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Police seek suspect in bank robbery

By Mark Pavilons

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are seeking public assistance in identifying a suspect following a bank robbery in King City last week.

On Thursday, Feb. 18, at 4:45 p.m., police responded to a bank robbery in the area of King Road, east of Keele Street. A lone suspect entered the bank and passed the teller a note which contained a demand for cash. The teller complied with the demand and the suspect fled the bank on foot.

No one was physically injured as a result of the incident. The suspect is described as male, white with a thin build, 5'5" to 5'7" and was wearing a black hoodie, black pants, sunglasses, black gloves and a scarf around lower portion of his face.

The investigation is ongoing. Investigators from the Hold-Up Unit remind business owners of the importance of maintaining and updating video surveillance equipment. Quality images help to identify suspects, can aid in arrests and have a tremendous impact during court proceedings.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6631, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com, or text your tip by sending TIPPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.



Kayakers drown in Caledon river

Two kayakers drowned in the Credit River in Caledon Feb. 21. Caledon OPP officers, as well as the OPP's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) were in the community of Terra Cotta at the Credit River through Tuesday, searching for a missing male kayaker, identified as Zach Sutherland. On Sunday, police recovered the body of 21-year-old Kaya Melanie Firth, 21, of Georgetown. Sutherland and Firth knew each other, and it appears that they ran into trouble in the frigid waters.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, March 7, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, March 21, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Economic Development Assistant (student)
- General Manager of Operations

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TAX & WATER DUE DATE REMINDERS

PROPERTY TAX

First Installment Due Date: February 23rd, 2016

As of February 23rd, property tax first installments are now past due. "First" Tax Notices have been mailed with installments due on February 23rd and April 25th, 2016. In order to avoid penalty/interest charged to your property tax account, please ensure all installment amounts are paid in full on or prior to the due dates.

WATER BILLS

Due Date: February 10th, 2016

As of February 10th, 2016, Water Bills are now past due. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Tax	Water	Bill Payment Options
X	X	By pre-authorized bank withdrawal
X	X	At most Financial Institutions, including via personal on-line banking
X	X	By cheque
	X	Through the Township Online Services portal at www.king.ca

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire bill.

When making payments electronically:

- Property Tax: enter your 15 digit roll number with no decimal (i.e. 000123456780000)
- Water: enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567890)

After hours tax/water payments can be left in the drop box located to the left of the Council Chambers entrance at 2075 King Road, King City.

Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD programs are available for both property tax and water accounts. The enrolment form (same for tax & water) is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD")



Spring & Summer
COMMUNITY GUIDE
2016

The 2016 Spring/Summer Community Guide will be delivered in the February 25th edition of the King Weekly Sentinel. A digital copy of the guide is available now at www.king.ca. Program registration begins March 1st.

Early Bird Registration for King Township Summer Camps

New this year King Township Summer Camps will be offering the Early Bird Special exclusively to King Township Residents! Take advantage of this exclusive offer to receive 10% of your summer camp registration. The Early Bird Special will be offered from March 1st-March 15th. After March 15th registration will open up to non-residents and the Early Bird Special will conclude. For more information about summer camp registration please contact Kenzie Van Wagner: Recreation Coordinator Camps & Integration at kvanwagner@king.ca

REMINDERS

COLD CREEK MAPLE SYRUPFEST

Location & Fee ◦ Cold Creek Conservation Area ◦ \$10 per car Food & Drink ◦ Pancake Breakfast ◦ Hot chocolate
Maple Syrup Demonstration ◦ Guided Hikes Activities ◦ Taffy Making ◦ Horse Drawn Sleigh ◦ Bonfire

Date & Time ◦ March 5, 2016 ◦ 10am - 2pm

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SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR
VOLUNTEER AWARDS
CLOSING TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2016
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
THURSDAY, MAY 12TH, 2016

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

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

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15th, 2016. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at www.king.ca, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, May 12th, 2016.

Kathryn Moyle, Clerk
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HALF-LOAD RESTRICTIONS

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per axle will be implemented on designated Township roads effective Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 to Tuesday, May 31st, 2016. For further information, please visit the website at www.king.ca or call 905-833-5321.

Schomberg Agricultural Society

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The Township of King is offering a shuttle service for seniors and/or family/friends to the Schomberg Farm Tour for a one day event on Saturday March 12th, 2016. The cost is \$5.00 per person. To register, contact Leslie Millar, Seniors Liaison, King Township 905-833-5321 ext. 5240 lmillar@king.ca. Space is limited so call asap to reserve your spot!

REMINDERS

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2016 GRANTS

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2016 must be completed and submitted to the Township by Thursday, March 31st, 2016.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at www.king.ca, or please contact:

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MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 2 Nobleton Library 8 Sheardown Drive 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday, March 23 Schomberg Library 77 Main Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Thursday, April 14 Ansonveidt Library 18997 Dufferin Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Monday, April 25 King City Library 1970 King Road 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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Province pushes with elected chair in York

By Mark Pavilons

Despite voting to maintain the status quo in York, the province seems intent on making the chair an elected position.

York regional councillors last Thursday voted 14-5 against a motion that calls for an elected chair.

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.

Interestingly, the province, on the day before the regional council meeting, announced public meetings into Bill 42, which would mandate an elected chair in York. Bill 42 seeks to require the regional chair to be elected by a general vote beginning in the next municipal election in October 2018.

The issue is being promoted by Chris Ballard, MPP for Newmarket-Aurora.

“Allowing the public to directly elect the chair of the Region of York is a fundamental democratic right,” said Ballard. “When the Region was founded in 1970 there were about 44,000 people living here. I remember those days, having been born and raised in King City. Today, the Region is home to about 1.2 million people and it is time to update the old election model. With more than one-third of homeowners’ municipal tax dollars going to fund the Region, the Region accounting for significant municipal debt, and the important role the Region plays in land development, roads and public health, it’s time the public had a means to directly question candidates for the chair’s position, and not have that powerful position decided behind closed doors.

“I know some regional councillors and mayors have concerns about my private member’s bill, and so I encourage them to listen to the public and de-

velop a made in York Region solution that addresses the need for direct elections and is ready in time for the next municipal election.”

Councillors did direct staff to undertake a comprehensive governance review, which would include a review of the makeup of council and the issue of an elected chair.

“I am not against an elected chair, I am against the private member’s bill targeting York Region alone,” said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

“If the province wants reform it should be across the province. What about our neighbour to the west – Peel or our neighbour to the north – Simcoe. They should also look at themselves and reflect on the fact that the Premier is not directly elected either along with the many appointments to different boards, senators, Judges etc.

“This would be the 4th largest election in Canada and candidates would need to raise in excess of half a million dollars. My concern is where would donations of that kind come from?”

In June 2013 Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Helena Jaczek introduced Private Member’s Bill 16 that, if passed, would amend the Ontario Municipal Act to make the position of York Regional chair elected as opposed to appointed. Although the bill received unanimous support at second reading, it died on the order paper because of the 2014 election. It was then re-introduced by Ballard in 2014 as Bill 42. MPPs David Caplan and Reza Moridi previously introduced the same bill.

“I was disappointed to learn that Regional Council voted against supporting Bill 42 considering the majority of York Region’s municipalities that represent roughly 50 per cent of its population voted in favour,” Jaczek said. “Considering the rapid expansion of York Region in the 45 years since it was established, the responsibilities of

the regional chair have dramatically evolved from a purely administrative position to one that is responsible for large budgets, critical decisions and essential services that affect the lives of more than one million people. The regional chair holds a tremendous amount of influence over York Region, and as such, should be directly elected by the people.”

Despite being considered several times over the past 40 years, there have been minimal additions to the composition of York regional council. Between 1971 and 2003, council representation increased to 21 from 17. Between 2003 and 2015, York Region’s population increased by more than 36 per cent to almost 1.2 million, but no new representatives have been added to reflect this growth.

The Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly will meet to consider Bill 42, An Act to amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to provide that the head of council of The Regional Municipality of York must be elected.

The committee intends to hold its final public hearing Wednesday, March 2.

People who wish to comment on the Bill may send a written submission to the Clerk of the Committee by 6 p.m. on March 2.



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Businesses given option of opening on holidays

By Mark Pavilons

King businesses can open on statutory holidays, thanks to a decision by council recently.

The Township has applied to York Region for a tourism exemption to the Retail Business Holidays Act, allowing all businesses in King to open on stat holidays. If they wish, local business owners can open New Year’s Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

The move was sparked by a request from the King Chamber of Commerce in early January, asking that the Township consider an exemption for local businesses. The Chamber cited the need to level the playing field with neighbouring municipalities, noting that King retailers are at a competitive disadvantage in relation to our closest markets.

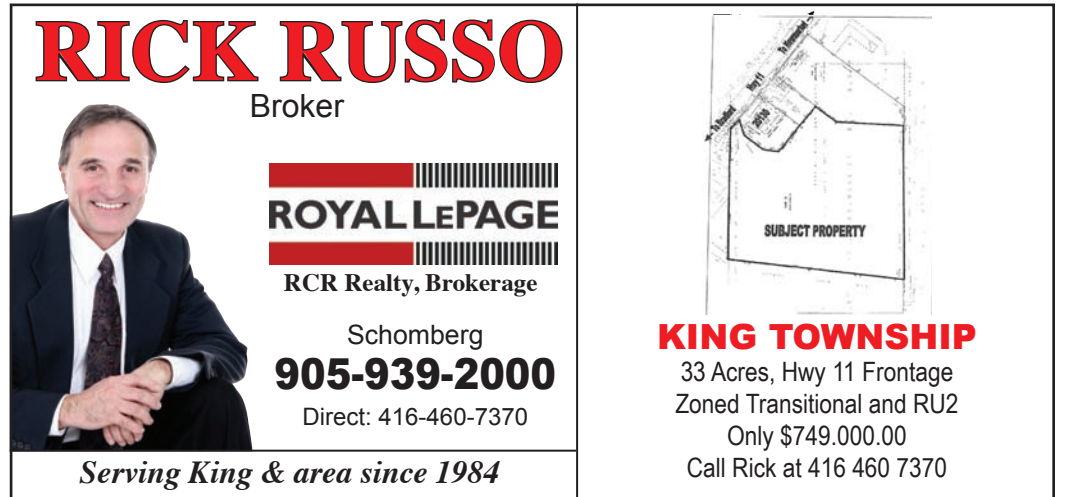
According to a staff report submitted by Jamie Smyth, King’s economic development officer, King is attracting more visitors. Attendance at events like Victoria Day in Nobleton and Canada Day celebrations (to name just two) are drawing significant attendance from beyond King’s borders.

“An exemption would enable a number of spin-off benefits for both visitors travelling to King for these events and through King on their journey to their final/vacation destinations,” Smyth wrote.

He also pointed out that in King’s Community Tourism Plan, there’s an emphasis on promoting and nurturing tourism experiences. “Securing an exemption from the Act for King’s retail businesses would support and align with Township efforts at sustaining and growing tourism economic activity that complements King’s assets.”

From here, York Region will hold a hearing date in April, to allow the public a chance to comment on King’s application.

Councillor Avia Eek said she’s thrilled that King is “providing the tools to grow our local economy.”




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Rewriting our own past, amending our future

As our technology and grey matter continue to grow, we find ourselves in a bit of a pickle.

As we learn even more about our past, and what's "out there," we are realizing we made a few errors and we are constantly correcting them.

I know it may sound odd, but as we unearth even more truths and facts about our troubled past, we find our history books are out of date. Who would have thought we'd ever have to "re-write" history?

How many of us, as we listened intently in history class in high school, would have thought our texts would be useless in a few decades? I even likely mumbled to myself that my kids would be reading the very same books one day!

Alas, that's just not the case.

In our day, waiting for a new high school or college text took time. Updating books and printing them in large quantities took years.

Today, given the break-neck speed of the "information highway," knowledge, new facts and discoveries are shared instantly around the world. When something groundbreaking takes place, you can bet you'll hear about it by lunch time.



Mark Pavilons

Scientists and archaeologists are constantly digging up new relics from the past. On an almost monthly basis, dinosaur-lovers are discovering never-before-seen species, right here in Canada. Alberta seems to be a hot spot for dino-discoveries. While these men and woman are in their glory, it's really

hard keeping up with all the changes in our ever-changing family tree.

Along with the new fossils comes better science to analyze them. We have more accurate carbon dating systems, DNA testing and medical scans, which reveal much about these amazing creatures that died out long before man roamed the planet.

Years ago, I came across "ammo-lite" for the first time. It's basically a prehistoric nautilus-type shell. Under pressure for millions of years, the outer shell becomes a vivid mosaic of colourful tiles. Breathtaking. They've become collectible display items and even found their way into jewellery.

I also managed to obtain a small piece of a petrified woolly mammoth tusk, also from Alberta. It made for a great show-and-tell item for the kids.

For those who enjoy the Jurassic Park movies, there is some truth to the plot. Amber-encased mosquitoes do contain dinosaur DNA. Extracting it and cloning tyrannosaurs rex may not be so far-fetched.

Using our technology and various gizmos, we are revisiting our old friends that are secured in museums around the world.

Egyptian mummies have undergone various scans, revealing even more interesting details about this mysterious and powerful dynasty.

Computer, 3-D depictions have also revealed new facts about some of the pyramids and how they were constructed.

As we access more remote areas on earth, such as the jungles of Central America, we are learning more about our Mayan and Aztec forefathers. There have been more revelations of North America's first inhabitants, and some of the first settlements in the U.S.

When we discover the "missing link" or definitive evidence of the dawn of humankind, our world will really be turned on end.

As we turn our attention toward the heavens, things are changing there, too.

First, Pluto was taken off the planet list. Then another body was found. And recently, an Earth-like planet - Kepler 452b - was located 1,400 light years away.

As probes launched in the 1970s and '80s are reaching the extreme reaches of our solar system, we are learning a lot more about these distant worlds. Already, we're amending texts on Europa, Enceladus and Mercury. We will learn a lot more about our celestial neighbours before we reach Mars in the next decade or so.

As medicine advances, we are rewriting medical journals on the nature and treatment of diseases and ailments. Scientists, and pharmaceutical companies are creating new treatments on a monthly basis. "Cures" are around the corner for many of mankind's worst foes.

Our future is being written, corrected, and amended on an almost monthly basis.

Word from the Toronto International Auto Show, is that almost every major car manufacturer is committed to self-driving vehicles. Some claim they will be in full swing within five years, and some are already being tested. That's not only amazing, but it will forever change our travelling and commuting landscape. It will change society as we know it.

There are many pros to this scenario, not the least of which is reduced carnage on our highways. Federal transport minister Marc Garneau wants a Senate committee to study all the issues surrounding these vehicles.

Just think, within a decade, all of our highway laws, insurance guidelines, criminal code laws and even that old, reliable driver's handbook, will all have to be rewritten to reflect this trend.

As our vehicles, homes and phones become even "smarter," it gives us more time to exercise our brains to figure out the meaning of life, the universe and everything.

The truth is not only "out there," it's right here, in our own back yard. Are we ready for it?

Letter to the Editor

Resident lucky to be alive

Two years ago on Boxing Day, as I stopped for a right turn at Keele and Davis, I watched a wheel come flying off a dump truck barreling eastbound on the highway. It came bounding toward my car like a mad buffalo.

In the second I had, I wondered if it might veer off. It didn't. At the last moment I ducked. The sound of crunching metal and shattering glass told me I was alive. I shut the engine off, kicked the driver's side door open, stepped out and called 911, who misunderstood and sent a fire truck.

In the twilight zone of shock, time stops. Everything happens at once. I was a bit high on being alive. The woman who stopped told me she had seen the dump truck pull over some distance further west, but then disappear. A young man gave me not one, but two bottles of water. The friendly EMIs pulled the broken glass out of my scalp, but I declined a hospital visit.

It was a bit of a street celebration. We could all see the wheel lying against the fence about a football field past my car. The police arrived, took a report and reluctantly drove me home when I asked, because I lived nearby.

My car was totalled and written off.

My follow-up call to the police informed me that they had not located the truck and had closed the case. I am sorry now that I did not push harder, because two years later, I am subject to migraines that I had never had before, and neck ache.

What I would say to anyone in a similar situation is to follow through with both a thorough medical exam in hospital, perhaps a lawyer, and also with the police. It leaves a bad feeling that had I died, my situation might have been taken more seriously.

Seems the squeaky wheel really does get the grease: the negligence of owners and operators be policed and ended.

Dorita Peer
Kettleby



Brainteaser



This is bought by the yard, but worn by the foot. What is it?

Last week's answer: A pig.

King Township Trivia

Linton, a hamlet at the corner of the 9th Concession (Hwy. 27) and the 17th Sideroad was named in honour of its first postmaster Joseph Lynn.

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Results from last week's poll:
After 100 days, do you think Justin Trudeau is doing a good job??

a) YES **46%**

b) NO **54%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think Donald Trump would make a good president?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

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We can all thrive alongside wild animals

By **Hannah Barron**
Director, Wildlife
Conservation Campaigns
Earthroots

King Township put on a workshop called "Living with Coyotes" with presenters from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) and Coyote Watch Canada (CWC). Contrary to Mr. Laidlaw's disdain for the notion of "status quo living with coyotes" (letter, "More action on coyote problem," Feb. 11), the Township took its first steps to address recent concerns of several landowners in King. It is clear to everyone that change is needed if we are to coexist with King's coyotes.

Having recently moved from a career in wildlife research to one focused on environmental education, it is both my duty and interest to inform the public about ways we can thrive alongside wild animals. Lucky for us, we can draw on decades of coyote research from across North America to help us in our quest for coexistence.

I believe this hard data, and not sensationalist, fear-mongering and inaccurate speculation (particularly concerning coming from a former member of council) is what we need to make effective decisions as a township. As such, I'm happy to respond to Mr. Laidlaw's arguments and predictions using nothing but scientific evidence.

1. MNR has no accurate, long-term coyote population estimates for southern Ontario. MNR typically uses data from mandatory hunting and harvest activity reports to estimate the number of coyotes and wolves in central and northern Ontario. Reporting is not

mandatory in southern Ontario so we have few population data.

2. The diet of any "opportunistic predator" is limited by the animal's physical ability to take down large prey. Despite eastern coyotes being larger than their western counterparts (coyotes arrived in Ontario as early as 1917 and bred with remnant eastern wolves due to low abundance; these wolf genes make them larger), adults only range from about 22 to 50 pounds. Despite the variation in body size, there is no evidence that our resident coyotes are getting bigger. I would also add that coyotes commonly scavenge and do consume vegetation, not being either a perfect predator or carnivore.

3. Eastern wolves were southern Ontario's resident wolves but land-clearing and systematic persecution drove survivors northward, opening up our region to incoming coyotes. MNR's own science shows that eastern wolves are very unlikely to survive outside of their protected stronghold in Algonquin Provincial Park. It is therefore virtually impossible that eastern wolves would return to King Township. What few wolves might disperse south of Algonquin wouldn't be able to displace our resident coyotes.

4. Livestock depredation claim data for King are not public, however, plenty of research shows that a) non-lethal depredation prevention is effective and b) killing carnivores often exacerbates livestock depredation. I encourage the Township to subsidize education and implementation of non-lethal measures to reduce livestock kills. Investigations and consultation with the experts at CWC would be the logical first step. Ongoing budget cuts means MNR does not have the capacity to help. Sadly, the

recent public meeting is about all we can expect from our local MNR.

5. It is anecdotal to presume that coyotes are killing more and more pets. We need better reporting to identify trends. What we should be asking, though, is why? CWC already provides information about the many ways people can prevent loss of pets to coyotes: check www.coyotewatchcanada.com.

6. The coyote population will continue to be regulated by availability of prey and disease, and competition between coyote families for habitat. The population may increase or decrease in seasonal and interannual cycles. The term "overpopulation" is a human construct. Wildlife populations increasing past what can be sustained by available habitat (a number we biologists call "carrying capacity") crash without interference from humans.

7. Conflict between coyotes does not lead to aggressive behaviour toward humans. Coyotes are naturally wary of humans. Conflict results when coyotes are rewarded by individuals (via direct or inadvertent feeding) or if pet dogs instigate defensive behaviours that are commonly mistaken for predatory behaviours. Hazing is very effective when the entire community is cooperative; failure results when one or more people are uncooperative. This can put their neighbours' domestic animals at stake! Wildlife feeding bylaws are sometimes necessary. I urge the public to remember the old adage that "a fed coyote, is a dead coyote" if they think that feeding benefits wildlife. For those people feeding deer, you are also feeding a range of other species. Remember, the coyote is opportunistic and will eat compost, in-

sects or congregated mammals around feeding sites.

8. Following lethal management, surviving coyotes have better access to resources: a larger proportion of individuals breed and have larger litters. Wild canine populations increase following lethal management. As such, we have no choice but to learn to live with coyotes and alter our behaviour to support their natural human-avoidance behaviours. Coyotes will pass human-avoidance behaviours to their offspring; it makes sense to keep those individuals that avoid people around instead of killing any and all coyotes because one misunderstands and feels threatened in general by the species.

9. Coyotes are nowhere near as dangerous as dogs; attacks are infrequent and almost certainly from diseased or habituated animals. To prevent attacks, we must work to prevent disease spread (MNR controls rabies, TWC rehabilitates coyotes with mange) and prevent/undo habituation with a strategy that may include bylaws, signage and coyote conflict response volunteers to educate the public.

Recent science shows that healthy carnivore populations act as insurance for ecological services (water purification, carbon sequestration etc.) that we often forget we need to survive. Only when we commit to learning from wild canine experts and adapt our behaviours to prevent pet and livestock depredation will we begin to see the rich ways coyotes benefit our short-sighted species. For those people unwilling to adapt, I'm afraid you'll have to move very far north indeed to find coyote-free habitat.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for making Nobleton forum a success

On behalf of Mayor Pellegrini, Councillor Linda Pabst and the King Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all of you for participating in the Nobleton Business Forum. The evening provided a great networking opportunity, insightful discussion and collaborative feedback.

I hope you stay engaged with the revisions to The Official Plan and new Zoning By-Laws for Nobleton.

I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss upcoming opportunities and ways your business can become further involved with the community.

This is an exciting time for Nobleton. We are adding approximately 300 new households to our town in the near term. Let's work together welcoming these new residents and get them using local business as the first - and best option to fulfilling their needs.

David Boyd
 Ward 2 Councillor

King for Refugees welcomes first family

King for Refugees is pleased to announce that the first family of newcomers is arriving in just days!

A family of seven people will be safe in their home here in King and ready to start anew.

It is very exciting and the organization wanted to let everyone know. They hope to help a second family in March but they do not yet have the funds required.

Donate online at kingforrefugees.org or send a cheque payable to Humanity First with "King for Refugees" noted on the memo line, and include your return address to receive a charitable donation receipt. Please donate and be a part of something very special here in King.

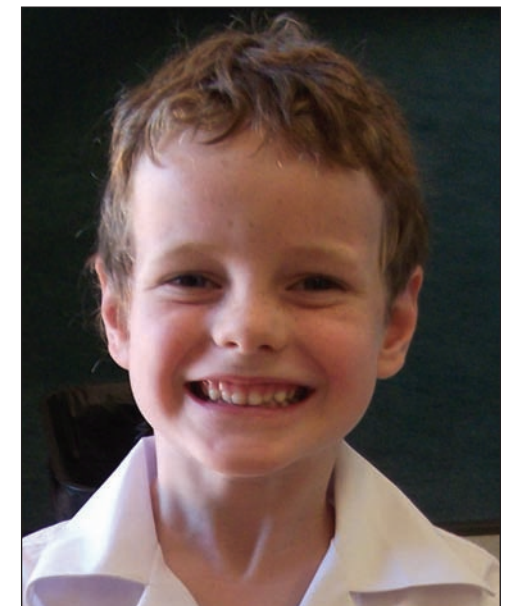
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Hansen makes his mark in the entertainment industry



Matt Hansen

By Mark Pavilons

Our entire history is built on telling stories.

A King native makes his living at telling tales and has received some recognition from his peers.

Matt Hansen, who's worked in the film industry for many years, was recently nominated for Canadian screen award for original screenplay for "Zoom."

He explained he was hired a few years ago to write a film for Rhombus Media, a Canadian production company (responsible for films like Hyena Road, Blindness, or TV shows like Sensitive Skin) to write a film based on an idea of a Brazilian director Pedro Morelli. This led to a co-production between Rhombus and 02, a Brazilian production company. Half the film was shot here, half there. The film stars Gael

Garcia Bernal (who recently won a Golden Globe for another role), Alison Pill, Jason Priestley and Tyler Labine, among others.

The film is about a director who is making a movie about a novelist, and the novelist is writing a book about a comic book artist. The comic book artist, in turn, is making a comic about the director.

"So it's a bit of a head-trip, the film. But a funny one," he said.

The film was shot in 2014, and premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last fall.

They say art imitates life and in Hansen's case this may really be the case.

Before his work in the film industry, he was immersed in the comic book world, working with companies like Marvel Comics, The Transformers, and "lots of other cool stuff." Hansen worked as an editor for Dreamwave Productions, publishers of several comic titles including The Transformers, before moving onto Marvel/Dabel Brothers Productions.

His journey was not a typical one.

Hansen was a competitive cyclist for many years but was sidelined by an injury. At the time it really "sucked" he admitted. He began his publishing career as a cycling journalist.

His departure from racing gave him time to focus on more creative endeavors and this led to "a lot of cool opportunities, first in the comic book world, then the film world."

Hansen adapted R.A. Salvatore's novel The Highwayman as well as Ted Dekker's Circle Trilogy of novels into graphic novels.

Telling stories is what it's all about.

"It's fun telling stories. I think everyone would agree to that. The hardest part is conveying them the way you want to. I think everyone is a Picasso or Stephen King in their mind. It's that distance down the arm to the pencil or pen which is so difficult. I think the true masters see it in their head the same way that it appears on the page. It's the rest of us who strive to do that-and that's the biggest challenge."

Apart from enjoying what he does, sunshine, a good cup of java and good health make him get up every morning with a smile on his face. He said he's also blessed with an amazing supportive family and incredible wife.

Success in the industry doesn't happen over night. It all takes a long time.

"You're always worried things will go south and screw up, so patience and vigilance are key."

Hansen said Canada is pretty supportive with their film and arts industry. There are more chances for newcomers to get their films made through Telefilm Canada or the OMDC, or Sodec in Quebec.

"There are a lot of chances here as well, given the stimulus to film and create here due to tax credits," he observed.

The future does look bright for the Canadian film industry, but it's a constant challenge.

"I think the ongoing arguments about public or private money supporting the arts will always be a challenge. Thing is, when the government supports film, they aren't doing it as a charity - it's also massive job creation."

And with the relatively weak Canadian dollar, our talent and locations are extremely attractive for U.S. productions.

Telling stories is not only his passion, it inspires him. Amazing stories, told by "much better storytellers" keeps the flame alive, he admitted.

He currently has another film in development, the which will be released this summer in Canada, the U.S. and other countries around the world. He's busy working on a few other films and a television pilot.

Hansen's parents live in King City, and he attended King City Secondary School. He currently lives in Toronto, but tries to venture up to King as often as he can.

"It's home. I love the country and fresh air and our beautiful little town."

An expert in fiction, Hansen's own story is very down to earth.

Singing the praises of King City

By Mark Pavilons

King is promoting itself as a tourist destination and we're just getting used to singing our praises.

Fortunately, others are doing the same, but for different reasons.

Toronto's Majid Jordan released their first full-length, self-titled record. And there's one with a very family title - "King City."

They've signed with Drake's record label, OVO, and Majid Jordan has gone from making music in their University of Toronto dorm rooms to working with the likes of Drake and Beyonce.

The seductive, cinematic video for their third single "King City" is very personal to Majid, who found inspiration in our neck of the woods.

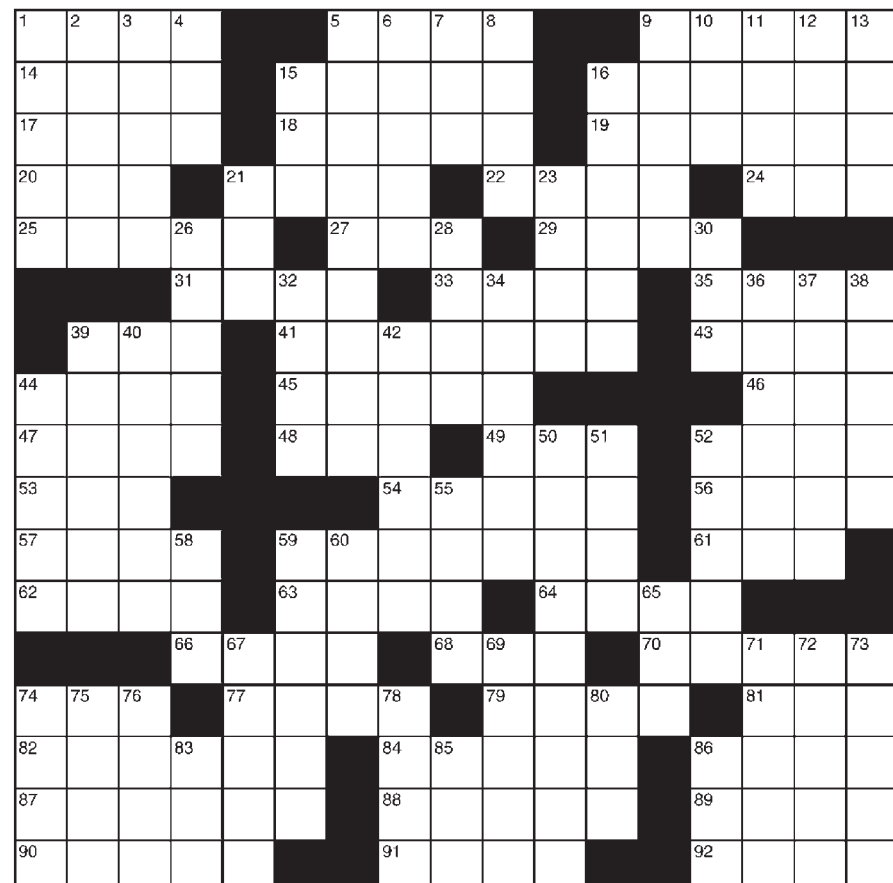
Majid Jordan is a Canadian record producing and performing duo composed of Majid Al Maskati and Jordan Ullman. They are signed to OVO Sound, the record label co-founded by rapper Drake, producer Noah "40" Shebib and Oliver El-Khatib.

Jordan, originally from Toronto, and Majid, arriving in Toronto by way of Bahrain, met as students at the University of Toronto in 2011. Working between Ullman's dorm room and his parents' basement, they launched their first joint EP titled Afterhours on SoundCloud under the pseudonym Good People.

Most recently, Majid Jordan released an EP titled A Place Like This. Majid Jordan also co-produced and were featured on Drake's hit single "Hold On, We're Going Home" from his platinum selling album Nothing Was the Same.

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39. Owl's question?
41. Enlarge
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44. Ducklike diver
45. Dairy product
46. Cold and damp
47. "The ____ Walk Home"
48. "Take ____, She's Mine"
49. Ordinarily disposed
52. Strongly suggest
53. Cooling drink
54. Jam fruit
56. Hard work
57. Fort Bragg meal
59. Bumper decoration
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92. Say it ain't so

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6. Palace's household
7. Dander
8. Track
9. Bobbin
10. Bristle
11. Indian melody
12. Smirk
13. Small whirlpool
15. Social function
16. Cheerful
21. Winter malady
23. Forerunner
26. Amid
28. Mountain lion
30. Morning drops
32. Rotation gauge
34. Note
36. Pushcart
37. Slowly, to a cellist
38. Stair post
39. Made of oak
40. Upright
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44. South American mammal
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52. Absolute
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Your Voice for Business in King



King Chamber of Commerce rides the momentum

By Mark Pavilons

The King Chamber of Commerce is riding a wave of success and cohesion, leading to many local successes.

Members saw the commitment firsthand at last week's AGM, hosted by the Holland Marsh Wineries.

In an unprecedented move, Chamber members voted to remove an old bylaw that limited the terms that people could serve on the board. With several members providing solid support for several years, it only makes sense to allow the volunteers to serve unlimited terms.

Robin Priestly, who's served on the board for several years, admitted she's very passionate about the Chamber. This move allows for continuity. Since the Chamber has picked up some momentum, it's important to keep it going. She's enjoyed her best year on the board with the bright people who bring a lot of skills to the table.

The current roster of board members were reaffirmed, including one new member. King Mayor Steve Pellegrini performed the swearing-in duties. On the board moving forward are

The actual positions and titles will be confirmed at a subsequent meeting.

Tom Allen reviewed the successes in 2015, noting they concentrated on "personal relationships" and helping businesses connect. They began an ambassador program, where board members reach out to businesses in all three major villages - Schomberg, Nobleton and King City. These go-to people in each village offer that personal touch.

The Chamber continues to build on its collaborations with the Township and through Headwaters Horse Country and its Equine Leadership Group.

The Chamber continues to advocate and stay involved with the ongoing Official Plan review in King. Allen said they're pushing to create a conducive atmosphere that shouts King is "open for business."

The annual business awards gala and best-ever Christmas lunch were definitely the biggest Chamber events in 2015.

Robin Priestly provided the treasurer's report, noting membership dropped a bit in 2015, resulting in a modest \$1,100 decline in revenue. While this isn't troublesome, it is a concern.



Chamber board members include (back) Andy Nemes, Design on King; Tom Allen, Sun Life Financial; Jay Rider, Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP; Mayor Pellegrini; (front) Robin Priestly, Priestly Demolition Inc.; Kelly Foley, Brownsville Junction Ltd; Margarida Ramos D'Alfonso, BMO Bank of Montreal; Rose Dodaro, John's No Frills, Nobleton; Ana Pronio, Trends Realty Inc., Brokerage. Missing from the photo were Allison Bishnoram, FMP Mortgage Investments Inc.; Chris Gafoor, iQ Management Consulting; Corey Long, Seneca College-King Campus.

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John's No Frills helps the less fortunate abroad

By Mark Pavilons

Helping others doesn't have to be

complicated. In fact, the simple things we take for granted are cherished by others in less developed countries.

Chamber listening to members

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They do have more than \$10,000 in prepaid memberships for 2016. By the end of 2015, the Chamber had a \$2,951.86 deficit.

Looking at the current year, Allen said they're embarking on a mission of "precision and execution," honing their strategic direction.

They already kicked off the year in fine style, with a business forum in Nobleton, in conjunction with the Township. Two more are planned for Schomberg and King City.

These events provide a mechanism to "listen to members" and the first one resulted in a robust discussion.

The Township is always very receptive to Chamber ideas and events. The Chamber is also promoting the funds available through the Township's CIP program, for physical improvements to businesses in village core areas.

The Chamber, he said, is looking at expanding its presence and lobbying efforts at both the provincial and federal levels, along with maintaining its traditional networking opportunities.

The Chamber welcomed Andy Nemes to the board. He operates Design on King and reception has been great for his new retail business in King City.

"I look forward to working with all of you," he said.

For more on the King Chamber, visit kingchamber.ca

Roughly a dozen high school students from Bolton's St. Michael Catholic Secondary School ventured to the Dominican Republic recently, on their 2016 humanitarian mission trip. The group assisted native Dominicans as well as the Haitian community there, staying at a missionary centre run by the Daughters of Mary (les Filles de Marie).

John's No Frills in Nobleton has supported the students for several years, providing hundreds of reusable President's Choice grocery bags, along with thousands of PC freezer bags. They were used to pack donations - everything from essentials like flour and rice, to clothing and toiletries. The reusable cloth bags are quite valuable to the Haitian sugar cane workers, many of whom live in deplorable conditions.

The St. Michael team of students and teachers handed out 300 bags stuffed with donations, during a visit to the bateys (makeshift worker villages).



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- 500 g fresh spaghetti
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- 2 oz Spanish onion
- 1 oz grated Parmigiano Reggiano
- 4 egg yolks



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- In a frying pan melt butter on medium to high heat and add onion and panchetta.
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LSRCA promotes tree planting so heavily because forests provide us with important ecosystem services we all need. They soak up water and filter pollution. Their roots bind soil and prevent erosion. Forests absorb carbon dioxide and give us oxygen. Trees create beautiful views, new spaces for recreation, and even help you save on energy costs.

All the work done by forests adds up. When calculated, the value of these key forest services amounts to \$319 million dollars every year, according to a report submitted to the David Suzuki Foundation in 2008, entitled "Lake Simcoe Basin's Natural Capital: The Value of the

Watershed's Ecosystem Services."

"This makes sense when you imagine the cost of having us engineer all these services ourselves. If you think about it like that, the role of forests is incredible!" said Paul Cottenden, LSRCA's forest technician. "This point is not lost on some of our longstanding customers who make a habit of planting a few hundred seedlings every year and now have healthy forests to show for their efforts."

Through the seedling program, they offer an affordable option to get growing. They sell native tree seedlings that

have been carefully selected to thrive in our climate and under our local planting conditions. Seedling prices range from \$0.59 to \$1.32 each plus taxes and handling, and include species such as White Pine, Tamarack, White Cedar and others. They can be reserved online at: www.LSRCA.on.ca/forestry. Ordering closes on March 24.

For landowners with over two acres of land, LSRCA also offers full-service planting. They can help with putting together a planting plan, coordinate grant applications and plant the trees ourselves, using specialized equip-

ment. They have experience with large projects and can get as many as 5,000 seedlings in the ground in one day.

Call Cottenden for more information on the program. He has more than 30 years of forestry experience and would love to share his knowledge. There's no cost or obligation. Paul can be reached at 905-895-1281, ext. 245, or toll free at 1-800-465-0437.

Public can access municipal ombudsman

By Mark Pavilons

Following a provincial mandate, King Township has appointed a municipal ombudsman to review citizen complaints.

Councillors appointed ADR Chambers as the ombudsman, for a period running through Dec. 31, 2021.

The Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act (Bill 8) was passed Dec. 22, 2014. The amendment to the Ombudsman Act now includes municipalities and their boards and agencies. The Ontario Ombudsman's office can now conduct investigations into municipal matters based on complaints received directly from the public. The office, though, is intended to be a last resort for unresolved complaints that have been considered through the existing channels.

The role of the Ombudsman is to independently receive, review and investigate complaints that are the result of an act, decision or recommendation done (or omitted) by the Township. Complainants will remain confidential. The Ombudsman remains at arm's length from the Township and council, but will provide an annual report on its activities.

According to Township clerk Kathryn Smyth, there is no charge for the public to access the services of the Ombudsman. An investigation, if required, will be conducted and the results presented to council in closed session, depending on the nature of the complaint. A report to council may follow.

Smyth pointed out the Ombudsman can only make recommendations and cannot force the Township to do anything.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer believes this is a "very efficient way to provide a service."

York Region appointed ADR Chambers Inc., and King had the opportunity to select the same Ombudsman or appoint another, but they went with the Region's decision.

ADR Chambers has more than 20 years of experience providing mediation, arbitration and investigation services for both the public and private sectors.

The current contract ends in 2021 and council may renew it for one additional five-year term. York will pay a fixed annual retainer of \$12,000 to ADR Chambers. King is not required to pay. A fee of \$250 per hour will be charged by ADR Chambers to investigate complaints.

If the Township chooses, they can ask ADR Chambers to produce an annual report, at a cost of \$4,000.

The cost will all depend on complaints received that progress to that level. The Township has always tried to resolve problems internally before escalation to the Ombudsman's office. Any costs incurred will be covered by the legal and consulting fees account.

Red light camera program expands in York

Red light cameras have proven successful in reducing collisions in The Regional Municipality of York. As a result, York regional council approved the installation of 20 new red light cameras in 2017.

"It is important we continue to take actions to ensure our roadways are safe for drivers and pedestrians," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emerson. "The number one goal of red light cameras is to reduce the number and severity of right angle collisions at intersections."

Right angle collisions are among the leading causes of motor vehicle deaths and body injuries. In 2013, Regional council approved implementation of red light cameras at 20 intersections. Within the first 18 months of operation, right angle collisions were reduced by 60 per cent at the 20 intersections equipped with red light cameras. Forty intersections will have red light cameras operational in 2017.

"It is vital we continue to put safety programs in place to support travellers on the Region's roads," said Town of Richmond Hill regional councillor Vito Spatafora, chair of the Region's transportation services. "Safety initiatives, including implementing the red light cameras, creating accessible intersections and increasing awareness of distracted driving, are just some of the measures in place to reduce collisions."


Locations of the new cameras will be presented to regional council in the fall of 2016 as part of the annual traffic safety report.



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Local churches mark World Day of Prayer

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Schomberg Agricultural Society

The 12th annual Schomberg Agricultural Society's Farm Tour is coming on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This very popular and well-attended drive yourself tour will showcase 4 local farms that are sure to impress visitors of all ages and interests.

This year's theme is "New Beginnings." Be sure to wear warm clothing and rubber boots as you will have some access to these farms. Please respect the Farms and the animals and keep in mind that this privileged entry into the agricultural way of life may just open your eyes to this unique lifestyle and the absolute, imperative importance of

maintaining, protecting and honoring all things agricultural in our society!

Tickets for the "New Beginnings" Farm Tour will be on sale from March 5 to March 12 at the following businesses: Schomberg Rona Cashway; Schomberg Tru Country and Garden; Tottenham Home Hardware; Tottenham Feed Service; Richvale Saddlery; Brownsville PharmaChoice Drugstore; Nobleton Feed Mill; Alliance Agriturf, Bolton.

For any further information please contact Janet Orr at 905-859-0434.

Schomberg United Church

Schomberg United Church is hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4 at 1 p.m. at the church. The program is on Cuba - "Receive the Children - Receive Me." We will celebrate with Cuban music, food and a short video. Everyone is welcome.

This is an invitation to the parish to a 3-part Lenten series called "the spirituality of music." The title sounds grand, the program very simple. What

will happen is this - a light lunch (soup, bun, cheese, tea and coffee) served at 12:30. Program begins at about 1 p.m. and will be over by 2. There are three dates, and three groups who will offer their understanding of music and life and faith. The music should not be regarded as a performance, but moreover an opportunity to ask a few more unanswerable questions!

The dates and places are:

Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Schomberg United Church at 12:30 p.m.

Gail and Ingrid from Front Porch Harmony will offer Blue Grass.

Wednesday, March 2, at Nobleton United Church at 12:30 p.m. Jason Locke, a church musician and composer from Mississauga, will be with us. Jason holds a master's degree in Sacred Music from Emmanuel College in Toronto.

Wednesday, March 16, at Schomberg United Church at 12:30 p.m. Dennis Kowal, and the group Sentimental Journey will be with us to share some popular music.

York Pines Church

An upcoming event at the York Pines Church is the World Day of Prayer. The theme this year is "Receive Children. Receive Me." The country focus is Cuba.

At the York Pines Church the World Day of Prayer program will happen at the meeting of the United Church Women on Tuesday afternoon, March 8.

Tickets are now available for the "Stew Supper." This annual spring fund-raiser is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost for an adult ticket is \$12 and for children, age five to twelve, the price is \$5. Children under five dine free. This tasty meal concludes with a bread pudding dessert topped with maple syrup! Take-out meals are also available. To reserve your place please call the church office at 905-727-8118.

A regular event at the church is the Monday night Dance Group. The introductory class is at 7 p.m. Those who are better skilled are to arrive for 8 p.m. The class is administered by Jackie Catto, 905-939-2233. Your donation helps to cover the honourarium for the instructor.

The York Pines United Church is located at 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road, just west of Kettleby, and east of

Highway 400. The community gathers for public worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. You are welcome to attend.

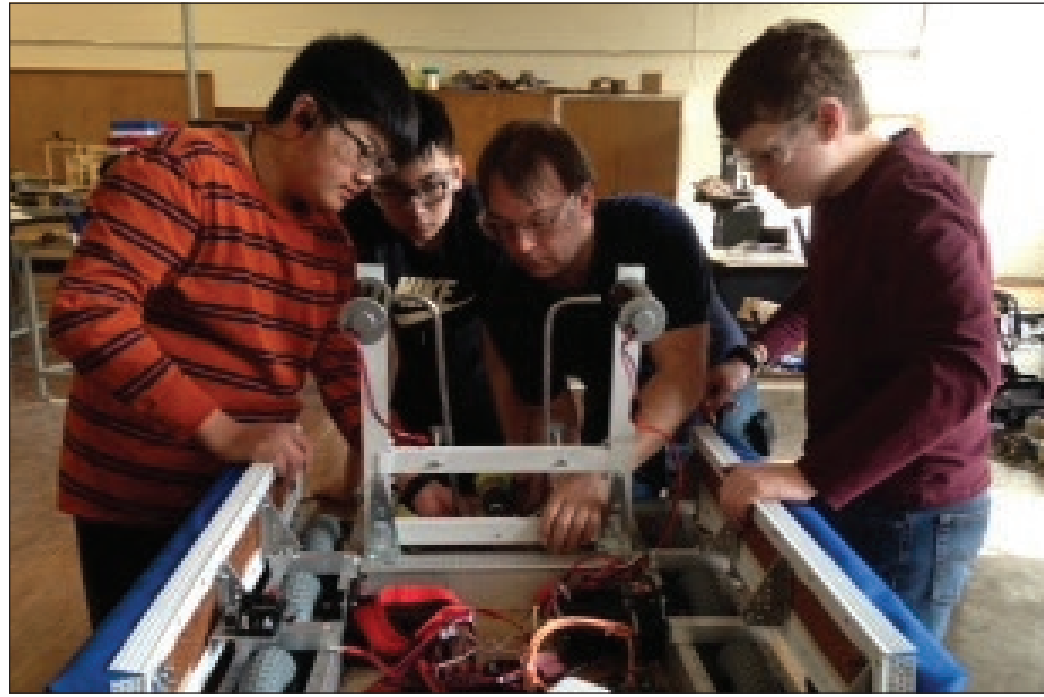
King Library

Once a month, right through to November, Aziza Amarshi, a pharmacist and registered holistic nutritionist, is putting on free health education seminars at the King City Public Library.

The February seminar takes place on Monday, Feb. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. and the subject is "managing high cholesterol" through diet, lifestyle changes and medications.

Aziza will help you understand just what cholesterol's role is and what high cholesterol could mean for you; how certain foods could help lower those cholesterol levels; help you understand the difference between good and bad cholesterol; which medications are commonly used to treat high cholesterol, and she will answer your questions on side effects of these medications.

If you would like to attend Aziza's seminar please pre-register at King City Public Library at 905-833-5101 or at the King City Pharmacy at 905-833-5304.



Students prepare for competition

KCSS students participate in an all day, in-school field trip, to complete their robot. The students have had six weeks to build their 6-foot, 140-pound robot that is fully operated by a computer program modified by students. The robot is able to manoeuvre over obstacles and throw a ball up to six feet into a window in tower. Here, Jack, Grade 10; Tom, Grade 11; Tim Miller, Industrial Electrician Mentor and David, Grade 9 assemble the ball throw mechanism on the robot. They will compete in their first robotics competition to be held in Oshawa this March.

YRP complaints

In 2015, a total of 150 public complaints were made against York Regional Police officers. This represents a 30% increase in public complaints from 2014. Over 40% of the complaints were related to police procedure, while 23% related to verbal abuse, 11% related to physical assault and 11% misuse of authority. Eighty-one (81) public complaints were investigated by both York Regional Police and the Office of the Independent Review Director (OIPRD) with one case resulting in police discipline. Eighteen (18) complaints were resolved by informal resolution, 22 were withdrawn and nine determined to be unsubstantiated. Thirty (30) complaints are still under investigation. Sixty-nine (69) complaints were not accepted by the OIPRD because they were determined to be frivolous, vexatious or made in bad faith; could be better dealt with under another statute; were not in the public interest and were over six-months old.



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Nobleton United commits to support refugees

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's 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.

A2J is a program for kids in Grades 3 to 6. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings each month from September 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.

Join us Sunday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series entitled "Practical Love." Jeff's message this week - "For Jesus, For Others."

On Tuesday, March 1, the Ladies Who Serve group will meet for an afternoon of quilting at the church starting at 1 p.m. They are always looking for extra helping hands so please come join them!

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 to hear them.

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

St. Mary's Church

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord will be held April 4. All parishioners and families are invited to join us for a day of prayer in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother's Fiat.

The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates both Our Lady's humility and her faith in God's will. Please join us for any amount of time you can spare. For more information, please contact Don or Debra McMillan at 905-235-2335.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, Feb. 28 at 11:15 a.m. is our Youth Service. Children and youth will be participating in the service, under the guidance of the Messy Church leader, Nancy Hopkinson.

The story message will be given by Nobleton's chair of the board, Paul Olsen. Our minister Brian Nicholson will not be present as our sister church, Schomberg United, is having their annual meeting, following their 9:30 a.m. service and a lunch.

Lenten conversations are on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.: Feb. 24, Mar. 2, and Mar. 16. On Feb. 24, at Schomberg United Church, after a light lunch of soup and a bun we will listen to the "Front Porch Harmony," who will perform a variety of music, both jazz and popular, and we will discuss the "Spirituality of Music." This is a free event and if you have ever heard the "Front Porch Harmony" you will know that this is a treat. All are welcome.

Sunday, April 3 is Minister Brian Nicholson's last Sunday with us. Rev. Jennifer Mountain, minister of a 2 point charge in Clifford and Wellington North (about 120 km WNW of Nobleton), will be participating in the service. Jennifer sometimes participated in our service when she was in training to be a minister. Brian has decided to retire and move to Australia! We will certainly miss him.

We are asking our members and adherents to complete a "Membership Committee Survey." The survey form can be downloaded at <http://nobletonunitedchurch.com/> under the News and Events section or a printed form can be obtained from our church. The completed forms are to be anonymous and can be dropped off at the mailbox at the back door of the church.

Our Pasta Dinner was fantastic. There was much good food, good friends, laughter. The candles flickering in the wine bottles added ambience with the wall sconces on and the overhead lights

off. Many thanks to Gino and Sue DiFebo and to Val Ball for the delicious food, to the 1st Nobleton Pathfinders who were on clean-up in the kitchen, and to all the other helpers who participated in set-up and take-down afterwards.

At our Annual General Meeting, the decision was made to challenge our congregation, our adherents and the community to raise at least \$5,000 to donate towards the King for Refugees group. Any funds donated, via our church, would be matched dollar for dollar by our Kleinburg Outreach Fund up to a maximum of \$5,000. Our church would issue tax receipts.

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The church office is normally open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. 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, chair lifts for the 7 steps to get up or down and accessible washrooms.

Nobleton Lions Club

Upcoming events include the Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides which is planned for Sunday, May 29. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision Dogs, Hearing Ear Dogs, and Service Dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.purinawalkfordogguides.com for much more information.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Annual Fund Raiser on June 5. This year the event is a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This is the major fund raiser for the Lions Club, with proceeds planned to go to numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to call Jim Kassam at KARS on King Rd. west of Hwy 27 at 905-859-5277.

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

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Now with late February at hand we have about an extra hour of daylight and the solemn church season of Lent has begun. Is there a connection?

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton want you to know there really is for you see the name Lent is not based anything religious but rather on lencten the old Anglo-Saxon word for spring as well as the month of March and from which we get our modern English words length, lengthen and lengthening - and the daylight hours are lengthening.

In some early Christian communities Lent was not observed at all. But when fasting before Easter became a widespread practice the length of the fast differed from place to place and from one generation to another.

St Ireneus of Lyons (130-200 AD) wrote that some Christian communities fasted for just 1 or 2 days before Easter while other Christian communities fasted for 40 hours commemorating the actual time Jesus lay in his borrowed tomb.

By the mid 3rd century many Egyptian Christians, especially in Alexandria, fasted for 6 days while Christians in Rome held a 3-week fast.

It was in 325 AD when Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor, convened the Council of Nicea in what is today Turkey to discuss a wide range of Christian issues that the Lenten fast became 40 days in length in recognition of the 40 days Jesus spent in the semi desert of ancient Judea (modern Israel) communing with God, praying and fasting before he began his ministry.

Gradually, Christian communities extended the fast by several days then 2 or 3 weeks but it took years before the 40-day observance became widespread. And back then this fast was known by its Latin name Quadragesima meaning 40.

By the mid-medieval period the Anglo-Saxons now known as the English were calling the month March and the season spring. Then lencten was shortened to Lent and came to refer only to the Christian 40-day pre-Easter fast.



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Villanova basketball leads the pack into playoffs

By Jake Courtepatte

For the second year in a row, the Villanova Knights have put together one of the most dominant teams in CISAA (Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association) men's basketball.

With a 72-54 win over Holy Trinity School on home court Monday, the Knights second-highest points total of the season, the team has hit double digits in their winning streak. Taking every game since the season opener in November, the Knights 10-1 record is both tops in the West division of D1 B basketball and the entire conference, with one game left on the regular season following press-time.

They closed out their regular season Wednesday on the road against Appleby College (5-6). The Knights are currently up two points on Upper Canada College in Toronto for the lead in the West division, and will earn a bye into the CISAA championship in early March.

Hoping to follow the footsteps of their older counterparts are the junior Knights, who finished in a three-way tie for first in the West division of the junior D2 conference (6-1) and will need three wins to secure a championship. Their postseason run also begins in early March, starting with a visit to Crestwood Preparatory College.

Rounding out the list is the U-14 squad, still looking to book their post-season ticket following a heartbreaking 39-37 loss to Holy Trinity School on Monday. The Knights sit two points out of a playoff position, a 5-5 record with one game remaining against Sterling Hall School.



The Villanova Knights are top dogs in the CISAA D1B basketball league, heading into next week's playoffs.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

Nobleton speed skater to compete at nationals

Nobleton speed skater, Arik Kimber, won a gold medal at the Ontario Speed Skating Central Regional meet, held in Newmarket Feb. 20.

Arik is a skater with the local King Speed Skating Club, and is also a skater with Special Olympics Ontario.

He first got involved in the sport of speed skating when he was 11 years old. It's a sport where he has learned to challenge himself, and he focused on improving his own personal racing times.

In speed skating, Arik has made many new friends and found acceptance. He has experienced success in this sport with his hard work and training efforts!

In 2014, Arik joined Special Olympics Ontario as a speed skating athlete. He skated successfully in the qualifying race in Quinte and earned a spot on the regional team.

In 2015, Arik participated in his first Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games, in North Bay. It was an incredible experience for him. Accompanied by his service dog, he traveled with his team and lived in the athlete's village during the Winter Games. Over

two days of hard racing, Arik did very well and earned four gold medals. His performance also earned him an opportunity for consideration for Team Ontario.

During the Summer of 2015, Arik was officially named on the Team Ontario roster. He earned a spot to travel to the 2016 Special Olympics National

Winter Games. The Games will take place in Corner Brook, Newfoundland from March 1-6 and Arik is eager to represent his province and skate hard.

Arik is currently fundraising to help cover the personal costs that are assigned to each athlete as part of Team Ontario. He is required to contribute payment for travel and expenses and has additional expenses for specialized equipment and personal travel gear.

If you would like contribute to Arik's fundraiser and help him reach his goal, please check out his GOFUNDME campaign: www.gofundme.com/pzq67sfq



U13 boys' soccer teams reach mid point

The King City United team extended their win streak to five straight games after recording another shutout in a 2-0 win over Erin Mills FC.

Marco LaVerde continued his hot streak scoring his 12th goal of the campaign, while Nicolas Bruno added the other, his first goal of the year. Lukasz Figlarz picked up the shutout as United have now scored 21 goals and allowed just 4 in their first seven games of the campaign.

They sit alone in second place with a 5-1-1 record (16 points), five points behind the first place Islington Rangers.

United's next game will be on March 12 against the Brampton East Bullets.

Meanwhile, the King City Royals and Milton Magic A entered their game tied for second place in their division. The game was even for the first ten minutes of the game when a Milton handball awarded a penalty kick to the Royals. The Milton goalie guessed right and made a great save as the tide turned from that point on as Milton got on the scoreboard with a goal late in the first half to take a 1-0 lead.

Despite controlling possession throughout the second half, the Royals were beaten twice more as Milton used their pace on the counter attack to score those two goals en route to a 3-0 victory. With the loss, the Royals fell to third place in their division with a 5-2-0 record (15 points) and are now six points back of first place Glanbrook FC.

The Royals' next game will be Feb. 27 against the Brampton East Red Devils.

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Juvy Red Wings come back in overtime thriller

By Jake Courtepatte

What better way for the Juvenile Schomberg Red Wings to complete their series comeback than with a clinching comeback win in overtime.

The Wings, on their heels down 4 – 0 in a first-to-six-points OMHA quarterfinal series with the Loyalist Jets, treated their fans to one of the most thrilling hockey games of the season on Saturday after back-to-back wins to tie the series at four.

The Trisan Centre was rocking early in the first period when the Wings had numerous chances to open the scoring, including back-to-back powerplays, but to no avail. It was silenced when the Jets were the first on the board, a screened and tipped shot from the point, with three minutes remaining on one of Loyalist's first chances of the game.

It was 2 – 0 on the very next shift, the momentum quickly going to the Loyalist bench. A frustrated four minute penalty kill for a shot to the head threatened to close out the period, but the ever-common presence of Dylan Fitzgibbon and Luca Germinario combined for a shorthanded marker just seconds later, with Germinario finishing off a beautiful backhanded saucer pass.

Three goals in under two minutes almost turned into four, with Dan Giglio going in alone but was stopped by the Loyalist goalie. The Wings entered the first intermission down 2 – 1.

Schomberg continued to dominate the play throughout their double minor to kill off in the second, but once again it was Loyalist that struck. A failed clearing attempt out of the zone once again made it a two-goal cushion for the Jets.

What seemed to be the final nail in the coffin came in the final twenty seconds of the middle frame, when a defensive miscue at the opposing blue line led to the Jets taking a 4 – 1 lead into the final twenty minutes. An unsportsmanlike conduct call then followed the Wings into the dressing room.

Cue the drama.

Early in the third, Germinario hooked up with Tristan Berry on another 2-on-1, who trickled it over the

line to cut the lead to two. The pressure continued for the Wings as the Jets took to playing a shutdown defense, with the majority of play happening in the offensive zone.

With seven minutes to go, Mitchell Harknett cleaned up a Giglio rebound to bring Schomberg to within one.

Finally, with under three minutes left on the clock, the comeback was

complete when Germinario squeaked one five-hole through the Loyalist goaltender.

A ten-minute overtime period followed, wherein a tie would send the teams back to the Loyalist rink in a winner-takes-all situation.

It wasn't necessary. Lucas Brockie played the overtime hero for the Wings, burying it from the slot to complete the

epic comeback (both series and game) to advance to the next round.

Schomberg moves on to face the South Bruce Blades in the provincial semifinal, with dates yet to be announced. The other semifinal has the Cayuga Stars facing off against the Lambton Shore Predators.

For schedules, visit www.schomberg-minorhockey.com.

Team finishes fourth in GTA bonspiel

By Shellee Morning

For most 11-year-olds, their vision or plan so to speak, is what video game they're going to play with and to whom they're going to play it with.

Austin Broad, Skip for King Curling Club's Little Rock team, had a clear vision for his squad who recently participated in a Little Rock's spiel this past weekend held at the Leaside Curling Club.

The two, 6-end game format could be a combination girl/boy team but could not exceed the combined age of 44 years. The rocks used were the standard (40-lb.) rocks and not the smaller, lighter (22-lb. composite) rock the kids are used to using.

Austin led his team of Vice Jacob Switzer, 10; Second Cody Jitta, 10, and Lead Emily Peelar, 11, through their match ups with confidence and great strategy. The kids from King pushed from the hack for game one with integrity and their eye on the prize.

After a few opposition lucky ticks and wicks and some missed opportunities early in the game for King, the team found themselves down by 2 heading into the last end. With hammer, Broad received his guards by Peelar and Jitta. Switzer followed through with his rock in a good place for a chance to tie. The opposition were able to bury their final rock with a 1/4 rock peeking out into the open. With Jacob Switzer holding the broom and calling line, sweepers Peelar and Jitta worked their magic after Austin Broad delivered perfect weight for a hit and stick making the shot to tie the game 5-5.

Their second 6-end game was played in just under 90 minutes (regular 2 hrs. playing time), meaning no time was wasted on thinking time for strategy or how to make the shot. The game started with all four players delivering, guarding, and taking out their opponents rocks. After awarding their opponents with 2 points, Team Broad made a few adjustments on line calls, weight judgement, and their strategy to resume control and take over the remaining game to earn the rock-hard 10-2 win.

The kids held proper player positions, set up rocks, offered great congratulatory mentions to their opposition on good shots and kept the game moving, which at times is the most difficult aspect of the game.

Focusing for 10-year-olds is an accomplishment in itself, especially when the rink you're playing in has mirrors at both ends so one can look at themselves throughout the game. This evidently mesmerized the players into grabbing their atten-

tion more often than the takeout that just occurred.

Attending coach Greg Switzer was very pleased with the kid's performance finishing with an overall ranking of 4th in a field of 16 teams. The kids played with discipline executing what they have learned, but more importantly had fun and made a lot of new friends.



Cody Jitta, 10, delivers his rock to help his team in an impressive 4th place finish at the Little Rock Bonspiel held at Leaside Curling club. Teammates Skip Austin Broad, Jacob Switzer and Emily Peelar made up the team representing the King Curling Club Little Rock league in a field of 16 teams from across the GTA.



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By Brian Lockhart

The Alliston Junior C Hornets are trailing 2-1 in their semi-final series against the Erin Shamrocks, but after Sunday (Feb. 21) night's game three, it seems they are back in business.

The Hornets finished first place in the League with 73 points - 29 points ahead of the second place Huntsville Otters.

The Shamrocks entered the playoffs as a seventh place team but pulled off an underdog win over Huntsville in the quarter-final round.

The Hornets took a surprise loss in game one of the series when the Shamrocks bested them 3-2 in the opening match.

It was game two of the series on Erin home ice that saw the Shamrocks take a 2-0 lead.

After playing to a 2-2 tie in the third period the Shamrocks took a lead and held on to it for the rest of the game finishing off with a final empty net goal to end the game 4-2.

The return to the Hornets' home ice for game three on Sunday saw a completely different scenario unfold when the Alliston squad ripped a hole in the Erin defence to win 9-1 in a game that saw the Hornets out-shoot the Shamrocks 54-18.

Game four of the series took place on Tuesday, (Feb. 23), in Erin with results coming after press time.

Game five will get underway in Alliston on Friday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.



NobleKing tykes win tourney

NobleKing Tyke LL3 team worked hard to win their first tournament recently. They put up a solid fight to win the final game against NobleKing LL2 in an all-NobleKing final. Thanks to Schomberg Minor Hockey League for hosting a fun tournament Family Day weekend.

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With great sadness we mourn the passing of Evelyn on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, in her 94th year at Tall Pines Long Term Care Centre. Predeceased by her loving husband Leslie, dear mother of Barb Musselman (Doug) of Brampton, lovingly remembered by her grandson Brad Musselman (Naomi) of London and her great granddaughters Laura and Chloe. Dear sister of the late Allan Jamieson.

Evelyn was a strong, curious Canadian, a wonderful wife and mother. She had a very active mind, demonstrated by her interests in so many things throughout her life, most notably: films, history, genealogy, reading and travel. She loved the outdoors and will be remembered as an avid gardener. She volunteered in many organizations to name a few: Guiding, libraries, hospital and mental health facilities, film societies and archival work.

Evelyn was a proud veteran of the Canadian Army. One of her passions later in life was to spread knowledge of Camp X and her time there during WWII and after. She gave many speeches to various groups about Camp X and was delighted to try to answer questions about the Camp from anyone interested.

The family received family and friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 for visitation on Saturday, February 20th, 2016 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Interment followed in Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave. Donations can be made in memory of Evelyn to the Colitis Foundation of Canada or to a charity of your choice and would be much appreciated by the family.

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"Constant rain Friday made race a challenge," said Schomberg driver Bryce Baker "and tire choice for Saturday was a guessing game until just before the start. We went with winters for the first loop, then changed to cut gravels for the remainder of the day as it turned out sunny and dry."

The Schomberg-based team of Bryce Baker and Derek Vincent

maintained a solid pace through the morning. Last year mechanical issues forced the team to retire part way through this event but had no such issues this year.

"Making it through the punishing Egan Creek stage was a minor triumph," said navigator Derek Vincent, "but we hit one rock pretty hard while avoiding a disabled vehicle and decided to back off slightly on the night stages to ensure we would finish."

The 1991 Eagle Talon started as \$700 Kijiji find and the team did the majority of the work themselves. The pair placed 3rd in Regional 4WD, their best result to date.

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By Eleanor Fry**

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Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem to die. Bartimaeus was in that crowd. He was a beggar, sitting by the side of the road, and he was blind. All he wanted was to see. He called out to Jesus "Son of David, have mercy on me." Jesus calls him to come to him. Bartimaeus throws off his cloak and runs to him. Jesus says "What do you want me to do for you?" He asks to see. Jesus says "Go, Your faith has healed you."

There are 3 circles in any faith community - the committed, the comfortable, and the curious. Many of us would fit into the committed and comfortable. The curious might be those who don't have much of a church background. They may have left the church they grew up in because they didn't understand it, they've been hurt or they don't get anything out of it. They want to know faith can be relevant for them in their life.

Think again about that question Rev. Evelyn asked us at the beginning. We could ask for the health and strength to do the tasks our faith asks us to do. We could ask for the peace that comes from being in the right place at the right time. Will we be followers through thick and thin? What would your answer be?

Thursday, Feb. 25 is regular practise for the choirs. Hand bells at 6:45 p.m.

and vocal at 8 p.m. Music helps to relieve stress and soothe your soul. Join either group or both. You will enjoy it.

Friday is "Tea & Talk" at 10 a.m. at Sunset Grill. Always lively conversation happening. Everyone welcome.

Friday, March 4 is World Day Of Prayer at 1 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church. The focus is Cuba, their food, their faith and their lives. A great way to reunite with all your friends from the other denominations. Refreshments after.

Sunday, March 6 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. is "A Farewell to Downton Abbey Tea." Come dressed as your favourite character or a 1920s tea party. Photo booth with D.A. props, quiz, tea and scones and cookies. A free will offering to help cover costs. Please RSVP to our office 9005-833-5181 if you are attending by March 4 to determine the amount of food we need. Invite other Downton Abbey fans.

Some dates to mark on your calendar: Our Irish Dinner will be Friday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Adults \$16, children \$5. Sunday, March 20 is our pancake breakfast running 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. sponsored by Ruth Schoenhardt for her Canada Cord in Girl Guides. Everyone come hungry!

March 24 (Maundy Thursday) at All Saints Anglican Church at 7 p.m. Good Friday, March 25, 10 a.m. joint worship with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at King City United.

Saturday, March 26 Electronics Recycling Kickoff. Anything electronic. Start gathering them up. We get paid by weight, so let's make it a really big effort.

Saturday, April 30 is our scrapbooking day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lots of events going on at KCUC. Mark them all down and come along. Our doors are open at 10 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday school. Join us for one of Rev. Evelyn's lively services. Stay for refreshments after: 50 Elizabeth Grove

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We have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

Join us for games, crafts, stories and singing in Kidszone. Join us for Truth Lab investigations this year. It's for Grades JK to 6 and runs 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

We invite everyone to our Seniors group on Tuesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. as we join together for a social time of learning. We will begin with light refreshments followed by a special presentation by personal trainer, Paula Man, who will walk us through some exercises which will help us stay healthy both physically and mentally.

King City Seniors' Club

Wednesday, March 9 we travel to the famous Old Mill for an exciting mystery theatre performance. We start with a buffet lunch in the main dining room. The intrigue heightens around desert time when we meet some colourful characters. The plot thickens when someone dies. The suspects are spread throughout the room, sitting right at the tables among us, and with the help of a detective, we get to participate in solving the mystery. For tickets contact Jane Hepworth at 905-833-5870. The cost is \$109 per person.

Tuesday, April 5 we take a tour of the Ontario Christian Gleaners' facility where we will see volunteers preparing, processing and drying produce which will be shipped to third world countries.

Next, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Old Marina Restaurant with a beautiful view of Puslinch Lake. Then it's off for a tour, by motorized tram, of the Toyota Manufacturing plant in Cambridge where we will see how the high-end Toyota Lexus vehicle is assembled.

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Friday, Feb. 19 is our monthly Potluck Lunch at the Centre. Everyone is welcome so come out and bring a friend. There's no charge, and the food is always great. The festivities get under way at 12:30 p.m. and we ask that everyone bring along a main course or dessert.

The first Thursday of the month is our movie night at the Centre. The fun starts at 6:30 so mark your calendars for March 3 and come out and join us. The March movie will be announced in the coming weeks.

York Pines Church

An upcoming event at the York Pines Church is the World Day of Prayer. The theme this year is "Receive Children. Receive Me." The country focus is Cuba.

At the York Pines Church the World Day of Prayer program will happen at the meeting of the United Church Women on Tuesday afternoon, March 8.

Tickets are now available for the "Stew Supper." This annual spring fund-raiser is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost for an adult ticket is \$12 and for children, age five to twelve, the price is \$5. Children under five dine free.

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Local youth head to the hills for snowtubing

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This tasty meal concludes with a bread pudding dessert topped with maple syrup! Take-out meals are also available. To reserve your place please call the church office at 905-727-8118.

A regular event at the church is the Monday night Dance Group. The introductory class is at 7 p.m. Those who are better skilled are to arrive for 8 p.m. The class is administered by Jackie Catto, 905-939-2233. Your donation helps to cover the honourarium for the instructor.

The York Pines United Church is located at 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road, just west of Kettleby, and east of Highway 400. The community gathers for public worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. You are welcome to attend.

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to be with us during this Lenten time leading to Easter. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and nursery care running concurrently.

We have been blessed to have Pastor John Mills with us and he will continue through to the end of March. The Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be with us again for March 6 (Communion) and March 27 (Easter Sunday).

Lynn and John have returned from their mission trip to Cuba and extended greetings and appreciation from the minister, his church and medical personnel for the donations that were sent.

Family Fun was held after church last week with a chilli lunch, followed by skating and hot chocolate hosted by the deRoos family.

Coffee and Conversation continues Fridays, 10 a.m. in the church office. Come out and continue the conversation on "What Would Jesus Do? - He would weep!" that Pastor John Mills spoke about last Sunday. (Luke 19:41-44).

The Ladies' Prayer Group continues Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Join us to pray or quietly reflect. It is such a blessing to be together and know that God is with us, hearing and answering our prayers as God has promised. Let us know how our God can bless you.

The World Day of Prayer service for King City is Friday, March 4 at 1 p.m. The host church is All Saints Anglican Church and the theme country is Cuba. All are invited.

Our church's Annual Congregational Meeting is Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. It's a good chance to hear about last year's happenings through the reports and plans and aspirations for this year.

Should you have pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries at the 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

February 26 and 27 is the Area Youth Overnight snowtubing event for ages 9-17. Cost is \$25 for the tubing and \$5 for the bus. For more information please contact Kristen in the office, 905-833-5432.

Remember, every Wednesday during Lent there is an 11 a.m. service followed by a soup and bun lunch.

If you would like a home visit or to receive communion at home if you are unable to get to church because of illness or mobility, please call the office or Jo-Anne. There is always someone who would be happy to come visit you.

On Friday, March 4, All Saints is hosting the King City area World Day of Prayer. This year the liturgy was written by the women of Cuba. Come and listen to their concerns, dreams and prayers. The service is at 1 p.m. followed by tea, coffee and treats.

Students wear woollies for 'National Sweater Day'

Nobleton Public School had their thermostat lowered by one degree Celsius in observance of National Sweater Day Feb. 4.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada started National Sweater Day in 2010, and over a million Canadians have participated in National Sweater Day at their schools, workplaces and homes. It is a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy and to inspire you to use less heat all winter.

Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada and is a significant source of emissions. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just two degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about four megatons - that's equivalent to shutting down a 600 megawatt coal-fired power station or taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road!

Another initiative by the Eco Club at the school is the Healthy Snack Program. Twice a week every classroom receives healthy snacks so students can focus on learning and not grumbling tummies.

The school would like to recognize the support of Cosmocare Service & Collision Ltd., J & J Meat Distributing Inc., and Nobleton Guardian Pharmacy for their extremely generous donations towards this program.



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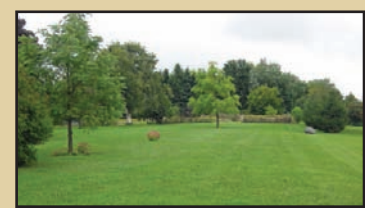
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