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High-speed Internet in King comes as great news

By Mark Pavilons

The investment to provide high-speed Internet services to King residents comes as great news to local councillors.

Brian McCullagh, director of business development for Vianet, received the Township's support in their funding bid from the federal government for Internet infrastructure. Their proposal is for a \$3.3-million high-speed fibre cable running along Jane Street, providing roughly 1,000 homes with this valuable service.

Small communities funding from Ottawa requires municipal support and King gave it wholeheartedly.

The high-capacity fibre network will run from Vaughan to Barrie and is intended to aid under-serviced areas.

"It's a good place to spend our time and money," McCullagh noted.

With the fibre along Jane, it can branch out to connect residents on the 19th Sideroad and into Carrying Place as well.

This will help "close the broadband gap" and bolster local home-based business. "It gives a competitive advantage to King," he added.

There is no cost to the municipality for this new service.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer has long been a proponent of acquiring high-speed Internet access for rural residents.

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Parade of Lights shines

The unique Parade of Lights capped off an amazing day in Schomberg for the annual A Main Street Christmas Saturday. The event drew record attendance, estimated at 5,700 people! For more photos of the event, turn to Pages 12 and 13.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, December 14, 2015

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plans

Monday, January 11, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Development Coordinator (contract)

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Township of King Municipal Offices will be closed for the holiday season as of **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23rd**, and will re-open for regular business hours at **8:30 a.m on Monday, January 4th, 2016**.

FOR URGENT TOWNSHIP MATTERS Please call (905) 833-5321 and the Township answering service will contact the appropriate personnel.

REMINDERS

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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
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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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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Holiday Cooking:

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of household fires in Ontario. Remember to watch what you heat this holiday season.

Lights and Electronics:

Examine lights, electric decorations and extension cords for signs of wear and tear.

Replace damaged electrical products with new ones. When purchasing electrical products, make sure they bear the mark of an accredited certification agency. Watch that children don't put electrical decorations and cords in their mouth. Keep an eye on pets to make sure they don't chew cords. Use lights in proper locations (i.e. only use indoor lights inside). Never remove the third-prong or grounding pin. Before going to bed or leaving the house, turn off/unplug all holiday lights and electrical decorations.

Candles:

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Community volunteer Verbruggen honoured in Schomberg

By Jake Courtepatte

Those who were used to seeing Henry Verbruggen have his hands in everything in Schomberg can now still see his name permanently engraved on Main Street.

Mr. Verbruggen, a Schomberg mainstay who was incredibly engaged in King Township until his passing at the age of 64 in April, was honoured Saturday with the unveiling of a bench in his name outside Schomberg Community Hall.

Close friend Andy Macpherson, who was instrumental in bringing the farmer's market to Schomberg along with Mr. Verbruggen, said the timing was right as Henry really loved Main Street Christmas, held later that day.

"If Henry were here, he would have had all these cones up bright and early, and you would have seen him going up and down putting the 'no parking' signs up," he said, pointing to the traffic cones on Main Street.

"He was here first thing in the morning, and last thing at night."

Family and friends, as well as Henry's dog Bailey, gathered on the street Saturday morning to dedicate the bench, with a plaque in his name.

"Any day, weather permitting, you would usually see Henry sitting outside with his dog Bailey," said Macpherson. "I think it's very fitting that we tribute a bench, where someone can sit and relax, to Henry Verbruggen."



Henry Verbruggen's family and friends, as well as his dog Bailey, unveiled a bench in his name in front of Schomberg Community Hall on Saturday.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

Public-private partnerships key

From Front Page

She wanted to know if there's a capacity constraint for the future and McCullagh said there are no limits. In fact, this infrastructure will allow them to reduce the costs to consumers.

Hopes are Vianet will put the shovel in the ground during the summer of 2016.

Councillor Bill Cober has also heard the repeated requests for high-speed Internet from his constituents. "We're glad to partner with Vianet," he said.

This is "very exciting news" for Councillor Avia Eek and her Holland Marsh residents. "It's infrastructure and it's necessary," she observed.

McCullagh admitted the Marsh does provide some challenges with its soil and water table, but they will work out the details. Their goal is to continually branch out and offer the service to everyone.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out projects like this can't be done without partnerships from the private industry.

"We need more of this in King," he said.

'A Christmas Carol' on stage

The Humber River Shakespeare Company proudly presents its annual production of Dickens' holiday classic, A Christmas Carol.

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The play will be held Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the King Museum west of King City. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Seating is limited. Guaranteed tickets are available on line at www.humberivershakespeare.ca or call 416-209-2026.



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7-Day Weather Outlook

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Maybe we can all help to save the world!

Recent events have shown just how altruistic people can be.

Canadians are known for their generosity and desperate times call for desperate measures to be sure. We are rising to the challenges ahead to help our fellow men, women and children.

That's how it should be.

The current Syrian "refugee crisis" is a case in point. Individuals, community groups and government agencies are coming together to welcome thousands of new Canadians in the coming weeks. I caught a glimpse of some of these newcomers on various TV programs over the weekend.

These are families, some broken apart by conflict. These are teens and children. These are able-bodied men and women.

One father proclaimed his love for Canada, and also his love of his homeland. I get it.

In King, we have our own King for Refugees, a group of volunteers, church groups and individuals who are eager to help and pitch in. Undoubtedly, these efforts will result in a great show of support for some of these new residents.

Canada welcomes hundreds of thousands of immigrants each year and many settle within the GTA. We are all immigrants – most of us the result of a massive post-war boom. My parents left their war-torn European homelands for this wonderful land. I remember them talking about arriving in Toronto via Quebec in the early 1950s and settling in the Roncesvalles area. This was the most vibrant, cultural mix ever seen. It was a community where everyone, from dozens of countries, lived and worked and socialized. My mom didn't speak English when she arrived, but learned quickly and went to work right away in a factory that made blue jeans. It was a marvellously uncomplicated time,



Mark Pavilons

when many rose from chaos to build their dreams in Canada.

Undoubtedly, my parents, like millions of others, received a great deal of help and support along the way. Grocers ran tabs; landlords were lenient; neighbours pitched in. They did this without a second thought. They did this because they all came from chaos and had respect for one another and all human life.

Isn't that how it should be today?

For those who band together to help the current influx of displaced families, they are making a difference. These people will be integrated into our very colourful multicultural mosaic. They will learn, excel and contribute. They will give back.

That's the important lesson in all of this. It's like "paying it forward." We can all contribute, in our own way, to boosting the human condition and mak-

ing a difference.

There are always naysayers and opponents. I'm not going to get into the arguments and political policy debates here.

There are "strangers" in our communities. We don't know their stories or their backgrounds. We don't ask. If they need help, we're there for them. It's as simple as that.

When I see the hope in the eyes of these newcomers, I am humbled. If they lived through such adversity and arrive here with determination, there is nothing they can't do.

Just think, there could be a few Einsteins, Mother Teresas, Ghandis and Mandelas in this group of immigrants. "Our human compassion binds us the one to the other – not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future," Mandela once said.

That's it in a nutshell really.

My 17-year-old daughter Lexie is on a mission to make the world a better place.

This January, she'll be heading to the Dominican Republic for the fourth year in a row, helping Haitian sugar cane workers. Their situation is beyond desperate. After four years, and helping hundreds of souls, I have to wonder if the need will ever end.

But I would never tell Lexie to stop. She can, and does, make a difference in the lives of others, even if it's for a day,

week or month. I wouldn't dare curb her enthusiasm and I often wished I could join her. This year, my son Liam is going, too. There's no question he will return with a different perspective.

Lexie is also going to Kenya in July 2016, on a three-week volunteer mission through Me to We. She'll be helping at a girls' school, pitch in to build irrigation and water systems and even dig latrines! She'll be staying in a barracks-style facility with only a generator for electricity and no running water. She's there to help empower the local population to aspire and see the goodness in others.

That's a very special thing. How many of us could do this?

Lexie is led by her heart. This African experience is quite costly and we are not in a position to help her at the moment. She's trying to raise money and secure some sponsors.

I mention this because these are qualities we hope to see in our young people. If our future is in the hands of such youth (and there are thousands like Lexie out there), I think they will change the world.

Lexie asked Santa this year for "world peace" and she meant it!

Maybe we should all ask for that same thing, and really mean it!

I applaud everyone who gives of themselves to help another human being. I praise everyone who turns words into actions to affect change.

Keep up the fight, and don't let anyone tell you it's impossible.

Letter to the Editor

Appreciation, acknowledgement for Food Bank and local councillor

Carol Ann Trabert and Margaret Hastings deserve, in my humble opinion, a public acknowledgement and statement of appreciation for all they do and have done for The King Township Food Bank.

Carol Ann and Margaret work tirelessly on numerous initiatives to raise awareness, raise money and raise hope for the families who depend on the donations given, so they may have food on their tables. There is so much to be said about their dedication, tenacity, perseverance and selflessness in the many endeavors they pursue. Together they bring commitment and drive to their goals, to serve the communities who rely on the Food Bank each and every month of every season.

The other individual I wanted to publicly acknowledge and show my appreciation for is David Boyd, Ward 2 Councillor for Nobleton. David has demonstrated a strong commitment to our community. Through a host of occasions and events, his presence, interest and willingness to stay abreast of all that is happening in Nobleton and beyond, has not gone unnoticed.

David has a sincere conviction in wanting to help, in any way he can. He has a genuine attentiveness, and is also is patient and listening, in what residents do want. David has shown his interests lie for all families and residents of Nobleton.

So to you, David, Margret and Carol Ann, I say a sincere thank-you and appreciate for all that each of you do for our community.

Lindsay Berman
Nobleton



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Results from last week's poll:
Do you consider climate change a high priority?

a) Yes **79%**

b) No **21%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you believe in stricter gun control laws?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

Brainteaser

What always sleeps with its shoes on?

Last week's answer: A "palm tree" fits in your hand!

King Township Trivia

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Course to a low-carbon future, but is it enough?

By Mark Pavilons



Prior to the historic COP21 environmental talks in Paris, Ontario took a step in the fight against climate change by releasing its Climate Change Strategy. The strategy lays out the government's vision for securing a healthy, clean and prosperous low-carbon future by transforming the way we live, move, work and adapt to our environment.

The strategy also supports Ontario's proposed cap and trade program, which will help Ontario meet its emissions reduction targets, reward innovative companies and ensure that households and businesses thrive as the province transitions to a low-carbon economy.

Ontario's Climate Change Strategy introduces climate legislation that, if passed, would establish a long-term framework for action and make the cap and trade program law in Ontario.

It integrates climate change mitigation and adaptation considerations into government decision-making and infrastructure planning.

It also introduces changes to government operations, procurement, employee training, building retrofits and in other areas to help government move towards carbon neutrality.

The strategy develops a coordinated approach to reduce emissions from new and existing buildings and reduces emissions from transportation by promoting the uptake of zero emission and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

The government will also release a detailed five-year action plan in 2016, which will include specific commitments to meet near-term 2020 emissions reduction targets, and establish the framework necessary to meet targets for 2030 and 2050. The government will report on, and renew, its action plan every five years.

The Ontario Climate Change Strategy builds on the fight against climate change, including setting a 2030 mid-term target for greenhouse gas pollution reduction, hosting the successful Climate Summit of the Americas in July 2015, working with industry and other partners on the design of a cap and trade program, ending coal-fired electricity generation, and electrifying and improving Ontario's commuter rail network.

Premier Kathleen Wynne is promoting Ontario's leadership and success in

climate change action at COP21.

Combating climate change creates new economic opportunities in renewable energy and clean technologies. Ontario's environmental and clean technology sector has 3,000 firms, employs 65,000 people, and is worth an estimated \$8 billion in annual revenues and \$1 billion in export earnings.

According to the Conference Board of Canada, every \$100 million invested in Ontario in climate-related technologies is estimated to increase GDP by \$107 million and create 1,400 new jobs.

Ontario has the fastest-growing "cleantech" sector in Canada.

In just 10 years, the province has become a North American leader in the development, use and manufacturing of clean energy.

A Canada 2020 poll shows that 84 per cent of Canadians believe that prosperous countries such as Canada have an obligation to show international leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In May 2015, Ontario became the first province in Canada to set a mid-term greenhouse gas pollution reduction target of 37 per cent below 1990 levels by 2030.

King's Dr. Hans Martin, climate change scientist, said the general approach to climate change solutions includes tested technologies and a generous timeframe. Secondly, if we are to address the consequences of the change, we have to take account of the uncertainty in the scientific estimate of its severity. I see no science emphasis and confirmation in this plan.

"I see no ongoing assessment of actual damage and cost to society. In Monop-

oly it's like pulling the card go to jail, do not pass go do not collect \$200. We are going to a specific point and we won't know what's happening on the way because we're not tracking the evolution of impacts. Impacts and science are not going to stand still while we wait for signals showing benefits. In fact the benefits of controls may not become obvious in the environment for 20 years or so. Given the rate of deterioration over the past 30 years I don't think we can wait for 20 years."

Dr. Martin noted Canadians will learn about efforts to reverse climate change in other parts of the world from COP21.

"We may have to do a rethink. It is not good enough to accept targets set by committees in another part of the world. In addition, our targets need confirmation based on Canadian impacts. I doubt that

our assessment of impacts is adequate given the deterioration of our scientific capacity over the last decade or so. We will not likely be able to track changing effects. Even now, we rarely read about comprehensive national climate change impacts and prognoses.

"It is instructive to consider the opinions of other countries. One of my former chief research scientists left Canada to work in Sweden some time ago. A few weeks ago he wrote me. The following is an excerpt from his email:

"So you can imagine that Sweden, and Europe as a whole, takes climate change very seriously, and Canada is now looked upon as contributing to the problem, not the solution. It is very sad for me, having come to Canada in 1992 when we were the world leaders in arctic research and environmental protection."

Opposition halts proposed municipal land transfer tax

The provincial government will not be going ahead with a suggested municipal land transfer tax.

That comes as good news to the Ontario PC Caucus. Municipal Affairs Minister, Ted McMeekin, announced that the Wynne Liberals will not expand to all municipalities the Municipal Land Transfer Tax (MLTT) following significant opposition from the Ontario PC Caucus, stakeholders and Ontarians.

"This is definitely surprising since this government has refused to acknowledge strong opposition to so many of its initiatives: the Hydro One sale; the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan; Green Energy Act, and, the strike disruption to students' education, to name a few. Turning a new leaf, the Minister was swayed by the PCs' campaign against the new MLTT. It is a relief Ontarians won't fall prey to another unjustified and unreasonable tax," said York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro.

"It appears the Liberals have agreed with the Ontario PC Caucus that there is no monopoly on a good idea," said Leader of the Official Opposition, Patrick Brown. "I have promised that our party will be the first to applaud the government when they correct course and do what's right, and I applaud Minister McMeekin for doing the right thing and supporting a decision that is in the best interests of Ontarians."

"I would like to congratulate Ontario PC Deputy Leader and Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark for his ongoing efforts to give would-be home buyers a break," added Leader Patrick Brown. "Through the introduction of his motion Clark prevented an additional financial burden being put on the backs of young, hardworking families."

MPP Clark tabled a motion calling for the government not to extend the MLTT after it was revealed the government is planning to amend the Municipal Act to enable all municipalities to implement their own MLTT in addition to the provincial land transfer tax.

"The MLTT would have made Ontario one of the most uncompetitive tax jurisdictions in North America for buying a home, and would have had devastating consequences on Ontario's economic activity and employment," said MPP Steve Clark. "I would like to thank OREA for all their hard work on this issue and for working alongside the Ontario PC Caucus in making Ontario more affordable."

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Nobleton Lions boost project to save lives in King

By Mark Pavilons

Service clubs may not be in the habit of saving lives, but King is no ordinary community.

The Nobleton Lions Club not only boosted a local pilot program, but they've also issued a challenge for other service clubs and the Township itself, to do the same.

Lions Club members presented a cheque to \$6,315.03 to King Mayor Steve Pellegrini recently, to purchase three portable defibrillators.

The three automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) will be placed on Township works vehicles. The goal of this innovative pilot project is aimed at increasing cardiac arrest survivability rates in King.

The program will utilize life-saving resources already available within the township.

"There are a select number of employees in the Township's works department who also serve as volunteer firefighters and are trained in CPR and defibrillation," said Councillor David

Boyd. "This donation will allow us to equip these individuals with a defibrillator that will be with them as they go about their day-to-day tasks, working in our parks, facilities or snow plowing and maintaining our roads."

King Fire and Emergency Services will use their existing communication system to notify works staff members when a cardiac arrest is occurring. If the staff member is in close proximity to the emergency they will respond with the defibrillator. Considering the size of the municipality, it is reasonable to expect that in some cases they will arrive ahead of fire and EMS.

"During a cardiac arrest, the time it takes to administer the first shock is the most critical factor in increasing survivability," said Boyd. "The best part about this program is that it's not if it will save a life ... it's when a life will be saved by this program."

Councillor Boyd approached the Nobleton Lions earlier this fall asking if they would consider funding just one of the three defibrillators needed to launch the project. The Lions' gener-



ous response was overwhelming as they agreed to fund three units so that the program could go ahead without any delay.

Lion Paul Olsen said he'd like to see the Township back the idea and even set aside some funds in the budget for these AEDs.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said it's incredible for a municipality the size of King to undertake such a challenge. King will be one of the very first municipalities to adopt such a program.

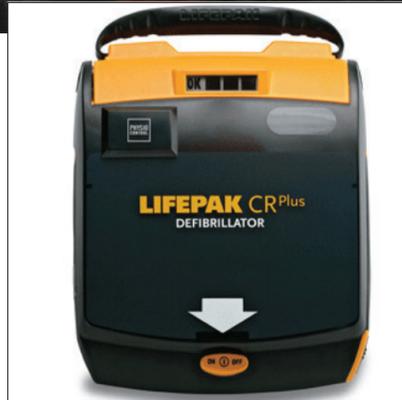
The Lions have issued a challenge for other organizations to consider a contribution to this project to help expand the program.

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, up to 40,000 cardiac arrests occur each year in Canada. That's one every 13 minutes.

Up to 85% of cardiac arrests occur outside of hospitals in public places or in homes.

Current survival rates for cardiac arrest are very low. It is estimated that only 5% of Canadians survive a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital.

For every minute that defibrillation is delayed during cardiac arrest the chance of survival drops by 7 to 10% and resuscitation is rarely successful beyond 10 minutes.



Nobleton Lions Club president Manny Pereira presents a cheque to Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor David Boyd for over \$6,000, to fund three portable defibrillators.

Photo by Robert Phillips

The chance of surviving a cardiac arrest is doubled when early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is used in combination with an automatic external defibrillator (AED).

King Fire and Emergency Services is already on board with its Mikey system at municipal facilities. AEDs are in the majority of King buildings with roughly 25 in operation. Fire Chief Jim Wall has been the driver behind these units.



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King Chamber, members make spirits bright

By Mark Pavilons

On many fronts, it has been a banner year for business growth in King Township.

It was evident last week at the annual Christmas lunch, sponsored by the King Chamber of Commerce. The event drew record numbers – more than any other single event in the Chamber's history!

Mayor Steve Pellegrini brought greetings from staff and congratulated the Chamber on a busy and prosperous year.

Chamber president Tom Allen said lauded members for their undying support of community events in King. He extended appreciation for their willingness to pitch in a sponsor events – the recent Christmas in King City is a prime example.

The tree this year was brimming with

donated toys, which will be passed on to Mimi Buchanan/Lyons and the Nobleton Christmas Drive, which she has spearheaded for the past two decades.

Fire Chief Jim Wall said he's had the pleasure of working with Mary for roughly four years now and it's been a "great experience." It's an opportunity for King's volunteer firefighters to get deeply involved in their community and see what volunteers like Mary actually do. She burns the candle at both ends at times, making sure those who need help get it. The drive this year will help outfit – from head to toy – more than a dozen families this Christmas.

She was pleasantly surprised when Mike and Kelly Foley, of Foley Restoration, presented her with a cheque for \$2,500 for the drive. Mary was almost speechless by this heart-warming gesture.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus, aka Mike and Kelly Foley, from Foley Restoration, surprised Mary Buchanan/Lyons with a \$2,500 donation for the Nobleton Christmas Drive. Mary has been running this organization for two decades and it helps give a Christmas to needy families in the area.

Members of King Fire and Emergency Services (below) helped collect the toys, destined to local children this Christmas. Chamber members donated them during the annual Christmas Lunch, held Thursday at Cardinal.

Nobleton Christmas Drive marks 20th

It's time to spread some cheer around to families facing challenging times this holiday season. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, The Nobleton Christmas Drive, now in its 20th season, is active again to ensure that all children in the community have a happy Christmas.

The Christmas Drive helps families and provides winter outerwear, clothing, gifts and Christmas dinners to children in our community, whose families are facing challenging times.

If you would like to help out, monetary donations, big or small, are gratefully being accepted. Cheques can be made to Nobleton Christmas Drive, and any donation may be dropped off in an envelope marked "Christmas Drive" to the Nobleton Public School or mailed to Nobleton Public School, 123375 Highway #27 Nobleton, Ontario L0G 1N0. Or, they can be picked up by drive organizer Mimi Buchanan/Lyons. If you have any questions or know of a family in need, please do not hesitate to contact Buchanan/Lyons at 905-859-5456. Or via email at mimi_girl_93@hotmail.com.

Pictures with Santa at King fire station

Santa will be riding a historic fire truck into town Dec. 19.

In appreciation of first responders in York Region, Santa is moving his head office to the King City station for a day. Everyone is invited to come to the fire station on Dec. 19 for a picture with Santa on his new throne, the front bumper of a shiny red fire truck.

As the reindeers were incited for speeding, Santa will be driven to the Fire Station in a 1929 historic Canadian fire truck.

Be sure to drop in, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit the fire hall, enjoy activities and have pictures taken with Santa for \$2 as a fundraiser for The Tema Center Memorial Trust (Heroes are Human). Grown-up kids also welcome to get pictures with uniformed personnel who made it onto Santa's list.

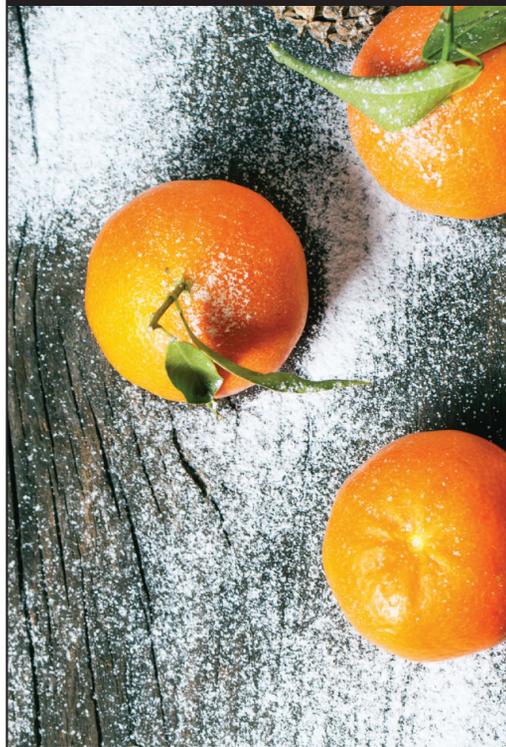
"This is a chance to thank first responders for their commitment and dedication to our community," said Vince Savoia, executive director of the Tema Center Memorial Trust (Heroes are Human).

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Coppa's new King City store will be a leader

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is anxiously awaiting its newest famiglia.

The new, 50,000-square-foot Coppa's Fresh Market is progressing nicely in the King's Ridge Marketplace in King City.

When it opens its doors in early fall 2016, it will be one of the most innovative, full service grocery stores in the GTA. The exciting project, which will bring "a World of Food" to King, will have many unique features, including one that will be brand new to the industry.

John Louie Coppa, President of Coppa's, wants to keep this close to his vest for now but customers can rest assured that they're in for a treat.

Coppa's will also have a drive-thru area. Shoppers can place their orders online and their groceries will be ready for pickup at a set time. For busy families on the go, it's a convenient option to grab some necessities or pick up dinner on the way home from work.

It was Mayor Steve Pellegrini who first introduced Louie Coppa to King and the possibility of coming to the area. After a few visits and meetings, it was clear that both Coppa's and the community of King would be a good fit for each other.

The Coppa family visits the area regularly to keep an eye on the store's progress. As a family-run company, the Coppas are very hands-on and proud of their accomplishments.

Many staff members have been with the company for decades, with a few upwards of 30 years. It's a testament to the sense of commitment and values that Coppa's exudes.

John stressed that the variety at

Coppa's is "second to none" no matter what department you visit, bringing the world of food to its customers. A trip through its current corporate head office store on Dufferin south of Steeles reveals a massive, spacious and well-appointed grocer. It's inviting, offering a limitless lineup of meats, deli and fresh produce. Butchers provide perfect cuts of aged beef and the Illy café serves as an ideal spot for lunch or a cappuccino. The hot food area offers some great meal options, made fresh on site.

The mile-long pastry counter is enticing. Louie noted that roughly 80% of the pies, cakes and desserts are baked fresh in-store.

What's more, Coppa's prides itself on customer satisfaction. "If they want it, we have it," he said, noting they will order in special requests from customers. John noted the King City location will not only offer indoor seating, but an outdoor patio as well.

International cuisine is their specialty, and John added they stock an impressive lineup of imported products from around the world, to meet the needs of every ethnicity.

Coppa's is backed by a lot of experience in the food business. In 1963, the Coppa family opened their first grocery store at 1558 Queen Street West in Toronto. Louie has fond memories of helping out at the outdoor market when he was just a boy. The Coppas themselves are modest about their success. Their stores, products and service speak for themselves.

"Service is a big part of our business," Louie said.

Even though they haven't opened the doors, Coppa's has been an active supporter of King charities and local events. From the King City Beer Festi-

val to Christmas in King City, Coppa's has a local presence.

"We're very community oriented," Frances said. And the feedback has been "overwhelming." Even with

the opening still months away, there's no doubt that Coppa's King City will be a family favourite.

For more, visit <http://www.coppas.com>.



Louie, Frances and John Louie are hands-on owners of Coppa's. The new King City store will offer many industry "firsts" when it opens next year.

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McDonald's breaks ground in Schomberg

By Mark Pavilons

"None of us are as good as all of us." That sentiment propels McDonald's ever forward. And now, they're coming to King.

Rory MacKinnon brings with him literally decades of experience with the fast food giant. His story is a marvellous tale of working his way up the corporate ladder. And he's enjoyed every minute of it.

MacKinnon owns restaurants in Alliston and Angus and jumped at the chance to locate one in Schomberg. Rory and his wife Marlene both work in the business. They live in Alliston with their children.

He recalls that when Chicago Blackhawks coach, and Schomberg native

Mike Kitchen brought the Stanley Cup to the Trisan Centre in 2012, MacKinnon was there. As part of the Clans of Te-sumseth - Pipes & Drums band, MacKinnon waited on the patch of grass at the southeast corner of Highway 27 and Dr. Kay Drive. He thought to himself that this would make a great spot for a McDonald's one day.

Months later, the head office called and said that very spot was available.

MacKinnon said he loves the small town atmosphere in Schomberg and finds the residents very welcoming.

The new restaurant will be part of a Petro-Canada complex that includes a 24-hour gas bar and car wash. The marriage between McDonald's and Petro Canada is common in Quebec and out west, and it's becoming a good fit these

days. The one built in Caledon a couple of years ago served as the template for the Schomberg restaurant.

MacKinnon said he will have 3,800 square feet and seating for 60 people. There will be a two-lane drive-thru and even self-serve touch-screen kiosks at the restaurant that will be open 24/7. MacKinnon said he will employ upwards of 70 staff. Some of his existing employees in Alliston are from Schomberg so he will have some seasoned team members on site. They will have TVs and WiFi, and an area to accommodate young athletes who have games at the Trisan Centre.

The restaurant will have a modern look and MacKinnon said he's very pleased with the way it's going to look.

Hopes are the McDonald's can open by June 2016. MacKinnon admitted they are a bit behind schedule, but have worked out the hurdles with York Region. King's mayor, councillors and staff have all been supportive of the project.

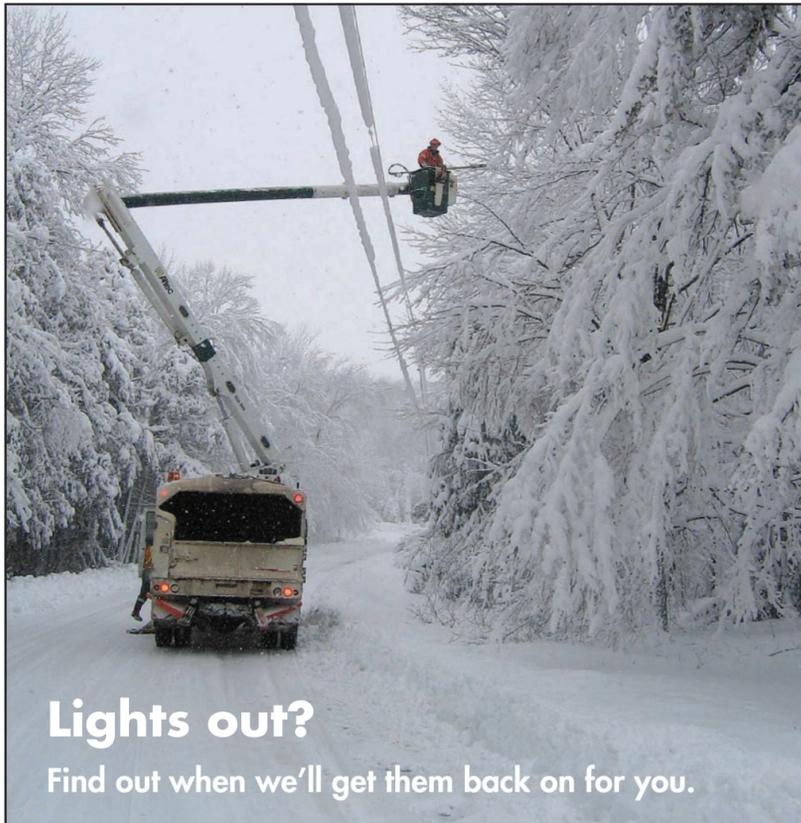
McDonald's does have corporate charities, and supports Toronto's Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for families who have children undergoing medical treatments.

MacKinnon said they will support local charities, too, once they settle in and determine the need.

This new corporate partner in King will help boost the local economy and help shape the local business landscape.



A.J. Kang from Petro-Canada, McDonald's operations supervisor Sandi Begg and franchise owner Rory MacKinnon break ground in Schomberg.



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I've been pretty good this year, but my patients have been better and they deserve the best I can give them. Please help.

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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 game on 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.

Anglican churches St. Mary Magdalene's, Schomberg and Christ Church Kettleby, have blue hangings, blue communion veils, blue Bible markers all in place as the green of Pentecost, the last and longest season of the church year, gave way to the blue of Advent, the first season of the new church year. Lloydtown parish priest Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth wore blue robes over her white cassock.

St. Andrew's Day was also marked at both churches Nov. 30. At St. Mary Magdalene's his story was retold and his association with Scotland explained. A scarf in the blue clergy tartan lay in front of a vase of blue irises at the foot of the altar. A stone plaque with an embossed stone thistle emblem of Scotland (carved by master stone mason Doug MacDonald who is restoring many of the exterior carvings on the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa) stood at the base of the St. Alban's sanctuary cross at the back of the church flanked by a dish of Scottish shortbread and a tiny bottle of whiskey.

The Scottish "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" served as the offertory

hymn. Organist, Joy Gannicott, combined the old Scottish hymn "Abide With Me" with Sir Harry Lauder's "Keep Right On to the End of the Road" and played them as an ablutions motet while Communion was served.

As the service ended and parishioners made their way back to the St. Alban's table to enjoy a piece of shortbread the strains of "Scotland the Brave" played by our much treasured organist filled the church.

This past Sunday Dec. 6 was St. Nicholas Day and marked the beginning of Christmas celebrations in the Netherlands. Things got under way with the arrival the good saint known in Holland as Sinter Klaas from Spain on his white horse accompanied by faithful servant Pieter (Peter) who has treats for good children but ashes and a crack of his whip for the naughty ones.

The old Dutch hymn "We Gather Together" "was played during Communion. Following the service treats of traditional specuulas cookies and gold foil wrapped chocolate coins were given out to commemorate three bags of gold coins tradition says St. Nicholas dropped down the chimney of a poor family's home so the three daughters wouldn't become indentured servants to pay family debts.

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

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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.

Diva in the Rough

The Kettleby Village Association would like to invite everyone to celebrate with them "A Merrie Olde Kettleby Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. 13.

This festive event will be starring Catherine Hughes. Tickets are \$20 per person. The doors of the Christ Church Parish Hall will open at 6 p.m. and the festivities will begin at 7 p.m. Call "Elaine the Dame" at 416-824-1613 for information and reservations are highly recommended as Catherine has quite a following!

Schomberg Lions Santa skate

The Schomberg Lions Club, the club with heart, is once again hosting the annual Santa Skate at the Trisan Centre, on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 3:20 p.m. This is a free skate for the public to enjoy, a way for our Lions to show their appreciation for the community support throughout the year and conversely for the public to show their appreciation for the Lions Club.

Music Collective presents 'A Cozy Christmas' concert

Continuing with the fourth concert of the second season of our popular, standing-room-only music series, the King Music Collective is presenting "A Cozy Christmas," featuring a swinging quartet comprised of some of Canada's most noted jazz artists.

On tape will be John Sherwood on piano; Steve Wallace on bass; Terry Clarke on drums and Kevin Turcotte on trumpet.

For "A Cozy Christmas" the quartet will be performing a superb selection of jazz standards, holiday favourites and original compositions as well as material performed by Kevin Turcotte and band members for the soon-to-be-released Chet Baker bio-pic, "Born to be Blue" starring Ethan Hawke.

The concert will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of Michele Mele and Luciano Toro, located at 15785 8th Concession, in King.

The King Music Collective was founded and curated by vocalist, composer and recording artist Mele, and she is excited to welcome KMC members - old and new - and all arts and music lovers to enjoy this totally enthralling musical experience! During the concert, light snacks and beverages will be served. As a special educational feature, King Music Collective co-founder and jazz journalist Lesley Mitchell-Clarke will be conducting a brief interview with Sherwood, Wallace, Clarke and Turcotte during the break between sets.

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Saturday biggest day for King Township Food Bank

By Carol Ann Trabert

Saturday, Dec. 12 is the biggest day of the year for King Township Food Bank, as hampers and gifts from Christmas in King are distributed to registrants, in addition to the usual food, food cards, produce and bread.

Distribution is being held from 9-11 a.m. at the three centres in King, with extra volunteers on hand to help with the logistics of the additional items.

The next distribution will be Jan. 16, 2016.

November's distribution was enriched through the generous donations of bread from The Stonemill Bakehouse and Hermanns Contracting, as well as Dorio's Kettleby Italian Bakery. Fresh produce was donated by Hillside Gardens again. The recipients are so happy to be receiving these healthy options.

The pre-Christmas season continues to be busy for the Food Bank volunteers. Even after Thanksgiving, drives continue, and the bins at No Frills, Foodland, libraries and King City fire stations fill quickly.

King City Dental and The Township of King have held food drives, and even more food than usual came in from All Saints King City and King City United Church. Even private parties are donating to us as they ask for cash or food donations instead of the customary hostess gift.

Bruce Wilson Landscaping presented a cheque for \$2,500 – a wonderful kickoff to the 2016 Web Sponsor Campaign.

Ronan Realty's cheque for \$500 was a generous share of their annual golf tournament. And Tim Hortons in King City has pledged the proceeds from their Smile Cookie campaign.

The Food Bank is very grateful for all

those organizations who choose to donate locally. It means the world to the volunteers, ensuring that the mandate of a week of non perishable food can continue to be met month after month. For more information on this totally volunteer operated charity, visit www.kingtownshipfoodbank.ca.

Christmas in King, a sister organization, is coming to the end of their project to provide trees, wreaths, specified gifts, and festive hampers for 71 registrations, comprising single persons up to families of 8. Although separate, there is some crossover from Food Bank volunteers to the Christmas in King team that mobilizes to engage donors of every kind. Round the Bend Farm continues to donate their lovely fresh turkeys, and the King City Firefighters and Nobleton Lions provide for those requesting a frozen bird. BTN donates beautiful fresh green wreaths. Black Forest continues their tradition of many years of donating fresh Christmas trees.

Many churches participate generously with congregations providing gifts and hampers through liaisons who sit on the committee. These include York Pines United Church, Sacred Heart, Christ Church Kettleby, Sovereign Grace Church, King Bible Church, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Additionally, other churches offer support, including St. Mary Magdalene, and All Saints King City, St. Paul's Presbyterian, and Schomberg/Nobleton United.

Through the dedicated efforts of a team of shoppers, sorters, and a delivery crew with strong backs, all items are sent to their proper centre this week.

Information on the specifics of the program can be found on the Food Bank website, under the Christmas in King page.



Tim Hortons franchise owners Rita and Len Mizzoni have once again come to the aid of the King Township Food Bank. They donated \$1,400 to the cause, proceeds from the fall's Smile Cookie campaign. They presented the cheque to Carol Ann Trabert of the Food Bank.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

Marylake hosts 'Doors of Mercy'

The Jubilee of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis as a year to be lived intensely in each local church throughout the world, allowing every person to encounter the mercy of God. The most evident sign of this pastoral care is the chance to open a Door of Mercy in every diocese. These doors, analogous to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas in Rome, will allow people who cannot travel to Rome to make a Jubilee pilgrimage.

All locally-designated churches throughout the world will open their own Doors of Mercy in communion with the Church of Rome as part of the Eucharistic celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday.

The Holy Father has asked that special indulgences be available for the Faithful throughout the Year of Mercy (December 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016).

The Holy Doors of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Toronto open on Sunday, Dec. 13.

The Marylake Shrine at 13760 Keele Street, in King City, will participate this weekend. It's one of seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto.

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended).

For those who are elderly, confined and the ill, they may obtain the indulgence by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial" and by receiving the Eucharist or by attending Mass and community prayer, "even through the various means of communication" (for instance, a Mass offered on television).

For all Catholics, this jubilee indulgence may also be obtained when a member of the faithful personally performs a spiritual or corporal work of mercy.

Public input welcome as King begins budget process

King Township is currently in the process of determining its 2016 Budget/Business Plan. They are holding one more public consultation meeting. It is scheduled for 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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Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work on the day and throughout the year; the community groups and churches who participated; King Township staff; Main Street businesses and residents who allowed us to use their premises and especially to everyone who came and took part in the event.

A very special thank you to all the farmers and their families who made the "Parade of Lights" a spectacular finale. The street was lined to capacity with spectators for this highly anticipated dazzling display.

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Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped clear the streets and assisted in helping us deliver the parade safely.

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Storm's hat trick leads Cougars past Shamrocks

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The Schomberg Cougars burst back into the win column after a two-week absence with back-to-back victories over two of their closest opponents.

Trisan Centre was the venue for Thursday's match up with the Penetang Kings, a seasoned team that has simply failed to find their legs all year. Schomberg took advantage of a four-minute man advantage midway through the first, the Kings' season-long frustration boiling over with an instigator penalty. Derek Neilly notched his fifth of the season to make it 1-0.

Kiefer McIntosh doubled the lead before the end of the first, while Cougars goaltender Vince Michelizzi stayed perfect until early in the second when the Kings cut the lead in half.

But the game was Schomberg's for the taking, allowing only 16 shots on Michelizzi in the entire contest. Three more goals off the sticks of Carter LeRoux, Joseph Mete and Evan Woodhead gave Schomberg the 5-1 victory.

Shamrocks plucked

They entered Erin on Sunday with a dismal 1-9-1 record on the road this season, yet faced a Shamrocks squad that

had won once in the past month.

Perhaps still in cruise control after the lopsided home win, it was Erin that jumped out to a 3-0 lead before most fans had even finished grabbing their popcorn. Michelizzi was yanked after facing five shots in just over five minutes, replaced by Martin Lauzon in goal.

The stoppage seemed to give the Cougars a chance to regroup, who had tied the game just over eight minutes later.

Before the period could run out, Neilly stuffed in a rebound off a Tanner Smith wraparound to incredibly give the Cougars the lead heading into the first intermission.

Lauzon turned aside all eight shots he faced in the second, while the Cougars continued to pour them in on Shamrocks goalie Tom Denstedt. Shadoe Storm, in his fourth game since signing with the Cougars, began a memorable night with his first goal in a Schomberg uniform midway through the second. McIntosh and Brendan Spencer made it seven-straight Schomberg goals before the end of the period, chasing Denstedt from the net as well.

Erin notched one on the power play shortly into the third, but that would be as close as they would get. Schomberg had almost eight minutes of straight power play time to end the game, giving Storm the opportunity to notch two more for the hat trick and a 9-4 win.

The former South Central Coyote now has five points in his last two games, after earning two assists against Penetang.

With the wins, the Cougars have propelled themselves past both the Kings and Shamrocks in Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League standings, into sixth place in the nine-team league.

They put their newly-found success, and impressive 8-4-1 home record, to the test on Thursday when hosting the league-leading Alliston Hornets (22-2-1)

at the Trisan Centre. Puck drop is at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday will be the last opportunity for fans to bring in toys for the Cougars' annual toy drive for Sick Kids Hospital. New and unwrapped donations will be accepted at the game.

A trip to Midland is set for Friday to take on the Flyers (13-10-1).

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



Cougar Justin Formenton fights a Shamrock defenceman in a race for the puck Sunday in Erin. Schomberg put up seven straight goals to beat the Shamrocks 9-4.



The King City Secondary Lions came up just short of a comeback against the Dr. G.W. Williams Wildcats on Monday, losing their first game of the season 81-79 at home.

Lions basketball comes up just short in rally against Wildcats

By Jake Courtepatte

The King City Secondary Lions senior basketball team showed some real heart on Monday, despite coming out on the wrong end of the scoreboard.

They hosted their toughest challenger so far of the early season, facing the Dr. G.W. Williams Wildcats of Aurora, both teams entering undefeated.

A dose of reality seemed to be the early downfall of the Lions, having cruised through their last two opponents 67-60 and 50-36. Just under two minutes into the game, they found themselves in a 9-0 hole, leading to an emergency timeout to regroup. It was 12-0 before the Lions finally hit their first layup, almost three minutes into the game.

From there, however, the Lions clawed back to a one-point score at 18-17 for the Wildcats. By the end of the first quarter, only a last-minute three-pointer had Williams in the lead 22-19.

A five minute rest did the visiting team well before the second, putting up eleven straight points to once again open up a wide margin. With the score at 43-28 come half time, the Wildcats seemed able to cruise through the final 16 minutes.

That was not the case. A slight change in the game plan seemed to give King City an advantage, using fast breaks from their own side to catch the Wildcats off guard. It was only through some solid box-out defence in the dying minutes of the game that they hung on, a slight 81-79 victory.

The loss moves the Lions to a 2-1 record, still good for second in the 13-team Tier 3 division after putting up a massive 196 points in that time. Their next game comes on the road Monday against the Emily Carr Thunderbirds of Woodbridge, who sit at 1-0 so far this season.

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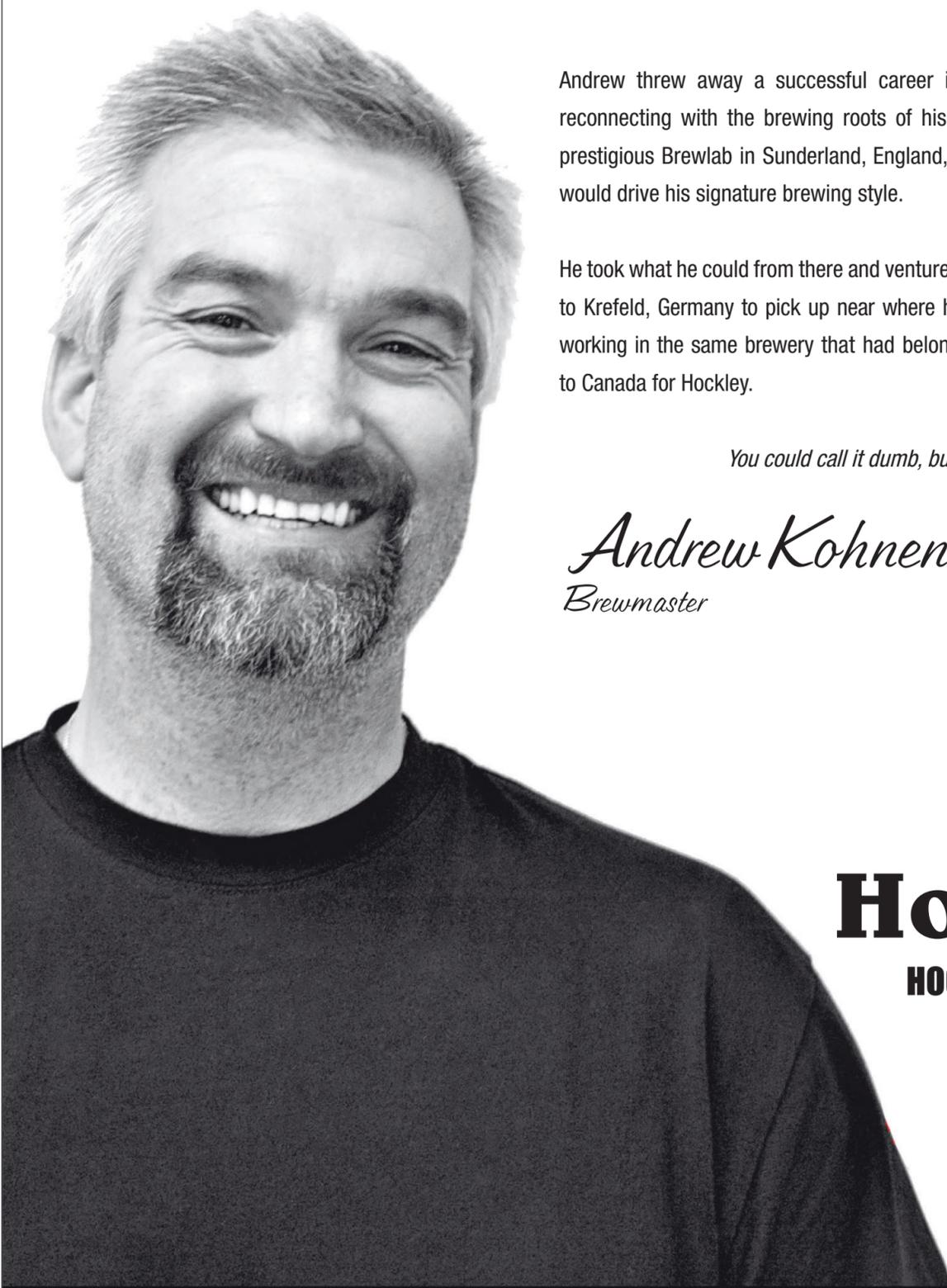
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Gerrits vs. Gerrits - who would be king in curling?

By SHELLEE MORNING

Every inch of sheet 4 was in action during what was one of the King Curling Club's most notorious family dynasties in being "King of the Rings" and "Owning the Throne."

Two skips who are related and sit at the same dinner table, went rock for rock last week in a game that held the attention of fellow curlers both upstairs in the lounge as well as down at ice level.

Father George Gerrits and his son Tim Gerrits, who skips the Young Bucks, were matched up in a pressure filled dual that required all team members to be firing on all 8 cylinders. Team Gerrit's Vice Chris Welch also has a son who plays vice for the (opposition) Young Bucks; Andrew Welch. The close tie between these two teams doesn't stop there though. Another son Colin Gerrits plays second for the Young'uns and best friend Graeme Fleming plays Lead. Team George Gerrits completes his team with 2 life-long friends Allan Courneya and Karl Petersen.

The atmosphere was anything but a family with friends get-together. Winner here gets bragging rights and can dictate the conversation around the dinner table for weeks to come.

A conservative opening end was played by both teams resulting in a blank. To the outsider, the end looked like it was a meet and greet between the squads and getting a feel as to who would get aggressive first.

In the second end, the seniors were held to a single point by the skilful eye of son Tim and the boys. The 3rd end became tense as multiple rocks were in play challenging the Bucks to a scramble in finding a way into the rings. The seniors

added one more to their score with the steal after a failed attempt to the button by the young skip.

The rings shifted in the boys favour during the 4th with great guards by Fleming and slick come arounds by Colin Gerrits. A few minor mistakes by Father George's team allowed Tim to capitalize and collect 3 for the go ahead point on the board.

The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th ends were an exchange of points back and forth keeping the tension and pressure at full tilt. The house looking more like a construction zone was full of rocks throughout the game formulating a creative game for both skips. At times, a bulldozer would have been the easy way out, but George and Tim both kept their cool collecting and eliminating when they could. All 8 players that make up these two teams are well known for their fun and laughter at play, but that was not the case that night, this was serious. The camaraderie would wait until the last rock was thrown. Until then, the mood was subdued as the concentration could be felt rink wide.

The last end was well played and well thought out by both Skips. George with the hammer tried to keep the centre line open and always keeping the shots simple. Skip Tim had other plans. Crafty angles, hit and rolls whatever he could find, he instigated. The game was tied and the final point would be the biggest of the game. With being one of the last teams on the ice, a silence was created that would scare the best of the best as the echo of heavy breathing was the only sound bouncing from wall to wall. Shaking knees, the scrub of the brush, and the skips yell to hurry hard ahead of the rock were deafening.

As the Young Bucks threw their last rock, and made it as hard as possible but



Skip George Gerrits (top) calls the line for his sweepers Karl Petersen and Allan Courneya while son Tim looks on. The game was a close battle between 2 teams made up of family and close friends.

Sweepers Graeme Fleming and Colin Gerrits (above) work their magic for an important guard on a throw by Andrew Welch. Skip Tim Gerrits holds the broom as his father George (in background) lines up his next move.



The Villanova Knights fell 6-3 to Crescent School (pictured) in their first hockey action of the season, before rebounding Monday in a 5-4 win over Hillfield Strahallan College.

Villanova Knights split first games

By Jake Courtepatte

The Villanova Knights have opened up the winter hockey season with a win and a loss.

Sports Village Arena in Vaughan was the venue last Wednesday for the season opener against Crescent College, a rough game that saw a fair share of players in both penalty boxes.

Crescent jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, which the Knights cut in half before the first buzzer. A couple bad bounces in the second period had the score back at 4-2 for Crescent heading into the final 20 minutes.

Despite almost four minutes of 5-on-3 time nearing the end of the game, the Knights came out on the wrong end of a 6-3 score. The game was called with 30 seconds to go when both teams were too riled up for officials to wish to finish.

They followed up with a hard-fought 5-4 victory of Hillfield Strahallan College of Hamilton on Monday, who drop to 0-2 on the year.

Villanova trails only Crescent in their CISAA division, who now sit at 2-0.

The Knights are back on the ice at Sports Village Arena on Wednesday to host Lakefield College School. For more information, visit www.cisaa.ca.

still having a bit of respect for their fathers, stood together and waited. Skip George Gerrits stepped into the hack with a straight face took a deep breath, and executed his final throw. The red rock curled, the sweepers swept and guided the boulder through a port while (other) father Chris Welch called the line. The final resting place was in the counting position for the senior's win and claim full bragging rights. Superior sweeping by both front ends Courneya and Peterson for team Gerrits as well as Fleming and brother Colin Gerrits for the Young Bucks allowed precision shot making by

Vice's Chris and Andrew Welch.

The game itself came down to strategy for both father and son skips George and Tim. George later commented that he had a "slight feeling of sadness" winning their game over their sons, but after taking a look at the standings and learning the boys were 2 points ahead of them going into the game, he quickly changed his mind and felt really good. One thing for sure is that these young men will one day take over the family heirloom and be King of the Rings while their fathers are in the lounge cheering them on.



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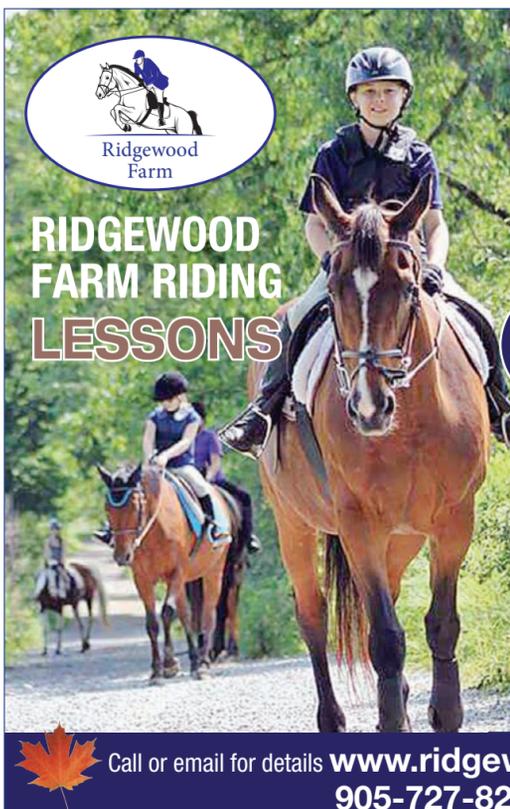
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St. Mary's CWL hosts its annual family day

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

Join us Sunday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his Advent series entitled "Like A Child." Jeff's message this week - My God Forgives Me.

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.

The Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Check here for details or contact our Youth

Leader Taylor Scott at scottie_tay@yahoo.ca or 289-338-2539.

The "A2J" program is for kids in Grades 3 to 6. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings through to May. It starts at 7 p.m. and goes to 9 p.m. It promises an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun.

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.

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. 13 is Advent 3, with the theme of joy. For Advents 1 and 2, the themes were hope and peace.

We are awaiting the arrival of Christ. Everyone is welcome to attend our service at 11:15 a.m. The final advent next week is about love.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon, Brian will be leading "A Christmas Conversation" at Nobleton United and a light lunch will be served. We are usually a small group, but would warmly welcome you to join us. If you need a ride, call Nancy at 905-859-0761.

Our Christmas Eve service is at 8:30 p.m. This is always a very special evening of readings and carols. If you prefer to attend an earlier service on Christmas Eve, our sister church, Schomberg United, is having its service at 7 p.m.

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.

We are not forgetting our friends and neighbours who may need to make use of the Food Bank. Be sure to bring some things on Dec. 20 for delivery to the King Township Food Bank. Kraft dinner and other non-perishable foods are always welcome. Alternatively, you could bring an envelope with cash or a cheque made out to the King Township Food Bank. The Food Bank appreciates whatever help we can offer. Money is useful as they can stretch the food dollar more by buying in bulk when things are on sale.

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Lions host youngsters at Christmas party

From Page 18

Reporting on our Breakfast with Santa event, organizer Linda Olsen wants to thank everyone for their generosity. She reports "we had a large crowd with lots of children getting their pictures with Santa. The Guides did an excellent job serving and our kitchen staff had great fun flipping pancakes. Also a big thank you to the cleanup gang. Even though Santa had a long trip, he made it on time with toys and candy canes for all the children."

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.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. We are located at 6076 King Rd., north side, about 6 buildings west of Hwy. 27. We have a big parking lot at the rear of the building, an accessible ramp at the rear of the building, a chair lift for the 6 steps to get to the level of the sanctuary and accessible washrooms.

Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton

Once again it is the season for the giving of gifts. The home is aglow with excitement and expectancy, as something wanted — something needed — is carefully chosen, wrapped and hidden away until the day arrives. In it all, however, there is a fresh reminder of God's eternal plan of love to meet the desperate need of man's soul, and provide the best gift to completely satisfy and delight his heart. This is the gift of unspeakable worth. This is God's gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

As soon as our first parents sinned — although the punishment for sin was death — the Lord God came down to them in the Garden of Eden to search them out. After bringing them to confession, He gave the first promise of a coming Deliverer in the Person of the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15). As the years passed, Old Testament prophecies of the coming Saviour became clearer, including where and how He was to come. Then, in Luke 2:1-20, we read of these Scriptures being fulfilled on the night when shepherds watched their flocks in the fields, and saw the glory of the Lord in the skies. The birth of Christ the Lord!

A gift offered to you does not become yours until you receive it. It's the same with salvation. Faith is the empty hand that reaches out to receive God's gift of life. It is believing in your heart that Christ's suffering and death were for your sins; that His resurrection from among the dead was for your justification. It is making the best gift yours! Millions have already received this Gift and been made eternally grateful. Eternal life as a present you will be enjoying now; the forgiveness of sins,

peace with God, and much more are all wrapped up in this invaluable gift of God's beloved Son. Will you accept Him now? Take Him by faith as your very own Saviour; and you will find Him to be the best gift you have ever received.

Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton meets for worship service every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we meet in the United Church building at 6076 King Road, Nobleton. See www.immanuelreformed.com. If you are interested in meeting to learn about the Bible, call Pastor Maurice Luimes 905-859-8581 for arrangements.

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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

Santa Claus from Sinter Klaas from St. Nicholas all from Nikolaos! St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton wants you to know the real story behind jolly old Saint Nick!

In the 4th century AD a young man of Greek heritage called Nikolaos lived in the busy port city of Patara in Asia Minor or Anatolia (modern Turkey) when it was mainly Christian and part of the Roman Empire. He was the only child of wealthy Christian parents. Orphaned as a child he was raised by relatives. At an early age he decided to become a priest and spent time at a small monastery near Bethlehem.

Returning to his Anatolian home town he was ordained in 317 AD. A few years later Christians in nearby Myra needed a bishop and they chose Nikolaos even though he just in his early 20s.

Over the years stories of his compassion and generosity especially towards the poor spread widely. One story tells that he learned of a family so poor they had nothing with which to provide marriage dowries for their three daughters.

In those days young unmarried women had no way of supporting themselves outside the home when parents were unable to help or died other than becoming indentured servants (almost slaves) or worse prostitutes. Nikolaos knew that the father would be humiliated and feel a failure if he accepted charity so he decided to secretly help. Riding by their house late at night and threw a small bag of gold coins through a window opening close to a fireplace where shoes were drying. He repeated this a second night however on the third night he was discovered by the father. But Nikolaos convinced him that the gifts were God's wish and it would be most ungrateful to refuse them.

After Nikolaos died he was made a saint and his story spread across the Christian world. But it was in the Netherlands where it became most popular. For many years the Dutch, young and old, have celebrated his day.

Children believe he comes from Spain with his white horse and faithful servant Pieter. On the night of Dec. 5 they leave their shoes by the fireplace with a carrot and hay for the saint's horse and if they've been good the good saint Sinter Klaas as they know him leaves treats in them to find next morning but if they've been naughty they find only ashes in their shoes left by Pieter.

Today in many Dutch cities and towns there are parades and white bearded Sinter Klaas in his bishop's mitre and red robes rides through the street on his white horse with Pieter leading it throwing out treats but with his whip handy for those who've been bad.

When the Dutch came to North America and founded Nieuw Amsterdam the Sinter Klaas tradition came with them. When the British took over the colony and renamed it New York some of the tradition mixed with that of the newcomers. And Sinter Klaas became St. Nicholas. United Empire Loyalists brought the blended tradition to Canada and of course between then and now St. Nicholas evolved into Santa Claus, a white horse became reindeer, Pieter became elves and ashes became coal!

January Skating Lessons

The Nobleton Skating Club has another session of Canskate beginning in January. Canskate is Canada's learn to skate program. 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. Also running in January is an Adult Learn class. This is a great opportunity for parents to be learning to skate at the same time as their children. The Adult Learn class runs at the same time as Canskate, Saturday mornings 9-9:45 a.m. To arrange for your registration, please call our club office, or email nobletonskatingclub@outlook.com or nobletonskatingclub@outlook.com, or drop by the Nobleton Arena on Monday or Wednesday evenings, between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. when we are there for regular skating sessions. Canskate spaces for January are limited, so please be sure to register to reserve your spot. For more information, please visit our website nobletonskatingclub.com or call our club office at 905-859-4943.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Right before our eyes with flowing humorous comment guest speaker Deborah Socol (King City) created from scratch a beautiful Christmas arrangement for an outdoor container at Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society's (N-KCHS) 23rd Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner in Nobleton's Community Hall. This creative work of art along with 2 already completed equally striking outdoor urn arrangements were auctioned off to raise money for the society's work. Always enthusiastic Deborah is a past president of the society and now a director once more.

Preceding the dinner Barb Downey (Castlederg), in her capacity as assistant director of District 15 of the Ontario Horticultural Association, went over proposed amendments to N-KCHS' constitution. Each was presented and passed.

After the singing of "O Canada" outgoing president Lorraine Feast (Bolton) spoke of our successful year and welcomed all saying how much she'd enjoyed her 2-year term and thanking all for the support they had given. John Arnott (Tecumseth Pines-Tottenham), who received his 50-year OHA pin and is the sole surviving charter member of the Nobleton-King Society, said the grace and proposed the Toast to the Queen. Then all enjoyed a delicious dinner. It was with great pleasure we welcomed back former director and long time member Tina Stone of Severn Bridge.

Many thanks to Maria Pedersen (King City) and her assistants who set and decorated tables and the Nobleton Pathfinders who with leaders cleared and washed up.

Following dinner Flower Show Co-ordinator Nancy Hopkinson (Nobleton) presented monetary awards to who had shown flowers and won points this year. Nancy herself who won most points in show over the year with her many spectacular entries was presented with the prestigious Women's Institute Cup by Elizabeth Douglas and Robin Pereira of that venerable institution.

Kathy Ball (Nobleton) Barb Downey, Bonnie Mactaggart, Jules Maule-finch (Caledon) were recipients of the President's Awards. The Olive Nelson Novice was not awarded this year.

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King City United welcomes Santa, Chorale

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Second Sunday of Advent – “REcreate Peace.” What or where is your comfort zone?

Could it be sitting in a church singing or listening to Christmas hymns, or was it a fuzzy blanket, a teddy bear, a monkey called Bob. We all need to be comforted from time to time. We need to know that we are loved, even if we mess up.

We shared in Communion. Bread and Wine. Symbols of Grace and Peace. We are all waiting for peace. It comes in different ways for different people. But Peace always comes disguised in swaddling clothes. Will we recognize this comfort when we feel it? May each one of us go out to be messengers of comfort, heralds of grace and prophets of peace. May we all experience God's love in words and ways of comfort.

Our choir sang a very extended version of “O Come, O Come, Emanuel.” It was beautiful.

If you didn't attend the United Men's Dinner and Show last week you should regret it. It was the best yet. Next year

will be their 20th. How can they top this one? Hilarious skits, best beef, Al finally got his 2 front teeth, Jack tried and tried to “Wash That Man Right Out Of His Hair!” John Kell paid a heart warming tribute to his wife by dedicating “Some Enchanted Evening” to her.

We were welcomed up to our front doors on Sunday by all kinds of Christmas wishes and caricatures painted in chalk on the sidewalks by the children attending the “Gift of Christmas” on Saturday. We thank them for their artistry.

Our Wednesday Bible Study is taking a vacation until Wednesday, Jan. 13 when it resumes at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Friday's “Tea and Talk” continues at Sunset Grill from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join in with Rev. Evelyn to discuss world events or your problems of the day with your bacon and eggs or toast and coffee.

This Saturday, Dec. 12 is a busy, busy time at KCUC. Lunch with Santa runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soup and sandwich lunch with pizza for kids (free will donation), bake table, join in the “cookie walk” to choose your Christmas cookies, ginger bread houses for sale, lucky ticket nickel auction and, of course, that jolly man in red

himself. Then, that same evening at 7:30 come to enjoy the Harmony Chorale as they present “Welcome to the Spirit of Christmas” in our sanctuary. Our own John Kell and Al Henderson are part of this group and Sandra Kirby will be singing a solo. Our choir will be participating, too.

Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. All Saints Anglican Church is hosting a Blue Christmas for those who find Christmas a difficult time due to grief, sadness, loss of employment, loss of hope, or for whatever reason – it's just difficult. There will be quiet music, readings, scripture, reflection and refreshments. The ministerial will be taking part.

The Fred Victor Mission needs help, hats, mitts, scarves, sweaters and coats. Also the King City Food Bank is asking for gently used winter clothing, afghans, and blankets. Leave any of these items at the back of the sanctuary in the boxes provided.

Sunday, Dec. 20, the youth and children will be presenting the Christmas Pageant, followed by a pot luck lunch. Plan to stay around to enjoy this Christmas fellowship.

This is an exciting time of year. Our 10 a.m. Sunday Worship services with Sunday school remind us what Christmas is meant to be. Christmas

Eve Candlelight service is at 7 p.m., a quiet time of singing and rejoicing for Jesus's coming birth. We circle the sanctuary with our lighted candles as we sing “Silent Night, Holy Night.”

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

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 13 as Pastor Mark Nowell will continue our sermon series, “Life Apps” with “The Encouragement.”

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.

We have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve service Thursday, Dec. 24. We will begin with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 7 p.m. There will not be child care for this service so that families will be able to celebrate.

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St. Andrew's holds Christmas potluck

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Our children will perform part two of their Christmas presentation.

King Seniors' Centre

New Year's Eve Gala – Come out and welcome in 2016 in fine fashion with your friends and neighbours. The festivities will include a fully catered hot meal with all the trimmings, wine and non-alcoholic drinks on every table. There will be music and entertainment from 9 p.m. until midnight hosted by our special guest celebrity Jack Garson, as well as door prizes and champagne at midnight. The Centre will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available from Vince Cancelli 905-833-6305, Vic Warner 905-833-3510 or Marlene Deacon 905-833-9841. Tickets are limited so book your table early!

Annual General Meeting – The King City Seniors Centre's Annual General Meeting will take place at the Centre on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and Members are encouraged to come out and participate in the proceedings, which will include the installation of the centre's 2016 board of management. The meeting will include a talk on astronomy by guest speaker Paul Delaney. For further information,

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us this Advent Season as different Biblical characters tell their story of how Jesus's eminent birth touched their lives forever. Lynn Vissers portrayed Elizabeth, the cousin of Mary, and how God chose them to bear the "one to prepare the Way" and then the "Way" Himself – Jesus. This week, Dirk deRoos will portray John the Baptist. The worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school running concurrently.

Last Sunday, the Candle of Peace was lit by the deRoos Family. We especially thought of the Syrian refugees and bringing them peace, asking God to help us to be changed in our awareness, action and attitudes.

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.

This Sunday is White Gift Sunday when all the Christmas donations are blessed. The Christmas sharing opportunities at St. Andrew's have met their deadlines and the response was won-

derful! Thank you to all. However, the needs of Evangel Hall, King Township Food Bank, PWS&D and Presbyterians Sharing are ongoing throughout the year. Please continue to share throughout 2016.

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.

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.

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All Saints Anglican Church
By Diana Armitage

This Friday, Dec. 11 is our annual Service of Lessons and Carols at 7 p.m. Our choir and organist have been practicing

for most of the fall and we have invited guest soloists. Come and join us to celebrate the story of Christmas!

On Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. there will be a Blue Christmas Service for those who have a difficult time during this season. This is an ecumenical service with five King City churches participating.

The Christmas Eve Services on Thursday, Dec. 24 are at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. The Christmas Day Service on Friday, Dec. 25 is at 10 a.m.

Family skate at Trisan Centre

The Schomberg Skating Club is hosting a family and friends holiday skate at the Trisan Centre. It will be held Dec. 19 from 9:10 to 10 a.m. On tap will be hot chocolate, a bake sale and raffle tickets. Skaters must have skates, CSA approved helmets and gloves.



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York Catholic board elects first new chair in 17 years

Carol Cotton, trustee for Markham (Thornhill/Unionville), was unanimously elected as chair of the York Catholic District School Board by her fellow trustees at their inaugural meeting Dec. 1. Cotton has been a trustee for the York Board since 1993, and has previously served in the vice-chair role. This election marks the first change in the board's leadership in 17 years.

Cotton was nominated for the chair position by the Board's former chair, King Township's Elizabeth Crowe, trustee for Aurora/King/Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"I could always rely on Carol to be a voice of reason at the board table and a trusted sounding board when I needed to discuss a challenge," Crowe said during her nomination of Cotton. "I believe that it is time for new leadership at this board. Carol's strength of character, her intelligence, and her strong grounding in her Catholic faith will serve this Board well."

In her address to the board, Chair Cotton thanked her fellow trustees for their support and said: "As a board, we will face many challenges in the coming year. I am confident that by building even stronger partnerships with our dedicated staff groups, parish priests, Catholic school councils and student leaders we shall not only meet these challenges but rise to even greater heights in the future and ensure that our efforts and decisions truly support

student success." Trustee Crowe was unanimously elected as vice-chair following a nomination from Marlene Mogado, trustee for Markham (Miliken/Markham/Unionville). In her nomination of Crowe, trustee Mogado remarked: "Elizabeth advocates for the needs of all students, is an excellent representative of the Board and is well respected in all sectors of the community. Her expertise on Board matters is an excellent benefit to all of us and it would be of great service to our students to let her continue to serve the York Catholic community in the equally important position of vice-chair."

In her address to the board, Crowe thanked everyone who supported her during her 17 years as chair.

"I am committed to supporting Carol in her transition to chair of the board. I know Carol has the skills and experience to quickly take over the reins and so I am looking forward to stepping back and spending more time in my schools as well as participating more actively at the Board table and bringing the views of the community I represent to board discussions."

The York Catholic District School Board is made up of 10 elected trustees, and two non-voting student trustees. The role of the trustee is to provide effective and accountable use of the Board's fiscal resources and to develop, maintain, monitor and evaluate policies

and organizational structures that support and promote the board's commitment to the continuous improvement of student achievement.



Nobleton lights up for Christmas

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, left, and councillors Avia Eek and Cleve Mortelliti watch the lighting of the Christmas tree at the gazebo in Nobleton on Sunday. Sponsored by the Nobleton Village Association, the event included fire truck tours, tractor floats, hot cocoa, as well as a toy drive.

Photos by Jake Courtepatte

Society names co-presidents

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Councillors Debbie Schaefer and David Boyd spoke on behalf of King Township.

Carole Spraggett, Director of District 15, spoke on behalf of the OHA and conducted the election of officers for 2016 following which she formally installed same.

For 2016 Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society will have for the first time co-presidents in the persons of Barbara Downey (who was awarded her 40 year OHA pin) and Jules Maule-finch. Vice-president will be Lucille King (King City). Lorraine Feast is now past-president. Serena Edmunds and Gordon Berry have graciously agreed to stay as secretary and treasurer respectively. Directors Dennis Ball, Kathy Ball Susan Beharriell (all Nobleton) and Bonnie Mactaggart (membership co-ordinator) are completing the second year of a two-year term. Directors John Arnott, Deborah Socol are beginning the first year of a two-year term. Nancy Hopkinson and Arlene Heaps remain as financial reviewers.

N-KCHS looks forward to the upcoming 2016 gardening season with much anticipation. All members hope to welcome many new members from our growing communities. The Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society wishes all in our communities the blessings of Hanukkah and Christmas.



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