrew Scotland's patron. Did he have a "wee deoch an doris" as Sir Harry Lauder's song goes? Nevertheless the white X on a blue background became Scotland's national flag.

Curling Club holiday bonspiel

No need to hang up your curling brooms and curling gear, just yet, for

the holidays, because there is one more Bonspiel being planned in Santa's workshop!

Come out and curl with fellow club members, non-member friends, and family at this fun club level Holiday Spiel on Sunday, Dec. 27.

Enter as a team or as an individual and any individuals will be placed on teams by the spiel organizers. This spiel is open for all, whether you are an experienced curler or a new curler. Any equipment will be available, if needed.

There will be door prizes, team prizes, individual prizes and even themed costume prizes!

Coat drive

Schomberg Chiropractic Wellness Centre is holding their annual Coat/Boot Drive to benefit "Coats for Kids."

This organization distributes the clothing to individuals in need in York Region and Simcoe County.

"Coats For Kids" need gently used and washed children's coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, mittens and scarves. Items can be dropped off at Schomberg Chiropractic (Brownsville Junction Mall) until Dec. 15.

They can be contacted at 905-939-7569 or www.schombergchiropractic.ca.

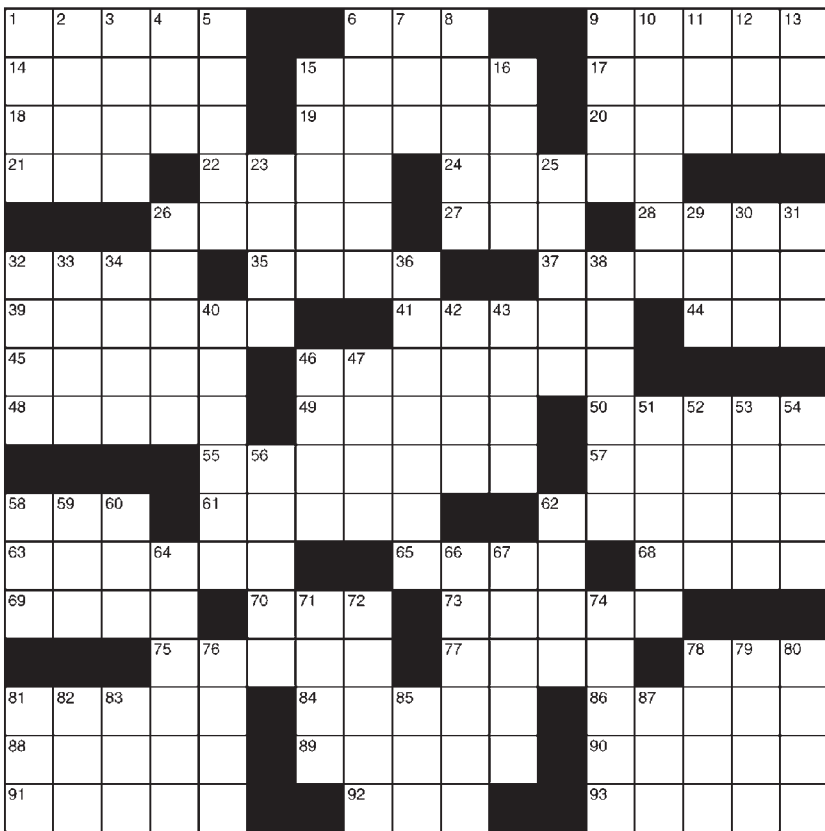


Lions install benches

The Nobleton Lions Club installed 2 new benches at the local mall in Nobleton. Lion Joe Tascia was instrumental in getting approval, purchasing and installing the 2 benches that will help our seniors taking a rest while shopping.

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1. Short-billed rail
6. Boulder or Aswan
9. "___ You Went Away"
14. Heart artery
15. Vocabulary
17. Staggering
18. Soggy
19. Determine in favor of
20. Spur wheel
21. Curious
22. Roof projection
24. Bow freshener
26. Vinegar container
27. Shade tree
28. The lowdown
32. Persian ruler
35. Deficiency
37. Harmony
39. Straightforward
41. Gaucho's rope
44. 25th letter
45. Eight singers
46. Very small amount
48. Giraffe's kin
49. Stately
50. Social division
55. Type of truck

57. Spam source
58. Fitness facility
61. Boutonniere's location
62. Female college grad
63. Breadwinner
65. Countess's spouse
68. Glimpsed
69. Modeling material
70. Cotton machine
73. Shoe leather for Elvis
75. Distrustful
77. Gush out
78. Lady lobster
81. Dislike intensely
84. Permeate
86. Elude
88. Twist
89. Fern seed
90. Slang
91. Western prop
92. Tilling tool
93. Loaded

4. Naut. units
5. "Peter, Peter, pumpkin ___"
6. Erase
7. Lumberman's tool
8. Tiny
9. Hindu dress
10. Coincidental
11. Unprecedented
12. 3-point Scrabble tile
13. Addition to a house
15. River embankment
16. Greek porch
23. Cousin's mother
25. Slide smoothly along
26. Bird's noise
29. "It's ___ or Never"
30. Pan-broil
31. Work by Keats
32. Drive away
33. Pawn
34. Rectangular pier
36. Drool
38. Disallow
40. Suppress
42. Resting
43. Venerable
46. Breeze, of sorts
47. Particle
51. Keep in stitches

52. Bar reorder
53. Prong
54. Fervor
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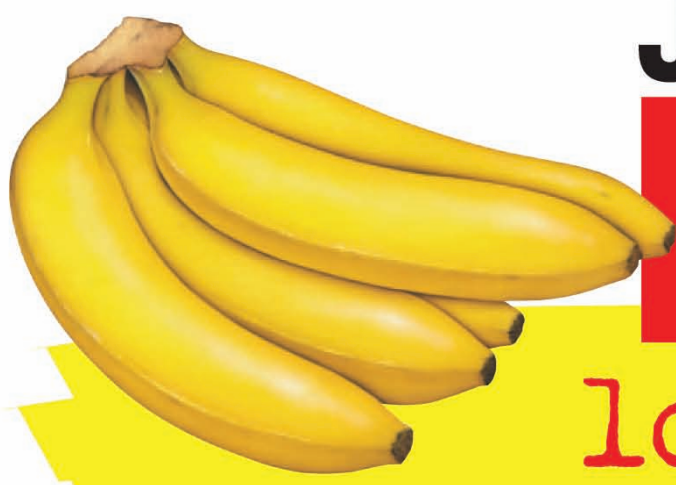
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Cougars' offence struggles in back-to-back losses

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

A shutout at home and another road loss have dropped the Schomberg Cougars closer to the bottom of Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League standings.

Meeting the surging Caledon Golden Hawks at Trisan Centre on Thursday night, the Hawks' roll could not be stopped. The previously basement-dwelling team beat Schomberg goaltender Vince Michelizzi twice in the first period, who could hardly be blamed while being peppered with shots.

He did not, however, come out to start the third period between the pipes after giving up three more goals in the second, putting the Cougars in a 5-0 hole with the game all but over.

Martin Lauzon was solid in relief, despite still searching for his first win this season. He stopped all seven shots he faced in the final frame, while his players provided no assistance for him at the other end, unsuccessful in all eighteen

shots they put on Caledon's Sam Procopio throughout the game.

Terriers take a bite

A golden opportunity for a rebound performance came on Sunday, facing the Terriers in Orillia, an organization that had struggled to only three wins despite the fact the Junior C season is more than half over.

Schomberg was by far the dominant squad in the first period, spending a good portion in the Orillia end, but were unable to solve Gordie Weiss for their fourth shutout period in a row.

Joseph Mete finally put the Cougars on the board midway through the second, snapping a seven-game goalless drought to take the lead. Orillia came storming back just minutes later for three unanswered goals, scored within just four minutes of game time.

A five-minute power play to end the second was just one of five-man advantages on the night that found the Cougars unsuccessful.



Schomberg's Ryley Egerton attempts to clear the front of the Schomberg net against Caledon. The Golden Hawks shut out the Cougars 5-0 at the Trisan Centre on Thursday.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



King's Rosie MacLennan qualified for the 2016 Olympics in Rio with a fourth place finish at the 2015 World Trampoline Championships in Denmark.

Photo from Twitter

MacLennan bounces to berth in Rio Olympics

By Jake Courtepatte

It may not have been the outcome she desired, but Canada's trampoline champion has officially earned her spot in the 2016 Summer Olympics.

King City's Rosie MacLennan was left off the podium in last weekend's World Trampoline Championships, having earned silver and gold in the annual competition over the last two years respectively.

But her fourth-place finish at the event in Odense, Denmark did secure her a position on Team Canada in Rio, needing only to finish in the top eight in semifinals of individual trampoline.

"It obviously wasn't the outcome I was hoping for, but it's reassuring to know I'm guaranteed for Rio," said the 2012 Olympic gold medal winner on Monday. "Now I can just focus on that."

The 27-year-old just missed the podium with a final score of 55.505 points in the final round. Piatrenia Tatsiana of Belarus earned the bronze with 55.665, while Chinese teammates Liu Lingling (55.755) and Li Dan (56.600) picked up the silver and gold.

Despite missing the podium on the sport's second biggest stage, MacLennan will still be a favourite to win gold next summer as the reigning Olympic champ.

"The sport of trampoline is always becoming more and more advanced; you have to learn to adapt with it."

MacLennan's training schedule took a turn for the worse when she suffered a concussion while training in July, although she still earned gold in the Pan Am Games that month.

"Every day that I couldn't train I had to adapt. My schedules can be really strict, so switching from my normal training routines can be pretty difficult."

Her veteran teammate, Stouffville's Karen Cockburn, finished 24th in the semifinals.

"My optional routine was a rough one today," said the 35-year-old in a Gymnastics Canada press release.

Aurora's Samantha Sendel just missed advancing out of the qualification round with a score of 95.385.

King Township's male trampoline star, Jason Burnett of Nobleton, finished 18th in the semifinal round of the men's individual competition.

The third period was marred by a couple cases of fisticuffs, with JP Crescenzi and Carter LeRoux both getting the boot for Schomberg as well as their sparring opponents from Orillia.

The Terriers added an empty-netter with less than a minute left for a final score of 4-1.

With Schomberg's only road win on the season coming earlier this month in Orillia, the Cougars will face a tough task on Sunday when they visit the Erin Shamrocks, holding an equal 8-13-2 record.

The organizations are tied for second-last in the GMOHL stand-

ings, ahead of only the Terriers.

Schomberg will first have to get by the Penetang Kings (10-12-1) at Trisan Centre on Thursday. Puck drop is at 8:30 p.m.

The Cougars are hosting a holiday toy drive for SickKids Hospital, kicking off this Thursday and ending one week later at their home game against Alliston. New and unwrapped toy donations will be collected at both home games at the Trisan Centre.

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

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Nobleton native captures bronze at under-18 tourney

By ANDREW HIND

Look up “tireless” in the dictionary and you might just see a photo of 16-year old Rose Falzone.

The word defines the hard-working Nobleton native as a hockey player – aptly on display during a five-game span that saw her come home with a bronze medal as part of Team Ontario (Blue) at the Under-18 Women’s National Championships. She’s also tops in scholastic pursuits at St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School.

“I play with a lot of passion, a lot of hard work. Even though I may not be the most skilled player, I go out there with my heart on my skates,” a beaming Falzone said in the wake of the bronze medal-winning game against Team BC in Huntsville. Old-time hockey players would refer to Falzone as a “heart-and-soul” kind of player. She’s the kind of player that winning teams are made of.

While there’s no denying her on-ice work ethic and passion – during the tournament she didn’t take a single easy shift – the modest Falzone is un-

derplaying her own skill. In 2014, she was a gold medalist at the Ontario Winter Games and was selected for the Under-16 Ontario Women’s Hockey Association High-Performance Development Camp. Playing for Mississauga in the Provincial Women’s Hockey League this year, the right-winger has racked up an impressive four goals and two assists in nine games.

As impressive as Falzone’s stats may be, they are outshined by her scholastic achievements: enrolled in the Advanced Placement Program, she has a 97% average (she’s been on the Honour Roll every year since 2011) and still finds time to serve on the student council.

“It’s hard juggling school, hockey and social life, but I love the balance. It keeps me motivated, keeps me busy. I love pushing myself,” she said.

Falzone also pushes those around her, a trait which led Team Ontario coaches to name her an alternate captain. Her on-ice leadership was evident throughout the tourney, and she was employed extensively in key situations when the team needed settling or to hold onto a lead.



Nobleton’s Rose Falzone was part of the bronze medal-winning Ontario U-16 team.

Submitted Photos



“It meant a lot to me being a leader on this team. Being able to share my experience with my teammates, stepping up to the challenge, helping motivate my teammates feels great,” Falzone explains.

After losing a 3-1 heartbreaker to Manitoba that saw them eliminated from a chance to play for the gold, Team Ontario (Blue) had to refocus for a critical game Sunday for the bronze medal – a game with they ultimately won 4-3.

“Bronze wasn’t the color we wanted but it still feels great being able to win a medal at a tournament with the best players in the country. It’s amazing being able to bring home a medal to my home town, my family and my friends,” the exuberant Falzone explained while caressing the medal hanging around her neck, as if to make sure it was real. “I’m not going to take it off for a few days. I’m going to wear it around school

to show my friends.” Falzone ended the tournament with two assists in five games.

She’ll savor the experience for a while, but it’s now back to work realizing other dreams and ambitions.

“Hopefully I will have a chance to represent Ontario again next year because I’m only 16 and have another year of eligibility, and then hopefully Team Canada. In terms of school, I have some scholarship options from universities from both sides of the border so I’m pretty excited – I want to play hockey and study pre-med.”

For most people that may sound like a heavy load, maybe too much to successfully take on, but Rose Falzone isn’t most people. One is left with little doubt this young woman – a winner on and off the ice – can accomplish anything she sets her mind to.

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Thank you to all who attended Christmas in King and Congratulations to Tiffany Tomlinson, winner of the yoga mat and session package!!

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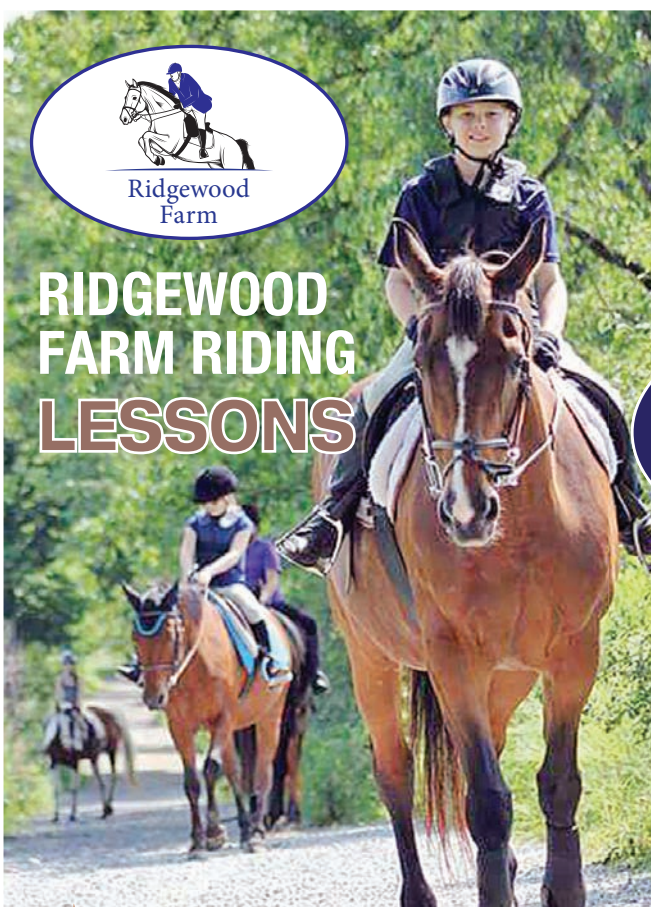
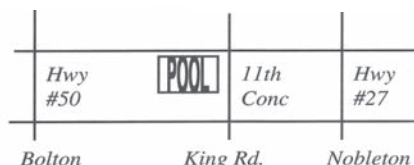
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Men's curling teams sweeps for top honours

By SHELLEE MORNING

The 2nd Annual King Country Men's Invitational Bonspiel has proven once again to be a highly coveted and successful event with 14 teams coming from across southern Ontario including several teams from the King Curling Club.

The "Stainless Steel Milking Machine Trophy," emblematic of King Curling's rural roots and strong connection to the local dairy industry, is a highly regarded prize amongst our farmers all vying for the top honor.

The 4-division, 3-game round robin format to which the top 2 teams from each division were all competing for the elimination championship and consolation titles.

King's own Richard "The Ice Man" Quick worked tirelessly in preparation for his excellent ice to withstand the 30-game event that was anticipated to be a high octave electrical day of curling.

Four sheets of ice were in full swing, producing close games throughout the round robin portion as the semi-final games concluded with King's Team Frans versus Team Badowich from Bradford. A multi-generation family, Team Frans was led by brothers Teo (St. Catherine's Club) and John Frans (King Curling Club) and nephews Joe and Allen Frans. The closely contested match came down to the last shot of the game in what was a nail-biting end for end challenge.

Multiple rocks were in play testing the highest curling ability between the two well-matched squads but, it was Team Badowich from Bradford that claimed victory earning Skip Frank Badowich, Vice Randy Slade, Second Ian Cunningham and Lead Greg Switzer (King) the champions title.

Teams from Tam Heather and King Curling were the finalists for the consolation championship game which also resulted in a close tight match that required perfect weight and 100% accuracy on each and every throw.

Skip Patrick Lee led his team of Vice Brad Stronach, Second Fausto Mussato and Lead Stephen Niepage admirably throughout the game, with good control of the rings but it would be Team Heas-

man that overcame late in the game to secure the consolation title. Skip Dave Heasman, Vice bill Goodchild, Second Steve Aguiar and Lead Rich Chase will also be representing Canada early next year in the Police Assoc. World Curling Championships in Norway. Good luck Team Heasman!

Curling on ice wasn't the only challenge for these "Men with Brooms" as the ever popular Cool Curling Table-Top Spiel was back in high demand in the crowning of a different curling champion. King Curling Club's Scott Boynton and Michael Johns won bragging rights for the Table-Top Curlers championship title after many trial games that included rounds of laughter, fun and great camaraderie.

Successful events such as this cannot be achieved without the help of many volunteers in the organizing of the preparations before, during and after. Members of the King Curling Club tip their brooms to you in congratulations for a job well done. Special thanks are given to the roster of local sponsors who contributed to both the prizes and the raffle table. Foodland and the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club supplied the event with a variety of excellent food to which everyone was thankful for. Lastly, huge congratulations to the entire organizing committee and volunteers from the King Curling Club for an enjoyable and very successful event.

Gorsline coaches to championship win

King curling member Bruce Gorsline, a veteran to the sport, is currently coaching a top-ranked team that participated in the Parasport Games that were recently held in Ottawa.

Teams from the Ottawa, Toronto and Peterborough areas took part in the round robin format that included a draw to the button skills test.

Gorsline, along with fellow coach Carl Rennick, guides the newly formed team of Collinda Joseph, Doug Morris, Jon Thurston and Ross Nicholson.

In game two, Joseph got off to a roaring start with a healthy lead after 6 ends and seemingly in control. Team Reese, came back with some tough quality shots, gaining the lead and eventu-

ally won the game in the round robin portion. Sunday morning games were the deciding factor for the finals, where Team Joseph earned a spot, and then found themselves matched up against Team Reese once again. Sweeping for redemption, Joseph stole 4 huge points

in the first end and never looked back.

Great shots were executed by both teams but Team Reese's struggle with draw weight kept them at the disadvantage allowing Joseph a solid win for the championship title.



Skip Frank Badowich, Vice Randy Slade, Second Ian Cunningham and Lead Greg Switzer (King) of Team Badowich from the Bradford curling club captured the coveted "Stainless Steel Milking Machine Trophy" at the 2nd Annual King Country Men's Invitational Bonspiel. Runner-up was Team Frans from the King Curling Club.

Team Joseph 2015 Parasports champions (below, l to r) Skip Collinda Joseph, Doug Morris, Jon Thurston, Ross Nicholson and coaches Carl Rennick, and Bruce Gorsline (right back row) proudly display their gold medals recently captured in Ottawa.



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Tree lighting, toy drive in Nobleton Sunday

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKonnection and NextStep Programs (for children ages 4 to 11) take place at the same time. Taylor Scott has begun a program for the youth following the worship gathering. It is called 4:12 Unplugged. It is a chance for teens to hang out, drink hot chocolate and ask tough questions about God and to talk about the sermon message. A fun, laid back way to get connected in the Church.

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.

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 tree lighting

Please join the Nobleton Village Association for the 5th annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Toy Drive, at the Gazebo on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider, along with lots of special treats. Santa will be there, handing out goodies and having a picture taken with all the kids.

The children's choirs, from both St. Mary's Catholic and Nobleton Public schools are performing.

See the spectacular, Nobleton Farm Community light show and the big red fire truck to explore.

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St. Mary's Family Christmas Day

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League is holding its annual Family Christmas Day, starting at noon on Sunday, Dec. 13. The cost for a family of four is \$25 and children 5 and under are free. Children 6-12 are \$5 and adults, 12 and over, are \$10. Enjoy a hot lunch, crafts, carol singing and fellowship. Some proceeds to go to St. Mary's Building Fund.

Nobleton United By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, Dec 3 is Advent 2. We are awaiting the arrival of Christ. Everyone is welcome to attend our service at 11:15 a.m. There are four advents before our Christmas Eve service.

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, Dec. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The breakfast is pancakes, syrup, sausages and a beverage. For the children, these are arranged to look like a snowman with sausage arms, and chocolate chip eyes, and covered with icing sugar. Santa always provides a lovely stuffed animal for each child. Pictures are taken of each child on Santa's knee and the pictures are given to the parent or adult with them. A goodwill offering will be donated to "Christmas in King." This event is fun for everyone, so even if you are not a parent, you can enjoy the breakfast and see the children having fun with Santa.

The next Messy Church is Tuesday, Dec. 8, 5 to 7 p.m. The theme is "Merry Christmas" instead of "Merry Christ-

mas." Jesus's birth in a stable was not in a sterile environment like a hospital. The stable had animals close by, hay in the manger, shepherds with their sheep visiting, etc., so it was messy! The activities are from 5 to 6 p.m., story time until 6:15 p.m., then dinner (fruit tray, raw veggie tray, and something hot from the oven). Of course we always have cookies in the theme (angels this time) to decorate and eat. We will also be making angels using ice cream cones, fondant icing and paper for the wings; as well as making brown droppings (from chocolate fondant) to show the presence of animals in the stable; and doing several other crafts.

Table tennis is also available. Grandparents and/or parents are invited to come and enjoy the activities with their grandchildren and children. There is no charge for this. For more info, contact Nancy Hopkinson at 905-859-0761.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9 at noon, minister Brian Nicholson will be leading "An Advent Conversation" at Schomberg United and a light lunch will be served. We are usually a small group, but would be very happy to have others join us. If you need a ride, please contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. Similarly on Dec. 16 at noon, Brian will be leading "A Christmas Conversation" at Nobleton United and a light lunch will be served. Do join us if you are able.

Our minister Brian Nicholson started a new tradition last year, by offering to collect new "work" socks for street people (both men and women) in Toronto. These street people do a lot of walking every day and they are badly in need of socks as theirs wear out so quickly. Brian will collect these socks up to and including Sunday, Dec. 20. He will then distribute them to the people in and around Toronto, and also give some to Toronto's Council Fire Native Cultural Centre.

For more info, visit nobletonunit-edchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call our church at 905-859-3976. The church office is normally open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, but messages are picked up regularly. Secretary Sharon Birks or minister

Brian Nicholson will respond to your message.

Nobleton Lions Children's Christmas Party

The Nobleton Lions Club would once again like to invite our neighbourhood families to the annual free skating party at the Nobleton Community arena on Dec. 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. They provide free hot dogs and drinks. The younger children will be able to visit Santa and receive a free treat bag. The Nobleton Lions would like to thank the community for their support this past year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope to see you there on the 12th.

For information on these and other events, please visit our website: www.NobletonLions.com.

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

"Just a wee deoch an doris" is Gaelic for a small toast at the door and many of Scottish heritage here in King Township and around the globe took "a wee drap that's all" to honour St. Andrew Scotland's patron saint as they celebrated St Andrew's Day this past Nov. 30.

The St Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that Andrew probably knew Jesus from going to hear John the Baptist and became his first follower. He and his older brother Peter were fishermen born in the small town of Bethsaida on Sea of Galilee.

After the Pentecost meeting 50 days following Jesus resurrection when the disciples received the Holy Spirit Andrew is thought to have gone to the Black Sea region and worked as a missionary in Scythia (Ukraine) and southwest Russia. Then making way his way to Greece he stayed in Byzantium (later Constantinople) where he consecrated its first bishop.

His final home was in Patras Greece where he continued his mission work for some years establishing a large Christian community there.

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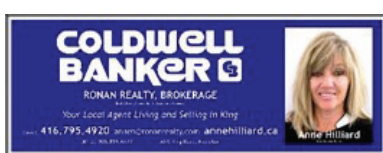
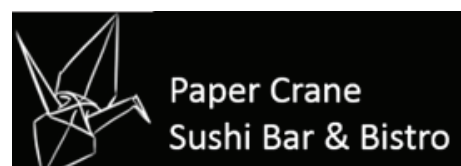
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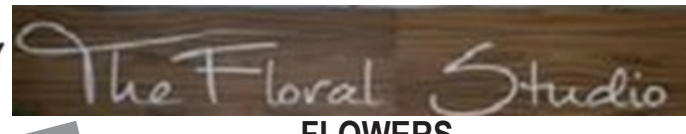
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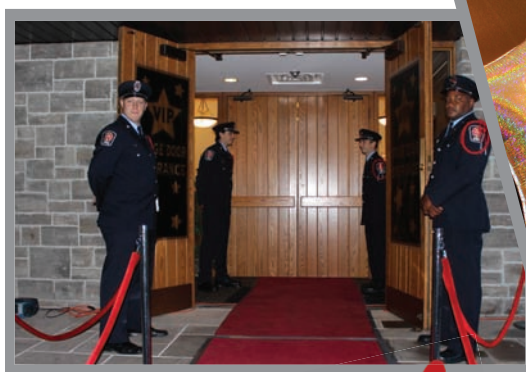
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Nobleton Skating Club holds registration

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During a persecution of Christians he was arrested and crucified on an X-shaped cross. His tomb can still be seen in Patras. But at a later date his bones were scattered.

Regulus, a Christian monk, is said to have brought some to Scotland and the Christian Pictish king Oengus granted him a piece of land on which to bury them and build a small church nearby. Over the years a great abbey/cathedral took the place of the tiny church and the city bearing the saints name, St. Andrew's, grew up around it. But the rumours that the saint became its first golf pro are completely unfounded!

According to tradition about 100 years later King Oengus II led a small army of Picts and Scots against a larger army of invading Angles at Athelstaneford in southern Scotland. He prayed to St. Andrew for victory. In the morning white clouds seemed to form an X shape against the blue sky and Oengus won. He proclaimed Andrew Scotland's patron. Did he have a "wee deoch an doris" as Sir Harry Lauder's song goes?

Nevertheless the white X on a blue background became Scotland's national flag.

January Skating Lessons

The Nobleton Skating Club has another session of Canskate beginning in January.

Canskate is Canada's learn to skate program. We will be holding registration on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9-10:30 a.m. Registration takes place in the Nobleton Arena lobby. Canskate spaces are limited, so please be sure to register to reserve your spot. Canskate groups are a maximum of 10 skaters, and skaters are with a coach at all times. We also have program assistants helping the skaters. The January session of Canskate runs until the end of March.

For more information, please visit our website nobletonskatingclub.com or call our club office at 905-859-4943. Remember, all it takes, is a pair of skates!

Horticulture
By John Arnott

A Viking army was about to invade

Scotland. The Scottish king encamped at Largs' a small town on the central west Scottish coast, prepared to do battle with them. He did send scouts into the back country behind the town as a precaution but the enemy was fully expected to come by sea.

The Vikings landed at night some miles up the coast in one of the many hidden coves and began to make their way down by land to surprise the unsuspecting Scots. Now the scouts had set up camp a mile or so inland from Largs and as they drowsed the Vikings, aware of them, began to sneak by but in the darkness one of them trod barefoot into a patch of thistles and loudly yelped rousing the scouts who in turn alerted the Scots army. The Vikings caught off guard were soundly defeated and left Scotland. Thus the lowly thistle was declared the country's saviour soon becoming its national emblem.

To the ancient of Celts of Europe thistles were symbols of nobility of character and birth. And to wound or provoke a Celt was like grabbing a thistle – the punishment was sharp and immediate!

Most plants we call thistles belong

to the aster family. The most common species cirsium-Greek for thistle vulgar-Latin for common is native to Eurasia but is now widely found across the northern hemisphere and Australia- New Zealand spread by accident or purposely (because of its use in herbal medicine).

Once established this thistle and many of its close relatives are very difficult to eradicate even with weed killers like Roundup. I find constantly digging them out with as much of there tough fast deep spreading root system as possible is the best method of controlling them in my garden.

While I don't want them in my garden to me they are quite attractive in fields or clearings in the nearby bush. The rich purple of the myriads florets that grow out of the ball or urn of green of clasped sepals is just beautiful – it must be my Scottish heritage!

The nectar of thistle flowers attracts several kinds of fritillary butterflies and thistle seed is a favourite of birds especially goldfinches.

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BROOKES: Peter Thorpe.

Suddenly at his home, Schomberg, on Thursday November 26th, 2015. Peter Brookes, in his 77th year, beloved husband of Margaret Brookes (nee Pratt). Loving father of Jamie and Valerie of Calgary, Alberta, Caroline and Dean McClelland, and Michael and Charity, all of Aurora. Remembered with love by his grandchildren: Nolan, Graham, Holly, Jillian, Claire, and Tobias. Dear brother of Michael and Stephanie Brookes in Norwich, England. Funeral service was held in Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Road, Nobleton, 11:00 am Wednesday December 2nd, 2015 followed by a private family interment in Nobleton Community Cemetery. A reception for family and friends followed in the Church Hall. Donations in Peter's memory to the Mission and Service Fund of Nobleton United Church would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477, on Sunday November 29th, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 am Monday November 30th, 2015 in St. James Church Colgan, followed by interment in St. James Cemetery. Donations in memory of Marian to Matthews House Hospice or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

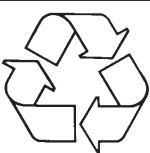
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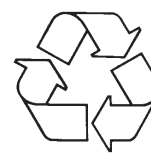
Peacefully at Mathews House Hospice, Alliston, on Thursday November 26, 2015. Marian Wilson in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Bernard McGoe. Loving mother of Peter and Sandra McGoe, Joan McGoe and Karl Gaudet, Mike and Cathy McGoe, and Bill and Joanne McGoe. Remembered with love by her grand children Micheal (Sarina), Luke (Alaina), Alexandra (Josh), Emily, Julie, Mark, and her great grand children Quinn, Lily, and Hazel. Dear sister of Joan (Ron) Underwood, Jim Wilson, and the late Jack (Theresa) Wilson, Madeline O'Leary (Paddy), Greg (Agnes) Wilson, Paul Wilson, and Zita-Ann Wilson (Pat). Forever in the hearts of her extended family, friends and students. We commemorate the life of Marian McGoe and will deeply miss her quick wit, sharp mind and loving inspiration. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477, on Sunday November 29th, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 am Monday November 30th, 2015 in St. James Church Colgan, followed by interment in St. James Cemetery. Donations in memory of Marian to Matthews House Hospice or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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King City United Church hosts Santa Dec. 12

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Advent – the time of waiting. The time of preparing. The time of getting ready.

We get lost in the trappings of what is supposed to make a “Merry Christmas.” Buy, buy, buy, presents, lights, cards, wrapping paper. The perfect Christmas happened centuries ago in the manger.

It contained the most amazing gift. It contained love, hope, peace. It contained the Son of God. Rev. Evelyn's theme this Advent is “Re-Imagining Christmas.” Some things to work on in

this time is how YOU could RE Imagine Christmas so that Jesus is included. Maybe re-read the birth stories in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. If you have a Nativity Scene or crèche, add the pieces over the 4 weeks, ending with placing the baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. Talk about what the birth of Jesus means to you. What difference has his birth had on your life, if any.

This Advent as we REclaim Christmas how might we encourage different generations to see the World in a new light for these troubled times we find ourselves in. As we came into worship we were invited to pick up a small amount of hay from the basket. Later in the service we placed the hay in the manger on the dias as a way of acknowledging that we will work at RE discovering our faith this Advent, that together we will work on rebuilding the world that God has called us to administer to.

We lit the 1st candle of the Advent wreath.

Wednesdays Bible Study continues at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel. A discussion of the scriptures for the following Sunday.

Thursdays, the Choir practises with Bells at 6:45, and vocal at 8 p.m.

Fridays is “Tea & Talk” at Sunset Grill, King City 10 to 11:30 a.m. Choose a topic.

Saturday, Dec. 5, is The Gift of Christmas. A day for parents to go shopping, have a date, clean the house, or just put your feet up and enjoy. Children gather at King City United Church, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for games, crafts, singing, cooking, a movie. No charge. Call our office to register. We need to know numbers to purchase supplies. So call now – 905-833-5181.

Saturday, Dec. 12 is our Lunch with Santa. Bring the kids/grandkids. Lunch of soup and sandwich, pizza for kids. Freewill donation. Items for the bake table and fancy cookies for the Cookie Walk are needed. Check your recipe books and whip up a few of your favourites. Lots of 5 cent auction items. Ginger bread houses for sale, and of

course Jolly Old St. Nick will appear. Also on Dec. 7:30 p.m. enjoy “Welcome to Christmas” presented by the Harmony Chorale. On tap will be your favourite Christmas songs and carols. Our own John Kell and Al Henderson are members of this group. Tickets are only \$10, so spread the word. Invite your friends and neighbours. King City United Church, 50 Elizabeth Grove. Tickets available from our office or call Sandra - 289-221-1526.

Can you help to spread some warmth? Gently used winter clothing, coats, boots, blankets, afghans, sweaters, hats, mittens, scarves. Fred Victor Mission and King Food Bank need help. Leave items at our church.

Friday, Dec. 18, All Saints Anglican Church will host a “Blue Christmas” for those who find the joy of Christmas a difficult time due to grief, loss of employment, sadness, loss of hope, or whatever reason. Stop in for some quiet time. Soft music, readings, some scripture, reflections, some refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, Dec. 6, Advent II, recreate peace. Also the sacrament of Communion will be celebrated. Worship begins at 10 a.m. with Sunday school. Refreshments after in the auditorium.

Do join us. For any information, contact the office, 905-833-5181; email kcuc@bellnet.ca; visit www.kcuc.ca or contact Revend Evelyn McLachlan at kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 6 as Pastor Mark Nowell will continue our sermon series, “Life Apps” with “The Trust App.”

We have Celebration Zone available downstairs for kids aged 4-Grade 6. We also have a Youth Bible Study for students in Grade 7-12. They meet 2-3 Sundays each month. Please see our website each week for the schedule.

Each week the children in Grade 1 and older will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. We ask that you sign in your child at the Celebration Zone table in the foyer before bringing them into the service or taking them downstairs.

We have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

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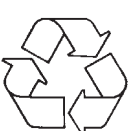
MERRICK: Vincent Peacefully at The Davis Centre, Bolton, on Friday, November 27, 2015, with his family by his side, Vincent Merrick, in his 86th year, beloved husband of the late Phyllis Merrick. Loving father of Terri and Gary Adams, Larry and Liz Pato, Stephen and Trudy, David and Vesna. Adored grandpa 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-grandfather of Drew, Bryson, Holton, and Mya. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton on Monday 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 Tuesday morning, December 1, at 11 o'clock. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Schomberg. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Davis Centre, 80 Allan Drive, Bolton L7E 1P7. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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Kids Christmas drive gets a boost

The Tim Hortons outlet in Nobleton recently presented this cheque for \$1,680 to the Nobleton Kids Christmas Drive. Franchise owners Rita and Ken Mizzoni presented the cheque to Patty Fleetwood of Nobleton Village Association and Mary Buchanan/Lyons. This is the 20th year of the drive, which buys toys and clothing for local families going through difficult times. Proceeds came from the recent sale of Smile Cookies.

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All Saints hosts Christmas concert Friday

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Come and join our Overtimers seniors' group on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. as our worship director Yeshua will be speaking to us and leading us in a festive carol sing. Refreshments and fellowship follow the program.

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Advent season as we expectantly await and prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth! This Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Lynn Vissers will be leading us in worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care run concurrently.

Last Sunday, the Candle of Hope lit by Sheila and Zoltan Katona symbolized Christ, the Hope of the World! Pastor John Mills's sermon stemmed from Genesis 15:1-6 and Luke 1:5-25. We heard about Abram and then Zechariah and how God's promise to them became reality after much waiting - all part of God's sovereign plan for mankind.

We look forward with anticipation as we approach Christmas and celebrate the birth of Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, and hear how prophesy was fulfilled.

Prayer Time for Ladies is every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Ladies, you are welcome to join us - to pray with us or quietly reflect. God promises to be with us and you will be blessed. Let us know how our God can bless you.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the Visser family on the recent passing of Anne Vissers, mother of the Rev. Dr. John Vissers and mother-in-law

to Lynn Vissers. The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's in Orillia.

Christmas sharing opportunities continue. Donations of food and clothing continue to be collected in the narthex for the KT Food Bank and for Evangel Hall. Warm clothing and personal care items are greatly needed. The donations to "Give a Mug a Hug" for Evangel Hall are growing! All need to be in by Dec. 13. Mugs and \$5 Tim Hortons or McDonald's Gift Cards. The CiK (Christmas in King) Christmas Hamper Boxes have been filled and returned this week. Thank you to all. They will be delivered to the "North Pole" before distribution at the Food Bank centres. The CiK open house is Friday, Dec. 4 in the afternoon at the Pole - The Pottageville Pavilion. Drop in and see the operation in action.

Information regarding "The Refugee Crisis - Response" was available in our bulletin. Please note: there are 2 events coming up, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. - one at the King City Library and the other at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. Also there's information on the support being raised at St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville.

The Christmas Potluck is Saturday, Dec. 12 with our special visit from Santa followed by a Christmas program by the Youth. Come for 5 p.m. Don't forget to let us know if you're coming.

All are welcome to join us Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. for our Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Bring your family for a beautiful, traditional service on the eve of Christmas.

For pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers at the church office, 905-833-2325. 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 Anglican Church
By Diana Armitage

Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 pm: the King Township Historical Society is having their annual Christmas Concert at All Saints featuring vocalist Catherine Hughes and our summer harpist Nicole Lancaster. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Sunday, Dec. 6, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Peter Fenty will be visiting and will preach and preside at our 10:30 a.m. service. Please come to the service and welcome our bishop!

Friday, Dec. 11 is our annual Service of Lessons and Carols at 7 pm. There is a sign-up sheet for readers in the narthex.

Parish Quiet Day will be Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at Sisters of St. John the Divine Convent. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the church office.

Township begins the budget process

King Township is currently in the process of determining its 2016 Budget/Business Plan. They are holding two public consultation meetings. They are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 7-9 p.m. in the council chambers at 2075 King Road, and Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon in the upstairs meeting room at Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Arena & Community Centre, 15 Old King Road, Nobleton.

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Invasive species on the move across York Region

Science and education are among the tools York Region uses in the fight against increasing numbers of invasive species such as emerald ash borer and dog-strangling vine.

The Invasive Species Update presented to York regional council recently highlighted the management of the emerald ash borer and other invasive species working their way across the Region, as well as the strategies to slow down their spread.

“York Region continues working with all of our partners to review emerging threats to our environment,” said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emerson. “Our ‘green infrastructure’ is a valuable asset and we have plans in place to ensure it is maintained and pre-

served.”
Continuing the direction set out in the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan approved by York regional council in 2011, the Region monitors the spread of the insect, removes and replaces street trees, and works to lessen the impact on forests across York. In some instances, biological control is the front line of defense, which involves the controlled release of natural predators, such as insects from a pests’ native range, to control the target pest population.

“York Region hosts a number of workshops each year for residents to help them deal with invasive species,” said Town of Georgina Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler, chair of Environmental Services. “Educational programs are

key to helping get the message out.”
In addition to invasive insects, invasive plants are becoming a cause of concern. Plants, such as giant hogweed and wild parsnip, affect residents and natural habitats. To control the growth of invasive plants on Regional roads and in the York Regional Forest, staff continue to map the location of the plants and take progressive steps to manage their

coverage.
York Region’s identified priority invasive species include Asian Long-horned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Dog-strangling vine, Garlic mustard, Giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Wild Parsnip
For information on York Region forestry initiatives, please visit york.ca/forestry



King is gearing up to resettle Syrian refugees over the next few months. We invite you participate.

King for Refugees is a community initiative that began in early September because people had questions about the crisis and how to help refugees. Since then, interest and support to resettle refugee families in King has been building. King for Refugees was formed to organize and co-ordinate the individual contributions of King Township’s people, civic groups, faith groups, schools, organizations, and businesses.

In the largest mass movement of people since WWII, families have been forced to flee the violence and chaos. Many have been in UN refugee camps for years with conditions deteriorating. Now some will come to Canada. Anything that you or your group can do to help them to feel welcome and safe here in King would be much appreciated.

We in King are very fortunate and together we can make a tremendous difference for the families that we welcome here.

Please email us at king4refugees@gmail.com and tell us of your interest or ideas.

and
Plan to come to the community meeting at
7pm on December 9, at the King City Library.

Our capacity to welcome newcomers is dependent upon our collective response. Please consider helping. We already have some offers from residents and businesses to volunteer or help. However, rental accommodation in King City (local transit and GO) is still being sought.

We need help to organize this!
Would you or someone you know be able to lead, or co-lead, a team?

Currently the teams (and some of their responsibilities) are: *Administration* (liaison with govt. bodies and local charities), *Accommodation* (finding, preparing rental space in King City), *Donations* (fundraising and non-monetary donations), *Communications* (including social media), *Welcome* (reception, social, emotional support, volunteers), and *Special* (other:).

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