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Muzzo to be sentenced on March 29 in fatal collision

By Angela Gismondi & Bill Rea

The fate of Marco Muzzo in the hands of Justice Michelle Feurst. Feurst will hand down her sentence March 29. Three days of testimony were given in the case last week in Newmarket. Crown attorney Paul Tait said a 10-to-12-year sentence would send a message.

Muzzo pleaded guilty to four counts of impaired driving causing death and two counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm in the deaths of Daniel, Harrison and Milagros Neville-Lake, and their grandfather Gary Neville in the horrific Sept. 27, 2015 crash in Vaughan.

Muzzo himself spoke for the first time last Wednesday since his arrest and incarceration. He delivered a page-long apology to the families of the lives he destroyed.

In a packed courtroom, Superior Court Justice Fuerst heard from the crown, the defence, the victims and the accused himself.

After hearing emotional victim impact statements from the Neville-Lake family the day before, Muzzo himself took to the stand last Wednesday to give his statement.

"I stand here before you today with great remorse, sympathy and unimaginable regret," Muzzo began. "As I listened with horror yesterday to the details of the catastrophic consequences of my actions, I knew that my words would be of no consolation. Ever since the tragedy that occurred as a result of my inexcusable conduct, I have wanted to say that I am sorry and apologize to your family from the bottom of my heart."

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Residents protest at Jaczek's office

Roughly 20 people attended a protest in front of MPP Helena Jaczek's Markham office Saturday. Organized by the Incarcerate Sex Offenders in Society (iSOSnow.ca), the purpose was to let her know they're not happy with the decision to put a "mini jail" in the community, housing high-risk offender Keith Constantin. They don't believe that Christian Horizons is qualified to be housing dangerous offenders and the protesters were looking for answers. Protesters also handed out posters and say they were well received by passers-by.

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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

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- Civil Engineering Technologist
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COMPETITIVE BIDS

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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.

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Tax	Water	Bill Payment Options
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X	X	By cheque
	X	Through the Township Online Services portal at www.king.ca

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- 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

MAPLE SYRUPFEST @ COLD CREEK CONSERVATION AREA (SAT, MAR 5; 10-2 PM)

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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.

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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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Mother gives her tearful impact statement

From Front Page

"I know that there are no actions that can ever change what has happened."

He expressed wishing he could turn back the hands of time.

"I know that there is no steps that I can take to bring back your children Daniel, Harrison, and Milly Neville-Lake and your father Gary Neville - I pray that I could - but I cannot," Muzzo said. "I wish that I could undo the heartbreaking experiences that your mother Neriza Neville and grandmother Josephina Frias had to witness and continue to live through. I am tortured by the grief and the pain that I have caused your entire family and the tragic effect that this has had on so many others and its impact upon the community."

He told the court he will spend the rest of his life atoning for his conduct and devote himself to educating the public on the "disastrous consequences of drinking and driving."

"I will forever be haunted by the reality of what I have done and I am truly sorry," concluded Muzzo.

Jennifer Neville-Lake and her husband Edward walked out of the courtroom before they could hear what Muzzo had to say.

"I don't want to listen to the man who is responsible for killing my children," said Jennifer outside the courthouse. "There is nothing he can say. His actions spoke louder than words."

In the courtroom, Crown Attorney Paul Tait said Fuerst has the challenging task of determining a suitable sentence for Muzzo. He said Muzzo had many options that day. He could have taken a taxi or a limo or asked someone to pick him up but instead in an act of "extreme selfishness," he chose to get behind the wheel.

"This tragedy of almost incomprehensible scope could have been avoided," Tait stated, adding the Crown deliberately avoided using the word "accident" when describing the crash. "Every drunk driver makes a choice and in this case the choice resulted in catastrophic consequences for the victim's family. The next generation of the Neville-Lake family was wiped out in one fell swoop ... No sentence fashioned by any court would address this catastrophic loss."

He suggested a 10- to 12-year penitentiary sentence would be a "fit and proper sentence." He also said that Fuerst could set a precedent by imposing a higher sentence and pointed out that there is no maximum sentence for impaired driving as each case and the circumstances surrounding it are individualized. He also asked for an eight-to-12-year driving prohibition. That, he noted, would send a strong message.

"It is time to send a message," Tait concluded.

After Muzzo read his statement, his lawyer Brian Greenspan presented 92 letters of support, from his priest, family, friends and employees. Many of the letters reiterated the idea that Muzzo "is a very good person who made a terrible decision."

Greenspan attempted to show a side of Muzzo that is contrary to how he is portrayed in the media. The letters described Muzzo as humble, kind, hard-working and always willing to help anyone in need. He said he is "grief-stricken" and remorseful for his actions which led to the deaths of four people.

His uncle Marc Muzzo submitted a letter stating public perception of his nephew is "unfair" and "unwarranted." He explained the context of

the photo of Muzzo in the Ferrari that the media shows again and again. The Ferrari was his late father's sports car and Muzzo drives it once a year to a fundraiser in his honour, Motoamore, which has raised \$4 million for cancer research.

Greenspan suggested an eight-year sentence would be more in line, especially since Muzzo "accepted responsibility from the first moment and never deviated from that guilty plea." He pointed out that pleading guilty spared the family having to go through a trial. He added Muzzo has no prior criminal record.

It was a gut-wrenching day in court last Tuesday when Muzzo heard from friends and family of the four people he killed.

Jennifer Neville-Lake, who lost her children and father in the tragedy, spoke for about 40 minutes, frequently pausing to collect herself and dry tears. She was not alone, as there were few dry eyes either in the courtroom or the adjoining facility that had been set up to handle the overflow crowd. Sounds of sniffing could be heard throughout the address.

The children had been visiting their grandparents in King City for a sleep over, and they were being driven home when the tragedy occurred.

Neville-Lake recalled the horror of being told her oldest boy and father were dead, and the two younger children were at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and a surgeon had told them to get there fast. Upon arrival, she said they were told both youngsters were brain dead, and were being kept alive so they would have a chance to say goodbye.

"All of my babies are gone!" she recalled crying out. "Not one left!"

She also remembered having Harry and Milly put together so they could die together.

As well, she remembered not being given information on where Daniel was, knowing only he had died without her.

Neville-Lake also recounted the ordeal of lining up 20 pallbearers, choosing the children's "forever clothing," and deciding "what toys and treasures do we send with them."

She also reflected on watching the children's caskets being lowered into the ground, thinking "I want to go with them so badly."

Neville-Lake recalled their house had been a busy place, full of laughter and love, and with the melody of her kids' shouts and laughing.

"Shame on you for taking my loves from me," she told Muzzo, calling her life now a "hell on earth."

She wakes up at 5 in the morning. "I'm listening in vain for my kids to call out my name and I don't hear them," she cried. "You have silenced my children's voices."

"I sit and stare at the pictures that your drunk driving left me with," she added. "I miss my kids. I miss my dad. I want my old life back."

Neville-Lake said doctors and therapists are doing their best to keep her alive. She used to make many of the basic things used around the house, like soap, shampoo, bread, etc., but now she needs help with the most basic tasks.

The family table in the kitchen is where Neville-Lake said she taught her children to bake and cook, and where they wrote their letters to Santa Claus.

"It hurts to look at the family table, knowing that our family is dead because of you," she said to Muzzo.

She added she walks aimlessly around the house, searching for her

family.

"When you killed my children, you took away my identity as a mother," she told him. "Edward and I are now empty-nesters because of you."

Neville-Lake also said Milly lived a little less than 1,008 days. "I should have had thousands of more days with her," she said, adding she never really got to know her daughters' likes and dislikes. She chose colours for the various pallbearers to wear, and had to guess at what Milly's favourite colour was.

The accident occurred five days before the parents' 10th wedding anniversary, and she said caskets and graves are all they have left to show for those 10 years.

Neville-Lake said her husband, once strong and brave, had been reduced to a shadow.

"I am drowning in the horror of what your choices have done to me," she told Muzzo. "I want my kids back. I desperately dream of feeling their little arms around my neck."

"You drove drunk and killed my family on a clear Sunday in the middle of the afternoon," she said to Muzzo, adding her name is now associated with his, and she doesn't know if she can live down the shame of being associated with a drunk driver like him.

"I would not wish this horror I am living on anyone, but you," she said to Muzzo, adding he might be able to understand what he took from her if he ever has children. "I want my kids back. I want my dad back. I want my life back. I want to be a mom again."

There was also a statement from the children's father Edward Lake, who stated his world changed forever when his kids and father-in-law died.

"My heart is broken, crushed and heavier than I could have ever imagined," he said. "The pain is excruciating."

He reviewed many of the things he can no longer do with his children, including "tucking them in and kissing them goodnight."

"Most importantly, I will miss being a dad," he added.

Lake said he's not returned to work since the tragedy, and pointed to the financial costs associated with the funerals, etc. The incident has affected his sleep, as well as his relationship with his wife. He has experienced a lack of energy, has had trouble focusing on tasks and has had suicidal thoughts, as well as chest pains, anxiety and night terrors.

"There's no way to describe the pain we're going through," he stated. "Because of you, we now live with the horror for the rest of our lives."

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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Self-driving cars will soon become a reality

Self-driving automobiles, a common image in sci-fi adventures, is not science fiction at all. The technology is here, now.

At the Toronto International Auto Show, this technology was showcased. Almost every major manufacturer is committed to these types of vehicles and we may see them on the road within five or six years.

The issue has caught the attention of the feds.

Transport Minister Marc Garneau wants the Senate's transportation and communications committee to launch a study of the regulatory, policy and technical issues that need to be addressed so that Canada can safely and smoothly make the transition to self-driving vehicles.

Garneau says the committee should examine the potential for Canada to set standards for the development of automated cars that can operate safely on icy winter roads.

"The technology I'm talking about is not science fiction," says Garneau. "It is in development today and has the potential to improve safety, efficiency and the environmental performance of transportation in Canada and other countries."

Still, he said there are many questions that must be addressed, including the long-term impact on privacy, energy, land use, transportation demand and employment.

Self-driving vehicles have the potential to make driving safer, he said, noting that automated vehicles "don't fall asleep, they don't drink." And they're



Mark Pavilons

potentially more energy efficient because "there's less of a heavy foot on the gas and heavy foot on the brake kind of driving."

But there are also challenges, like ensuring vehicles have backups should their computer systems fail and figuring out how to replicate human judgment in unpredictable winter driving conditions.

Driverless vehicles will automatically keep a safe distance from other vehicles but, Garneau noted: "We in Canada have to make judgment calls in the winter time when we're on icy roads and black ice. So that's got to be part of it as well because they're not all nice Califor-

nia roads."

Moreover, Garneau said automated cars raise issues of liability and insurance, cyber security, to ensure that vehicles' computer systems can't be hacked, and privacy, to protect those who don't want their whereabouts constantly tracked.

"There are rules and regulations that will have to be put in place that don't exist at the moment."

It's these types of issues, not the technology itself, that will delay these cars from hitting the road.

An overwhelming majority of Canadians say driverless cars will be safer. The elimination of risks like speeding and drunk driving will be the among the best outcomes of driverless vehicles. Only time will tell if these benefits will come to fruition, and what, if any impact, they'll have on car insurance rates in Canada.

Other benefits include a more enjoyable and relaxing drive, less stress and not worrying about parking.

My 14-year-old son is anxious to get behind the wheel, and he dreads the day of driverless cars. To him, this is not cool.

Science fiction flicks portray these vehicles as the norm in a few decades from now, so maybe we should get used to the idea.

What will become of muscle cars and mid-life crisis hot rods? I'm still saving for my 1970 Camaro or 1973 Karmaan Ghia.

"With companies like Google and major auto manufacturers obtaining permits to test autonomous technologies, these vehicles could be a reality in the next few years," said Andrew Lo, chief marketing officer and tech expert at Kanetix.ca. They surveyed Canadians on the idea.

The survey found that Canadians are evenly split on their desire for a driverless car. One in four cannot wait for the day that driverless cars will be available, and almost as many say no thanks, they love driving too much.

The majority of Canadians are more tentative, with 52 per cent saying it would depend on the technology and how well it works before they would make a decision.

There are also differences among age and gender. Almost twice as many males as females want driverless cars, and the younger demographic, age 18 to 34, are the most excited.

An overwhelming majority of Canadians say driverless cars will be safer. Fifty-one per cent believe there will be fewer accidents, and 61 per cent think the elimination of risks like speeding and drunk driving will be the among the best outcomes of driverless vehicles. Only time will tell if these benefits will come to fruition, and what, if any impact, they'll have on car insurance rates in Canada.

Other benefits include a more enjoyable and relaxing drive (39 per cent), less stress (35 per cent), and not worrying about parking (22 per cent). Nineteen per cent think a driverless car is just "plain cool."

There's no question that technology has made our lives much more comfortable in the past couple of decades.

The current batch of "smart phones" are really geniuses. Medical research is gaining ground on our worst enemies and we're looking deeper and deeper into outer space.

It won't be long before we hail our own driverless car from our phone or smart watch.

Brace yourself, the future is here!

Spending to blame for chronic deficits

Government spending, not slumping revenues, is responsible for Ontario's chronic budget deficits, finds a new study released by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

"According to a popular narrative at Queen's Park, Ontario's large deficits and massive debt are unavoidable consequences of the 2008 global economic downturn and other uncontrollable economic forces. But in reality, Ontario's years of rapid spending growth are to blame," said Ben Eisen, associate director of the Ontario Prosperity Initiative at the Fraser Institute and co-author of *Spending is the Source of Ontario's Deficit and Debt Problem*.

For example, between 2003/04 and 2015/16, provincial program spending (spending on day-to-day government operations) in Ontario increased by 71.6 per cent, to \$120.9 billion from \$70.4 billion. During this period, program spending grew faster than 1) economic growth in the province, and 2) inflation and population growth combined.

In fact, had Ontario restrained program spending increases since 2003/04 to the rate of economic growth, the government would have a \$10.7 billion surplus this fiscal year rather than a \$7.5 billion deficit. Had program spending simply kept pace with inflation and population growth, the surplus would be even larger.

The current government has, over the past few years, slowed the rate of spending growth, which was unsustainably rapid in the years leading up to and during the recession. However, these steps have clearly been inadequate in addressing Ontario's fiscal problems, as the province continues to rack up debt.

Ontario has run 10 budget deficits in the past 13 years (with more to come) and the province's net debt (projected to reach \$298 billion in 2015/16) has more than doubled since 2003/04.

"If successive Ontario governments had exercised greater control of spending, provincial finances would be in much better shape today," said Charles Lammam, study co-author and Fraser Institute director of fiscal studies.

"As policymakers at Queen's Park prepare to table this year's provincial budget, they should recognize the source of today's deficit and debt problem - government spending," Eisen said.



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The evolution of space stations – Part 1

By Jim Middleton

This is the second of a series of articles covering space and science. I decided to divide the subject of space stations into 3 articles; this article will cover the history and construction of space stations; the next article will address Canadian participation and a third article on the uses and perceived benefits.

Space stations have been the subject of science fiction over many decades – from 2001, A Space Odyssey through Star Wars Death Stars and the various incarnations of Star Trek, to name a very few. These space stations generally involved the creation of artificial gravity by rotating some or all portions of the space stations and were used as transfer points from some planet and out into the galaxy and beyond. Generally they were immense structures floating in space which, in reality, would have required lifetimes to construct.

In real life, both the USSR and the USA viewed space stations as military assets to be used for observation and, potentially, space warfare. The U.S. defence department developed a program in the 1960s called the Manned Orbiting Lab (MOL) for the specific purpose of spying (with its own military astronauts separate from NASA). The program was cancelled in 1969 due to the usual exorbitant cost and schedule overruns and the fact that unmanned spy satellites (ex: KEYHOLE or KH series) could do the job at a fraction of the cost.

Russia decided to make space stations a strategic priority of their space program after their attempt to send a manned mission to the Moon ended in failure. Everything that could go wrong did go wrong, blamed ultimately on Russian bureaucracy, underfunding and incompetence.

The first launch of a Russian space station, called Salut-1, occurred in 1971. There were 7 Salut space stations launched over the next 11 years. Each space station was launched on a single rocket and each weighed in the order of 20,000 kg. They tended to remain in orbit from months to several years and were used for both clandestine spy missions and civilian programs investigating the physiological effects of microgravity on the human body and mind. The final Russian space station, called MIR, was launched in 1986, requiring 6 rocket flights to complete the assembly. MIR was continually manned until 2001 and is generally regarded as a major success. Note that several visits to MIR were made by the space shuttle starting in 1994. NASA provided 8 astronauts to the MIR program commencing in 1994 through 2000, the last manned mission to MIR. As planned, MIR deorbited in a fiery re-entry into the Pacific Ocean on March 23, 2001.

So, what about the U.S.? NASA (as opposed to the military) started considering a more permanent presence in Earth orbit while the 1st attempt to

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launch a human into space was under way. Space Station considerations were put on hold when President Kennedy announced the plan to put a man on the Moon and return safely to Earth by 1969. Space stations were revisited in earnest in the late 1960s as a follow-on to the Apollo program.

Initially it was decided to use an empty 3rd stage of the Saturn V Moon rocket as an orbiting laboratory and outfit it with a variety of experiments. It would be “manned” for 3-month periods. Skylab was launched in 1973 and weighed in the order of 68,000 kg. Three manned missions were conducted between 1973 and 1974 performing a variety of experiments including Earth and astronomical observations. Skylab fell out of orbit in 1979 in a fiery uncontrolled descent in 1979.

With the shuttle program under way in the 1970s, the U.S. started to address the next major space goals. Various NASA Centers proposed a variety of potential missions which, not surprisingly, had their specific Center as the lead. The main battle ensued between the Marshall Space Center in Alabama and the Johnson Space Center in Texas; Marshall proposing large, high powered, unmanned platforms carrying a variety of instruments and experiments and Johnson proposing, unsurprisingly, a manned “space station.” The battle raged until Washington stepped in and established a Concept Development Group (CDG) to identify basic requirements and benefits before running off and designing something that might be totally useless and hence cancelled later as so many programs had been in the past.

NASA led the CDG with Canada (myself leading a team from Spar Aerospace under contract to the National Research Council), the European Space Agency (ESA) and Japanese Space Agency participating in the group. The CDG ran from 1983 through 1984 and published a set of recommendations and requirements for manned and unmanned platforms which would be in Low Earth Orbit. The manned platform orbiting in equatorial orbit and a series of unmanned platforms in polar orbit (90 degrees to the equator). The space station would be for purely civilian purposes with absolutely no military involvement (enshrined in law).

The program, called Space Station Freedom, was authorized by President Reagan in 1985 and international government agreements were put in place with Canada, Japan and Europe (led by Germany and France). The intent was to have the space station in orbit by 1992 to coincide with the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. The cost was estimated at \$14 billion. Keep in mind 1992 and \$14 billion was the “original” plan.

I won't bore you with the inevitable:

the cost went up and schedule slipped out; both big time! Major portions of the program were cancelled or significantly scaled back. Finally, in 1992, with the election of President Clinton and a new U.S. Congress, pressure was on to cancel the entire program. It got through a Congress vote by the skin of its teeth in 1992.

With the dissolution of the USSR and the putative end of the cold war, the U.S. and Russia began talking about cooperation in various activities, including space. As noted above, the U.S. commenced visits to the Russian space station MIR and provided astronauts to MIR over the course of 5 or so years. Discussions got under way between the U.S. and the other international partners and Russia on a new program, to be called the International Space Station, or ISS for short, on what each partner would provide to the revised station. Russia would provide a set of modules which would include control and initial life support capabilities as well as living quarters.

The U.S. would provide U.S. control and habitation modules as well as power and thermal control and the overall structure. Europe and Japan would provide Experiment modules. Canada would provide robotics to help build and maintain the space station. The agreement between all the parties was signed in 1998 and the first launch (1st Russian element) occurred in November 1998. Forty flights between Russia and the U.S. were required to assemble the ISS, culminating in the final shuttle flight in February 2011 – over 13 years to build the ISS.

Pertinent facts about the International Space Station: Cost greater than \$100 billion (some estimate it to

be around \$150 billion U.S. to date). Weight: 925,000 pounds. Size: about the length and width of a football field. Living space: about the size of a small house. Continuous human occupation since November 2000. Crew size: typically 6, sometimes down to 3 for short periods of time. Altitude: 410 kms. Orbit inclination: 51.6 degrees (angle from the equator). Velocity: 7.2 kms/second.

There are many websites and applications which will let you know when the space station is passing over your particular location. Here is one: <http://spotthestation.nasa.gov/>. The ISS is the 3rd brightest object in the night sky (after the Moon and Venus) and moves fairly rapidly. You can “see it” in some detail with 20X binoculars but it is sometimes difficult to track as it moves quickly across the field of view.

Agreements are in place to continue to operate the ISS up until at least 2024. When the decision is finally made to bring the ISS down, it will be a spectacular fiery re-entry and crash into the Pacific Ocean. Plans for a follow-on space station are in the formative stages. It will not be in low Earth orbit like the ISS. It may be located on the Moon surface but the best guess is that it will be located at what is called a libration point – a stable point in space where the Earth, Sun and Moon's gravity is cancelled out. I will discuss this further in a future article on Mars exploration.

My next article will cover the Canadian involvement in the space station program and the “Perils of Pauline!”

Jim Middleton is a “semi-retired” aerospace engineer with over 50 years of experience in the U.S. and Canadian space programs. He has worked on the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs for over 25 years.

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Berger recognized at ACTRA awards for contributions

By Mark Pavilons

Helping to shape an industry and an era in Canada's entertainment industry was groundbreaking work.

Those pioneers established a foundation that would set the stage for Canada becoming "Hollywood North." Every new idea and innovation came from these men and women, who continue to impress movie-goers to this day.

The efforts of Canada's stunt men were officially recognized recently at the 14th annual ACTRA Awards, held at The Carlu recently. Nobleton's John "Frenchie" Berger took his rightful place on stage, next to some colleagues at the event.

His lifetime achievement award was actually awarded back in 2009, but a combined effort led to the presentation of the famed statuette to ACTRA Toronto's stunt pioneers: John "Frenchie" Berger, Matt Birman, Shane Cardwell, Shelley Cook, Bobby Hannah, Chris Lamon, Dwayne McLean, Brent Meyer, Branko Racki, Alison Reid, Morris Maurizio Santia, John Stoneham Sr.,

Anton Tyukodi and Billy E. Williams.

"In a tough business, it's always exciting to see professional performers receive the recognition that they so richly deserve," said David Sparrow, president of ACTRA Toronto.

Berger said he's very proud of his fellow stunt people and the hard work they do.

"I'm very proud to see what we've done here in Canada," he said.

The best part of the recent awards was the gathering afterwards, where many current professionals thanked him for his training and leadership in the industry. Berger has been a mentor to many in the field.

And at 83, he has many fond memories. In fact, he loved every moment of every production.

"It's a business you love," he said.

He pointed out he worked with and trained many of the crew who worked on *The Revenant*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, who earned the Best Actor Oscar for his role. The movie also won for Best Director and Cinematographer. Parts of the movie were filmed



John "Frenchie" Berger received an ACTRA award for his contributions to the industry. Actor Joseph Gordon Levitt (right) poses with Berger during the filming of *Killshot*, released in 2008.



in Alberta and British Columbia and Berger is very familiar with the intricate, behind-the-scenes work of set designers, prop folks and groundspeople.

Berger is one of Canada's founding stunt men, who started in the 1950s. The veteran Hollywood horseman, stunt man and weapons master has worked with the best and taught the most infamous of big screen characters.

His love of horses as a youngster led him to the Circle M Ranch in Kleinburg where he landed work and showed off his equestrian skills. Letting people know he was from France earned him the lifelong nickname "Frenchie."

He soon landed jobs as a horse wrangler, extra and stunt man in early westerns. He also helped launch an organization for stunt workers recognized by ACTRA.

As his skill and reputation grew, "Frenchie" Berger was working in film and TV productions all over the world.

Berger learned from the very best - famed stunt man Yakima Canutt, who worked closely with the legendary John Wayne. Canutt helped Wayne with his trademark swagger. He also taught Wayne to fall off a horse and the duo were known for creating realistic on-screen fighting techniques, some of which are still used today.

Canutt also trained Charlton Heston for *Ben-Hur's* chariot races.



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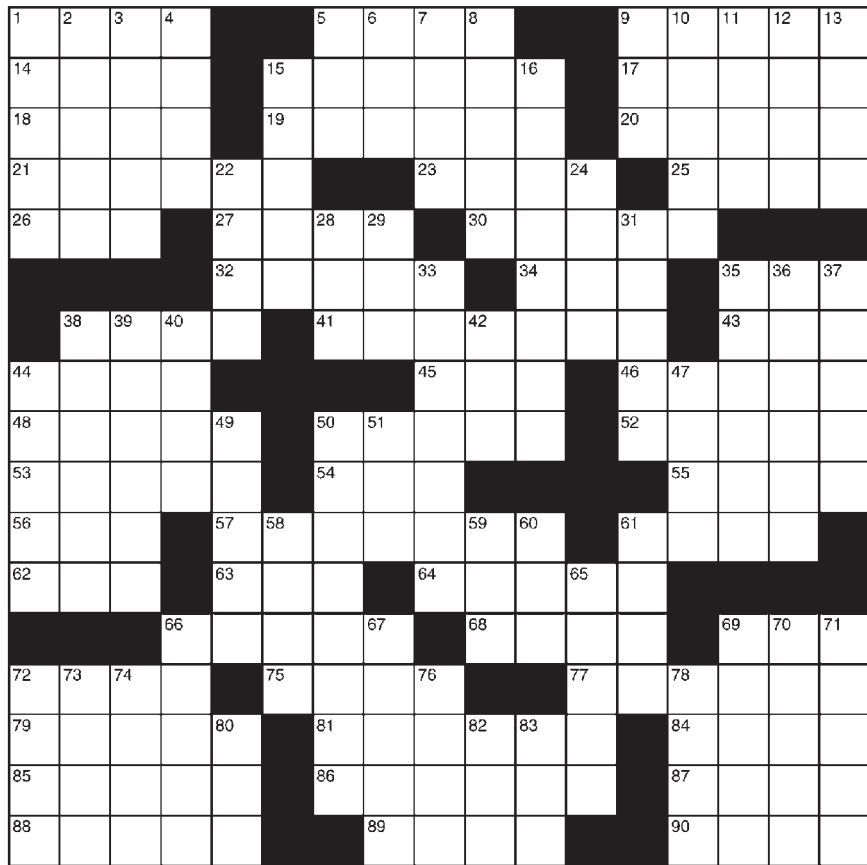
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16. Punk rocker
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29. Masterpiece
31. Kidney-related
33. Italian menu option
35. Pivot
36. Mouse, e.g.
37. Like xenon
38. "Moonlight ____"
39. Short snooze
40. Neglect
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44. Element
47. Flaky mineral
49. South American raccoon
50. Eat at another's expense
51. City property
58. Cowhand's footwear
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Aspects of TFSAs and RRSPs explained

By Tom Allen

One question many people saving for retirement ask is what is better a Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) or a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).

The answer, as with so many things in finance, is it depends. The key to understanding is a comparison of the tax advantage today that the RSP has against the tax advantage in the future with the TFSA. Many of us recognize we need to save for retirement.

The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and the Old Age Security (OAS) program are good programs but for most people they do not provide sufficient income to fund retirement. As fewer Canadians have workplace pensions, it is important to save to fund retirement. We need to look after ourselves.

RRSPs were introduced in 1957 as a mechanism to help Canadians, especially those who do not have a pension, save for retirement. Contributions to an RRSP are a deduction from income

for income tax purposes. The limit for contributions is 18% of last year's income less a pension adjustment (approximately the amount of money put into a pension on your behalf). Unused contributions from one year may be carried forward to future years.

You can find your contribution limit on the Notice of Assessment from last year's income tax return. Withdrawals from an RRSP are added to income for income tax purposes. Funds in an RRSP can be invested in a wide variety of investments including cash (a bank account), Guaranteed Investment Certificates, stocks, bonds, Exchange Traded Funds, and mutual funds. The deadline for contributions to be eligible for the 2015 tax year is the end of February 2016.

The TFSA is newer. Introduced in 2009 this type of account allows an investment to earn income without being subject to income tax. Unlike the RRSP, TFSA contributions are not tax deductible, however, withdrawals of both your original capital and investment

income are not taxable. The limit is set each year by government. It is \$5,500 for 2016.

Like the RRSP, unused TFSA contribution room can be carried forward and used in future years. If someone has never opened a TFSA (and they were at least 18 in 2009) they can contribute \$46,500. Similar to the RRSP a TFSA can have a wide variety of investments in the account.

Let's work through a couple examples to show where each program has its place. First consider Bob. He is 60 years old, is currently at the 40% marginal tax rate (the rate that applies to the next dollar earned). As Bob approaches retirement he is getting more conservative with his investment approach so we will use a 5% rate of return on his investment.

In retirement, Bob's marginal tax rate is expected to be 20%. If Bob puts \$1,000 in each program what is the after tax impact five years from now when he retires? In the TFSA Bob would have \$1,276 in five years which upon with-

drawal there are no taxes so he has all \$1,276 to spend on retirement expenses. In the RRSP Bob will get a tax credit of \$400. Let's assume he saves that money in the RRSP as well so he has \$1,400 to start. Over the five years this will grow to \$1,787 and upon withdrawal he will pay \$357 in tax leaving \$1,430 for retirement spending. Bob is well advised to use the RRSP.

Next, let's consider Susan. She is 45 and with 20 years to work before retirement she is a more aggressive investor and anticipates a 7% return on her investments over time. She is currently in the 31% marginal tax bracket and she expects her income to be in the same tax bracket in retirement. When she puts \$1,000 into each program the outcome is different. The TFSA will grow from \$1,000 to \$3,870 in twenty years which she can use without an increase in income tax. If she puts the \$1,000 into an RRSP she will get a \$310 tax credit. The \$1,310 will grow to 5,069 in 20 years. Upon withdrawal she will pay \$1,571 in tax leaving \$3,498. Susan is better off with the TFSA.

In general, the greater the difference in tax rates between the working years and the retirement years the RRSP becomes more valuable. Alternatively, the longer you have for funds to grow tends to make the TFSA more valuable. Contemplate the value of the tax credit today against the higher taxes paid in the retirement years.

Any savings is a step in the right direction. While the CPP and OAS are a good start to a retirement plan most of us want a lifestyle that is beyond the reach of those programs alone so additional savings are needed.

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Technology helps up the game in household chores

Consumer Savvy

By Mark Pavilonis

We really love our creature comforts.

The sentiment "cleanliness is next to godliness" has never been truer, thanks to a bevy of modern machines that really tackle dirt and keep our homes spotless.

Our abodes offer a refuge from the outside world. And we like to keep our nicely appointed dwellings in tip-top shape.

As hard as we try, we can't avoid those annoying chores. But they don't have to be thankless, dreadful duties.

For some reason, I have always enjoyed keeping my home neat and tidy. Maybe it's my Virgo nature. My main "duty" is vacuuming so I've always been on the lookout for that one perfect machine that does it all.

These have come a very long way since mom's clunky canister a generation ago.

Technology and innovation has crept into the world of home cleaning. And that makes me smile.

Rowenta, a French-made unit, has emerged with one very enticing feature. Its Silence Force Extreme units, both upright and canister, boast a stealth-like operation. The biggest plus is the noise, or lack thereof, leading to their motto "power has never been this silent." It's so quiet the dogs almost leave it alone. At 65 dB(A), the sound level is just above that of two people talking. It's touted as being four times quieter than any competitor.

The canister unit I have boasts a variety of interchangeable heads to handle every task. I found the triangular floor attachment the most efficient and practical gizmo I have ever seen. It works well in, around and under anything. The

adjustable suction is very good.

The carpet heads, when used in succession, do a good job. It's very easy to change heads or move to attachments – it almost becomes second nature.

Other nice features include light weight, cord retraction and ergonomic handle.

The only drawback in my unit is the replaceable bag. Not a big deal; it's easy to change and lasts a little over a month. Rowenta gets full marks for its unique combination of attachments, design and of course, noise level.

The Shark Rotator Powered Lift-Away, is an interesting upright unit with all kinds of bells and whistles. It boasts more options than necessary, but they are nice value-added items. The look and innovative features make it worth considering. It's powerful, boasts that it never loses suction (more powerful than a famous competitor) and has "advanced swivel steering."

It's three vacuums in one, since the canister "lifts away" so the head can slide under any piece of furniture, almost like a race car on a track.

Shark has taken the upright to another level and I think they succeeded. It works. The power head is awesome; the lift-off canister amazingly simple and even the headlights on the head resemble a concept automobile, not a vacuum. It also has a nice array of anti-allergen features and what they call a "TruePet" mini brush attachment.

Kudos.

Of course, there are dozens of models and brand names to choose from, each with its pros and cons.

An educated consumer is a prepared consumer. My suggestion is do your research, search up actual reviews for yourself to get the "dirt" on these technological marvels.



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Infrastructure, post-secondary funding top provincial budget

By Mark Pavilons

Growing the economy, infrastructure and giving students a hand were some of the highlight's in last week's provincial budget.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa released the 2016 Ontario Budget: Jobs for Today and Tomorrow, which outlines the next phase of the government's plan to create jobs and economic growth.

The Ministry of Finance is forecasting growth in Ontario real GDP of 2.5% in 2015 and 2.2% in 2016. Ontario's economic growth is now outpacing national growth, and is expected to continue being among the strongest in Canada over the next two years.

To help all Ontarians reach their full potential and succeed in an evolving economy, the government is transforming Ontario's student aid for post-secondary education to make it transparent, timely and targeted to those students with the greatest financial need.

The government will create a simple, integrated, upfront grant – the Ontario Student Grant (OSG) – starting in the 2017-18 school year. Under the proposed system, average college and university tuition will be free for students with financial need from families with incomes of \$50,000 or less, and tuition will be more affordable for middle-income families as well.

More than 50% of students from families with incomes of \$83,000 or less will receive non-repayable grants in excess of average tuition, and no Ontario student will receive less through the OSG than they are currently eligible for through the Ontario Tuition Grant.

Students in families with annual incomes of less than \$50,000 will have no provincial student debt. The government will also expand financial support for mature and married students, and access to interest-free and low-cost loans for middle- and upper-income families will be increased by reducing their expected parental contributions.

Most students will have less debt than they would under the current system, and the maximum Ontario Student Assistance Program debt level will be capped at \$10,000 annually for higher-income families. Ontario will continue to offer financial assistance for students who have difficulty repaying their student loans.

Student representatives are applauding the government's new investment of over \$1 billion in a singular OSG that will provide assistance to struggling college and university students. Additional changes to current restrictive student financial assistance regulations will broaden access to non-repayable and repayable assistance.

"There is a clear commitment to college education and helping greater numbers of students pursue the career-specific programs at colleges," said David Agnew, the president of Seneca College and chair of Colleges Ontario. "The budget measures will help more people find rewarding careers and help businesses to become more innovative and create more jobs."

In this budget, the government is investing more than \$137 billion over the next 10 years in roads, bridges, public transit, hospitals and schools. That would result in \$160 billion over 12 years, starting in 2014-15, which is the

largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history. These planned investments would support more than 110,000 jobs each year, on average.

The Province remains on track to generate \$5.7 billion over time from maximizing the value of government-owned assets – \$2.6 billion higher than originally projected in the 2014 budget. Net revenue gains from the sale of qualifying assets will be dedicated to help fund public transit, transportation and other priority infrastructure.

"With major capital expenditures planned in areas such as public transit, highways, hospitals, and schools, the government is building the critical infrastructure necessary to create jobs and keep Ontario growing today and into the future," stated Mark Romoff, president and CEO at the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP).

The budget sets the stage for Ontario to auction carbon allowances in 2017. For that reason, the government is proposing a cap-and-trade program to help Ontario meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, reward innovative companies and ensure that households and businesses thrive with the transition to a low-carbon economy. All proceeds from the cap-and-trade program, projected to be \$1.9 billion in 2017, would be used to invest in green projects.

To reduce the retirement savings gap, the government is implementing the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP), which will help working Ontarians save for their retirement. The government is well on its way to achieving its goal of ensuring that, by 2020, all eligible Ontario workers will be covered by a comparable workplace plan or the ORPP.

The government is projecting a deficit of \$5.7 billion in 2015-16 an improvement of \$2.8 billion compared with the 2015 Budget forecast and \$1.8 billion compared with the target laid out in the 2015 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. It is also a \$4.6 billion improvement compared with the 2014-15 deficit of \$10.3 billion.

The government is projecting a deficit of \$4.3 billion in 2016-17, reflecting an improvement of \$0.5 billion compared with the 2015 budget forecast.

The opposition paints a different picture of the budget. This is the first year in Ontario's history where the province's debt has exceeded \$300 billion.

"This budget confirms what I have believed all along: life is harder under the Liberals," commented Julia Munro, MPP York-Simcoe. "I am unable to support a budget that makes life more uncompetitive, unsustainable and unaffordable for my constituents."

The Fraser Institute has confirmed that Ontario is so deeply in debt that any increase in interest rates could vaporize plans for a balanced budget in 2017-2018.

"This budget does nothing to address Ontario's unaffordable hydro rates. Energy prices have only increased under this government. This makes life even more expensive for families and busi-

nesses in York-Simcoe. Seniors across Ontario who are already struggling to pay their outrageous and ever-increasing hydro bills are also being slapped with increased fees and co-pays to access their prescribed medications."

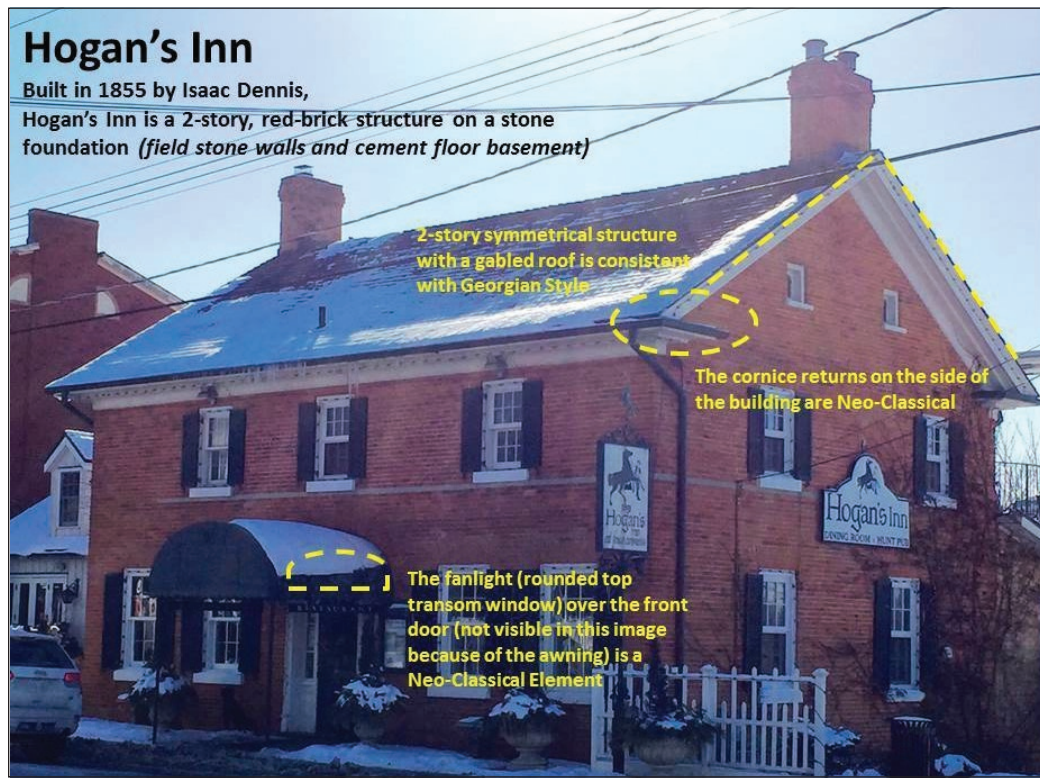
Munro noted that as of Aug. 1, seniors with incomes above the low-income threshold will see increased annual deductibles under the Ontario Drug Benefit, increasing from \$100 to \$170, and co-payment per prescription will increase from \$6.11 to \$7.11.

"York Region is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada and we need to work closely with all levels of government to effectively manage this growth. That's why I was pleased to see a commitment by the Ontario Government to invest more than \$137 billion over the next 10 years in roads, bridges, public transit and other priority infrastructure. Congestion-related concerns are top-of-mind for York Region residents and with the province's support we can continue delivering on important transportation improvements including the Highway 400 lane expansion, GO Transit Regional Express Rail Service and the Yonge North subway extension," said Wayne Emmerman, York chair.

The government will invest \$13.5 billion to implement GO regional express rail, which includes six new peak trips in the Stouffville corridor. In addition, there will be more new trips on each weekend day on the Barrie corridor to/from Aurora.

A portion of the funding for GO Regional Express Rail will support the planning, design and early construction of projects such as the doubling of the track to Unionville on the Stouffville corridor.

The budget references widening Highway 400 from 8 to 10 lanes, adding a new HOV lane in each direction between Major Mac and King Road.



Listed on Heritage Register for its significant historical/associative value (the social and business life of the village centered around the Inn after it was built in 1855), its contextual value (with its location at the Four Points) Hogan's Inn continues to be a local landmark and it serves as an anchor for the character of the area. Its physical/design in King is a rare example of Georgian style with neoclassic entrance.

What does heritage listing mean?

Peter Iaboni
Chair, Heritage
Advisory Committee

Listing a property on the Heritage Register means that the property has been recognized as having architectural, historic or cultural features of merit – it means that the property has value to the community.

A Heritage Register is a valuable database for a municipality as it provides easily accessible information about cultural heritage value for land-use planners, property owners, developers, the tourism industry, educators and the general public. Initially the Register only included designated properties but as of 2005 under the Ontario Heritage Act, municipalities can list properties.

When a property is listed the owner is not restricted as to how they might want to renovate their house and they do not need to seek any special permits. In contrast, if a house is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, a property owner must review renovation plans to review the impact, if any, on the significant features of the structure.

If the owner wants to demolish the listed structure the Township is given 60 days to assess the significance of the loss of the structure in terms of its heritage significance and to work with the property owner to determine if there are alternatives to demolition. Not every listed property merits protection from demolition, but some do, and that is why the 60 days is required.

In our society it is accepted that there are regulations on how a house is built and where it is exactly located on a lot. Those regulations are for the benefit of the homeowner but also for the benefit of the community at large (front and side yard setbacks influence the streetscape).

As built structures contribute significantly to the sense of place, to the identity of a place, it is important to allow some time to assess the loss of a heritage property and how it impacts the community.

Next article we will review what it means when a property is designated and how it is still possible to renovate structures to make them compatible to life in 21st century and for a different purpose.

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Roll up your sleeves and make some maple syrup!

By Mark Pavilons

Following in the footsteps of our forefathers, residents have a unique opportunity to make their own maple syrup.

A property owner in northwestern King is extending an offer to residents willing to work for their syrup, literally.

Stuart Sutton owns a sugar maple bush and people can make their own maple syrup.

“So, if you are not afraid of work and want to make your own maple syrup, here is your chance,” he said.

Those interested will get access to 200 maple syrup trees already tapped and buckets hung. You’ll also receive access to the collection and storage system; boiling pan and stove; necessary

firewood; filter supplies, burners and pots.

There will also be on-site expertise to guide you through making your own maple syrup.

The end result is anywhere from 25 to 35 litres of maple syrup. Sutton said this means you will condense between 1,000 to 1,400 litres of sap (it takes 40 litres of sap to make one litre of syrup).

You must provide your own labour (3-5 days); bottles to store the syrup and transportation.

The cost is \$7 per litre of finished syrup, so if you make 30 litres, it will cost you \$210.

The maple sap is running. Sutton said this year is the earliest he’s tapped and processed maple syrup. He tapped them starting Feb. 2 and he has already



collected more than 21 barrels of sap so far and produced 90 litres of syrup.

“By far, the earliest ever for me. The lack of snow in the bush makes it easier to collect the sap,” he said.

The first bit of work begins now.

“We need to collect the sap from the trees. Unless it is very cold, the sap needs to be processed within a few days or it will spoil. Once we have about 6 barrels of sap (over 1,000 litres), we will begin the condensing of the sap into syrup (a batch). Depending on the weather, it could take as much as 3 days or as few as 1 day to collect enough syrup for a batch.”

Once a batch is started, it required two consecutive days of burning wood in the fire to boil (condense) the sap.

Almost anyone can do this. You must

be physically fit and able to work outdoors in this type of weather. At least one person in your party must be able to carry a 5-gallon bucket of sap. You must have the freedom to react to the changing weather and show up at the sugar shack to do your work when nature decides it is time for the sap to run.

You must be able to keep the “fire going” from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. while the sap is being condensed. If your family is helping, you could do shifts.

Participants are responsible for their own safety and have to bring their own food and refreshments.

If you are interested, please send an email to stu@stusutton.com with the names of all the people in your party and your contact phone numbers.

Newspaper founder Bruce Haire passes away

Bruce Haire passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket on Sunday, Feb. 28. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Haire, the founding father of the Sentinel, was a well-respected community member, husband to Mary Haire, and father of three daughters – Julie, Kristen, and Heather, as well as a loving grandfather. Mr. Haire was also the previous council representative in Ward 7, Tottenham, and friend to many.

Mr. Haire fought a long-term battle with a rare and serious illness, Scleroderma. He will be sadly missed.

The Town of New Tecumseth flags are lowered in honour of the former New Tecumseth councillor. Mayor Milne has authorized that the flags at all Town buildings be lowered to half mast until the day of Mr. Haire’s funeral on Thursday.

Visitation at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham took place on Wednesday, March 2. It runs again Thursday, March 3, 10–11 a.m.; and a memorial service in Mr. Haire’s honour will be held, also at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, on Thursday, March 3 at 11 a.m. Reception to follow at the Tottenham Legion.

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Dog Tales wants to give many abused dogs a second chance

By Mark Pavilons

King’s animal sanctuary is hoping the SPCA will turn over more than two dozen abused dogs, so they can be given a second chance.

Last October 2015, 31 dogs were seized from a dog-fighting operation in Tilbury, Ontario. The dogs were taken to the Newmarket branch of the Ontario SPCA.

In November, Dog Tales Rescue and Sanctuary reached out to the Ontario SPCA, offering to take in all 31 dogs. The Ontario SPCA responded that the dogs would remain in their care while the case is under investigation.

In December, three of the 31 dogs were euthanized for medical reasons. This past February, a request was filed on behalf of the SPCA to have 21 of the dogs euthanized. The hearing date to euthanize the dogs is set for March 10.

Dog Tales once again reached out to the OSPCA, offering to take in all 21 dogs set to be euthanized. According to media representative at Dog Tales, Clare Forn-dran, Dog Tales will provide veterinary care, lodging, high-quality food, and expert rehabilitation at no cost to the OSPCA. Once the dogs have been rehabilitated, Dog Tales will actively seek homes for the dogs in provinces not affected by breed specific legislation. Dog Tales will cover all transportation costs involved in this process. Dog Tales is willing to allow the Ontario SPCA to send officers to check on the dogs daily to ensure they are being properly cared for. Dog Tales will allow the Ontario SPCA to have final say in the approval of any potential adoptions.

Dog Tales posted an open letter to the Ontario SPCA, making the offer to help public knowledge. In a matter of hours, the post was shared thousands of times, and, to date, has been viewed by close to 200,000 people (<https://www.facebook.com/Dogtalesrescue/posts/891742730983352>).

Dog Tales is unable to house breeds banned under Ontario’s Breed Specific Legislation, and is calling on the provincial government, specifically Yasir Naqvi from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (which oversees the OPSCA), to grant permission to temporarily house these dogs.

“These dogs have endured unspeakable horrors at the hands of their abusers. Thanks to the work of the OSPCA they now have the opportunity to receive a second chance at life. Dog Tales wants to ensure that they are given this chance, and that they are able to experience the love that they have never known. Any behavioural issues currently present are a direct result of the abuse that they have suffered, and are in no way a reflection of their breed or nature.

“Dog Tales has worked with the OSPCA in the past, and has taken in dogs deemed ‘unadoptable.’ These dogs have been successfully rehabilitated, and have moved on to wonderful, loving homes, where they live happily without incident. Dog Tales wishes to work with the OSPCA, as partners, to achieve the same for these dogs.”

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Marsh association gearing up for Earth Hour

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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 Agri-Turf, 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.

Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society has organized a bus on Tuesday, March 15 to take you to "Canada Blooms" at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. at the old Schomberg arena parking lot and you will leave Canada Blooms at 5 p.m. probably arriving back in Schomberg around 6 p.m.

The cost is \$22 which includes the bus and admission to Canada Blooms/ the National Home Show.

Please contact Jill Watts-Hayward if you are interested in the trip at 905-939-2781 or email her at jhaywatts@yahoo.com.

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.

Dufferin Marsh Association

Earth Hour will be here soon and the association is organizing a lantern making workshop followed by a bonfire to recognize Earth Hour. Please join them on Saturday, March 19 for any or all of the following activities:

Lantern Making at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 313 Main St., Schomberg. Please bring a glass jar for decorating.

Lantern Walk at 8 p.m. from the Church into the Dufferin Marsh.

Bonfire at 8:30 p.m. in the Dufferin Marsh.

Don't forget to turnout your light and turn off other electrical gadgets before you leave home. Happy Earth Day!

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.

Lloydtown Parish By John Arnott

On Sunday, Feb. 14 the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown welcomed Bishop, the Right Reverend George Elliot ret'd as guest celebrant for Holy Communion services at Christ Church, Kettleby and St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg.

Bishop George was again guest celebrant at St. Mary Magdalene's this past Sunday, Feb. 28 and in both the young people's focus and his homily the theme was repentance He took us back to the original Hebrew and Greek meaning of the word which was to change direction. To repent then was not a debasing groveling for mercy act that God neither wants nor expects but rather a rethinking a situation, realizing it's wrong, turning around and going in another better direction which would result spiritual good health being restored as it leads back into God's grace.

As this was the closest Sunday to March 1, St. David's Day, there was a Welsh flavour to the service. Leeks and daffodils both emblems of St. David and Wales were on display. The colourful bulletin cover told the story of Dewi Sant as the Welsh call their saint.

Joy played the beloved Welsh hymn Calon Lan (A Pure Heart) during Communion and the recessional was stirring old Welsh hymn "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah," which the bishop invited us to sing in English or Welsh. And as the service ended the rousing "Men of Harlech" resounded throughout the entire church. The Welsh call Wales Cymru and themselves Cymraeg as Wales and Welsh are based on derogatory Anglo-Saxon words meaning foreign and foreigner.

AA meetings continue to be held on Monday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m. and Lenten Bible study on Wednesdays starting at 12:30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg hosts both these separate meetings.

For more information on these events contact the church office at 905-939-2314 or parish priest Rev. S. Ashworth, s.ashworth@rogers.com, or visit our website www.anglicanparishoflloydtown.com

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- swimming

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(ages 8-14)

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- passing and receiving
- dribbling/footwork
- shooting /striking
- heading the ball
- first touch
- tactics and systems of game play (11-13)



TENNIS SKILLS CAMP

(ages 8-14)

All six weeks

Instruction will include:

- ground strokes (forehand and backhand)
- volley (forehand and backhand)
- serves
- footwork/court coverage
- rules/scoring

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

NEW! MINDBUSTERS

(ages 9-14)

Weeks #2 and #5

This camp is designed as a fun, hands on and interactive program to engage campers in the world of math and science. Campers' minds will be put to the test by completing a wide variety of activities and experiments, some that result in chemical reactions such as volcanic eruptions, creating ooey gooey slime, building catapults, and much more.



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Atom Red Wings mix it up in the OMHAs

By Jake Courtepatte

The Atom Schomberg Red Wings have continued right where they left off in the AE regular season, translating their success to the provincial level in the OMHA playoffs.

After falling behind two games to none in the first-to-six-points quarter-final series against the Newcastle Stars, the Wings were one game away from packing up and heading back to the York-Simcoe playdowns. Instead, they went the distance with a 3-0-1 record to follow and became one of two remaining hopefuls to bring a championship to Schomberg.

A tough, well-rested opponent awaited them in the semifinal series. Eight days passed between the Brighton Braves' winning quarterfinal game and the start of their match-up with the Wings, having swept the Campbellford Colts in three games to enter as the favourite.

They brought their winning streak to four games on Saturday, handing the Wings a 4-2 loss on the road, with the action returning to Trisan Centre the following day.

It was a packed house for the late afternoon puck drop, with the Wings determined to give their home fans a show. Caleb Kokelj was lights-out in between the pipes, allowing just one goal in a lop-sided 5-1 game to hand Brighton their first taste of defeat.

Schomberg controlled the game from the start right to the final buzz-

er, up 1-0 at the end of the first period. Tristan Degli-Angeli made a nice end-to-end rush early in the second before crossing to Chase Coughlin who stuffed it home to make it 2-0, with Nathan Watt scoring from in close before the end of the frame for a 3-0 lead after two.

With ten minutes to go, Daniel Kloepfer picked up a mismanaged puck in the slot and had lots of time to find a corner, putting the game out of reach with a 4-0 score.

Coughlan closed out the scoring for Schomberg a few minutes later, using his size to fight off a defender and backhand it five-hole through the goaltender.

Kokelj, who made some big saves on three penalty kills in the third, was beaten only by a bad bounce off a Schomberg player that led to a fluky goal.

The team travels to Brighton on Friday for game three, the puck set to drop at 7:30 p.m. They invite the community to come cheer them on for game four Saturday back at Trisan Centre, with game time at 3:40 p.m.

The winner will face either the Iderton Jets or Hanover Falcons in the OMHA finals.

Juveniles

The Juvenile Red Wings are the other squad still battling for the provincial title, looking to repeat as OMHA champions up 4-0 on the



Run for It!

Shopper's Run for Women national race director Ted Jarvis, joined Running Room's Bev Erdenberger, York Regional Police Superintendent Carolyn Bishop, and Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation's Allan Bell at YRP headquarters recently to kick off the 2016 "Run for It" school program.

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The CDS Cyclones are the top team on ice in the CISAA's D2B division, taking an 8-1 record into the championship tournament in King City on Friday.

Country Day School finishes top of their class in D2B hockey

By Jake Courtepatte

For the second year in a row, the CISAA D2B championship will be contested on Country Day School's home ice.

The Cyclones top hockey team capped off their season with a 6-4 win over Toronto French School at the Aurora Community Centre on Monday, taking an 8-1 record into the postseason as the top-ranked team out of ten in the league.

Undoubtedly the most dominant team in the non-contact faction of independent school play for the past two seasons, the only loss came in the season opener, falling 4-3 to Holy Trinity School before earning eight victories in a row.

Since then, CDS has outscored their opponents by a combined score of 51-8.

The Cyclones went undefeated in the 2014-15 season while capturing the CISAA championship at King City Arena. They return to the same venue Friday for the league's championship tournament, having earned a bye through Wednesday's quarterfinal along with the second-place Royal St. George's College.

They will face the lowest-seeded winner between Toronto French School, Trinity College School, Greenwood College School, and Holy Trinity School early Friday. The championship match-up is set for Friday afternoon.


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Great day for 'Lads and Lassies Spiel' at King rink

By Shellee Morning

The kilts were out for the second annual Lads and Lassies Spiel recently held at the King Curling Club and hosted by members of the Thursday Night Mixed league. Clubs from Chinguacousy, Donalda, York, York-Sutton, and Uxbridge were all visitors attending the popular 3 6-end format with 3 teams representing the King Curling club also in attendance. Each team consisted of 4 men and 4 women playing in 3 different figures of play.

The first draw featured teams from King, Chinguacousy, Donalda and King/York. Round one resulted in a few games reaching a tie that required "throws to the button" to determine the game winner. This only justifies how great the calibre of curling this event is capturing. Team Chinguacousy, with a healthy lead heading into their final game, finished with a strong win earning them the title as first draw winner.

Second place was awarded to Team Donalda.

Defending champions Team Boynton/LaPlante consisted of Skip Scott Boynton, Fran Bones as Vice, Dan Keogh 2nd, and Michelle Boynton Lead and Skip Shellee Morning, Vice Jody LaPlante, 2nd John Frans and Heidi Beck as Lead finished a respectable 3rd.

Fourth place went the club's second representatives: Team King/York involving King Skip Karl Davis, Barb Davis and Ben Oakley and Julie Oakley with York Skip Beth McKay, Wilf Robinson, Kay Groen, and Chris McKay.

Second draw featured clubs from

Uxbridge, York, York-Sutton and King Curling. The sheets were exhibiting some really great curling with colossal shot making and peeling of the guards. Tie-breaker draws to the button were once again needed to resolve the winner and with total points being so close between the 4 clubs, victory was in reach for anyone. The final games came down to a last shot decision for the King team to clinch 3rd place. Overall winner from both draws in total points was Team Chinguacousy.

Generous donations, volunteers help

Special thanks for the generous sponsorship of Paul and Linda Olsen for their help in making the event happen and its tremendous success. Local donations from Schomberg Quality Meats, Cappuccino Bakery and Schomberg Home Hardware are also very much appreciated.

The bonspiel would not be possible without the team of volunteers it requires to organize and operate on event day, and a huge thank you goes out to Kathleen and Bruce Gorsline, Marnie Deathe, Linda Mackie all of the Thursday night mixed league who took the reins to make it all happen. Their list of volunteers who all helped in the kitchen, bar, set up and cleaning crew are to be commended on a job well done!

Club playoffs

The leagues have all completed their regular season schedule and players are now devising their strategy for playoffs. Once again the men's league has a tight race going on for not only the title of league champion but to represent the club in next year's Club Tankard.

The Ladies league finished with one of their union's best performance in the season's overall standings, where the teams continue to improve on a higher quality of curling calibre, but maintaining the level of fun.

The club's Social Leagues will also begin their playoff quests for league champion and as some will look back at their "personal best" moments, others will look back on the memories of laughter and new friendships that were made along the way.

The club's youth program and "future stars," is growing strong and building every year between the Little Rocks and the Bantam/Junior players. On March 16 the club will host the Shamrock Spiel which features the Little Rocks and Bantam divisions in the sought after event that is full of excitement and some really great curling.

The final 4 weeks of curling for the 2015-16 season is expected to have an explosive finish as each league will play towards the crowning of this year's champion.



Jody LaPlante delivers for Team Boynton/LaPlante in the Lads and Lassie Spiel recently held at the King Curling Club. The 8-person team representing King CC consisted of Skip Shellee Morning, Vice Jody LaPlante, Second John Frans and Lead Heidi Beck for team LaPlante and Skip Scott Boynton, vice Fran Bones, Second Dan Keogh and Lead Michelle Boynton for Team Boynton finished 3rd in the early draw.

Ian Donaldson photography

Nobleton native commits to play NCAA DI soccer

By Jake Courtepatte

Though the soccer season ended months ago, 2016 has already been a whirlwind for soccer star Alyssa Andrade.

Two weeks after joining her home club, under-17 Bradford Eagles in an honorary banquet for their national title they earned in October, the Nobleton native signed her letter of intent to join the Gonzaga University Bulldogs squad in the fall.

The highly-recruited forward has played the role of team captain of the Eagles for years, helping the team post an undefeated record last season. After winning not only her first Ontario Cup, she led the Eagles to the national championship in PEI, commemorated by a new banner hanging at the Bradford Sports Dome with another sign on its way into town promised by mayor Rob Keffer.

"It was very exciting," said Andrade. "I've been playing with Bradford for about five years now, and every year we've been working towards a goal of going to nationals. When we were finally able to achieve it last year, we couldn't be happier."

Gonzaga, located in Spokane, Washington state, is represented by sixteen teams in the NCAA's Division I, the top collegiate athletic division. Home to less than 5,000 undergraduate students, it consistently ranks in the top five regional universities in the western United States.

"After visiting the school, I could easily see myself there for the next four years of my life. That was one of the most important things, because it's so far away from home. I wanted to make sure that I felt at home there."

While men's basketball certainly remains the most successful Gonzaga athletic program, with alumni including Kelly Olynyk and John Stockton, Andrade said the future looks bright for the university's women's soccer team.

"They are still developing," said Andrade. "They're known for basketball, as everyone knows, but the soccer program is getting better and better."

As with any sport, success in one league doesn't always translate to success in another. Andrade believes that to survive in the NCAA's top division, she's going to have to up her physical play.

"It's going to be hard, it's going to be a lot more rough. Just by watching a couple games that Gonzaga has played, they do play a different style than I'm used to playing with my club so that will be an adjustment on its own. But just the roughness in college soccer in general, will take some getting used to."

Andrade also played two seasons for the St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School soccer team, and was a four-year member of the Black Bears' volleyball team. She boasts a 3.8 GPA, and has been named to the school's honor roll all four years.

While she hasn't yet made up her mind, Andrade intends to major in either psychology or human physiology during her years at Gonzaga.





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Hornets will face Penetang in GMOHL final

By Brian Lockhart

The Alliston Junior C Hornets will face the Penetang Kings in the final series for the Georgian Mid Ontario Junior C Hockey League championship cup.

The Hornets won their semi-final series in six games over the Erin Shamrocks then had to wait out the Caledon Golden Hawks/Penetang semi-final to see who they would face in the final round.

The Caledon/Penetang series went the full seven games after the Hawks battled back from a 3-1 game deficit to win games five and six and force the series into a seventh game to decide the winner.

Game seven ended with a 7-3 Kings win on Monday (Feb. 29) night on Penetang home ice.

This will be the fifth time in nine years the two squads have faced each other in the championship round.

Alliston won three consecutive seasons winning over the Kings in 2008, '09, and '10.

In 2014 the Kings bested the Hor-

nets in the championship round - the only time the Alliston squad has not won the championship since 2008.

The Hornets dominated the League this season with a 35-2-3 record and 73 points. That's 29 points ahead of the second place Huntsville Otters.

The Otters were knocked out of the playoffs by the Erin Shamrocks in the quarter-final round.

Penetang ended the regular season in the number six spot with a 17-21-2 record and 31 points.

The arena at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre has seen a steady increase in attendance as the Hornets go deeper into the playoffs and fan excitement increases over the prospects of yet another Hornets championship.

The last game in the Alliston/Erin series saw more than 500 turn out to cheer on the hometown boys.

Penetang also has a huge and loyal fan base and many are expected to make the trek to Alliston to cheer on their team in the final series.

The scheduled for the championship series had not yet been announced at press time.



The Alliston Hornets hosted the Erin Shamrocks in game six of their best of seven semi-final GMOHL playoff series at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre. The Hornets won this game 6-2 to take the series and advance to the championship round. The Hornets will meet the Penetang Kings to vie for the League title.

Photo by Brian Lockhart

New user fee approved by New Tecumseth for non-residents

By Wendy Gabrek

The Town of New Tecumseth will be imposing a new user fee for facility use by non-residents.

The 20 per cent fee increase was approved unanimously by council members at the February meeting, and is effective immediately.

The fee increase applies to any town-owned recreation or cultural facilities, including but not limited to the sporting arenas, and the Museum on the Boyne.

The new bylaw came into effect after a report, brought by Ward 3 Councillor JJ Paul Whiteside, suggested that neighbouring municipalities were unable to come to an agreement with representatives from the Town of New Tecumseth on rate fees, for the use of New Tecumseth owned facilities, for 2016.

Three councillors formed the committee that attempted to resolve the situation with bordering municipalities, including and especially Adjala-Tosorontio. They included Councillor Whiteside, Ward 1 Councillor Marc Biss, and Ward 7 Councillor, Shira Harrison McIntyre.

"We've attended a number of meetings since we were appointed to this committee on July 13, 2015, and have worked hard to come to a resolution - but we didn't come to an agreement yet," confirmed Councillor Whiteside.

Whiteside went on to say that despite best efforts, an agreeable solution was not going to occur in the foreseeable future.

He further admitted that there may be a few "bumps in the road" administering the new fee program, especially in the first year.

Ward 4 Councillor Fran Sainsbury, said she suspects "phones would be ringing off the hook at the town offices," and that staff should redirect calls to the appropriate person in Essa, Adj-Tos and King.

"It's not our fault they do not wish to build facilities for their own residents," Sainsbury added. "We've have to debenture a lot of these costs ..."

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Norcross, asked what efforts had been taken to collect any outstanding balances owed by previous inter-municipal agreements.

"Balances for 2012 and 2013 have been paid," confirmed Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, Patrick D'Almada. "There is a hundred thousand dollars sitting on the books for 2014, and we did not bill them for 2015."

"Adj-Tos is not prepared to compensate us for 2014 or 2015," said Biss.

The new pay-per-use fee structure requires no agreements or payment formulas for implementation, and will generate an extra \$360,000 for the Town of New Tecumseth annually.

The program is also expected to generate more funds for New Tec year after year, with no further negotiations going forward.

Residents and non-residents will be required to show ID initially, to prove their township of residence when using town-owned facilities.

Leagues and sporting associations will pay based on their municipal affiliation, rather than by individual registration.



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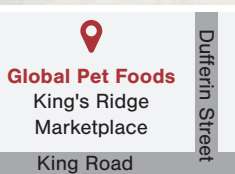


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Church tea bids farewell to 'Downton Abbey'

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Have you ever looked at a cornerstone? It is usually filled with mementos of the time. It may contain a newspaper, coins, a hymn book, a note from a minister. That cornerstone guides our faith. It enables us to stand strong when things fall apart around us. It's good to remember, but sometimes it's good to let things go.

Think about what resurrection is. It's about new life, a new opportunity, new growth. Jesus died to bring Christianity to life. Sometimes we hold on to things because we don't know what else to do, or we don't think about why. A young boy was watching his mother put the Sunday roast in the oven. She lopped a piece off the end. He asked "Why?" Answer - "Because my mother always did it."

"Why?" She phoned her mother. Answer - "because my mother always did it."

"Why?" Great-grandmother was called "because the roast was too big for the pan." Not all traditions need to be kept. There needs to be room for new ideas, for new life, for resurrection.

What about our own congregation. How do we add new life? Let's look at a scale from 1 to 10. If we are at 5, how do we get to 10? Don't fret. Be the best darn 5 we can be, then become a 6. Be the best darn 6 we can be, then we become a 7! Doesn't it make sense? Not just to survive, but to thrive. Our faith invited us to think quite clearly about ourselves, then we can share our faith by the way we connect and respond to community, and to others.

Our dear Rosemary, our minister of music, has a bad arm/shoulder mystery. She really doesn't know how she hurt it. She managed to lead her vocal choir through a very solemn anthem

"Lenten Prayed," so fitting with Holy Week fast approaching. The choir is working on some special music for Holy Week and Easter. Let's say a prayer that Rosemary's arm heals quickly. Our Rev. Evelyn is always busy. Along with her music angels Sandra and MaryLee they spent a worship service time at Richmond Hill Retirement Residence, where Rena Gordon resides. Rena loves to sing. After all she spent 60 plus years with our choir.

Then last Saturday Rev. Evelyn was honoured to be asked to take part in a memorial service for the residents at King Lodge who had died during 2015. She makes time to spend with many of our members who are in retirement or nursing homes. She cares.

Sunday March 6 is our "Farewell to Downton Abbey Tea" at 2 p.m. at KCUC. Photo booth, some trivia, tea and scones, video clips and a door prize. Please RSVP to Nancy to determine how many scones we need to bake. It's dress-up day for your photo! Your favourite character, or a 1920s tea party. A freewill offering is asked to help cover expenses. Let's have some fun!

Friday March 18 at 6 p.m. is our annual Irish Dinner. The Irish Dancers will be there again, as will Wayne Lowdon and his friends to lead a good Irish sing-along. Tickets are \$16/person, children \$5. Call our office for tickets or send Nancy an email to kcuc@bellnet.ca.

Holy Week. Palm Sunday, March 20, we will celebrate communion, after a pancake breakfast at 8:45 a.m. sponsored by Ruth Schoenhardt as she works for her Canada Cord for Girl Guides. The monies from the freewill offering will go to Women For Women International.

Maunday Thursday Service is at 7 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church. Good Friday service shared in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. Special music, prayers and readings. Easter Sunday service at King City

United Church 10 a.m. Stay for refreshments.

March is a busy month. Plan to join in for any or all of these events. Invite a neighbour to come along with you. Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. is our "Really Big Electronics Recycling Kick-off" at KCUC. Start collecting. Anything that you plug in. It will be resurrected somewhere. Start downsizing your basement and garage.

For any information call our office 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bellnet.ca. Reverend Evelyn MacLachlan - email - kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, March 6 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our sermon series "Gospel Shaped Outreach" with "How Do We Speak?"

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.

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.

We would like to invite everyone to our Good Friday service. We will have child care for kids in Grade 4 and younger. In remembrance of Christ's sacrifice, we will be celebrating Communion.

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.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Sunday at St. Andrew's. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and nursery care running concurrently.

The Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be taking the service and presiding over our Communion service following. He will also be with us March 27 (Easter Sunday). Stay for coffee afterwards.

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Society urges residents to prepare for shows

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This Friday, March 4 at 1 p.m. the World Day of Prayer service will take place at All Saints Anglican Church, King City. The theme country is Cuba. Lynn Vissers will be sharing with us some of her recent experiences and observations of God at work in Cuba. All are invited.

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 seek!" that Pastor John Mills spoke about last Sunday (II Kings 5:1-14 and John 5:1-9). We read about two individuals needing healing and their response to God. God wants us to be whole - are we really wanting to be healed?

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.

St. Andrew's wants to warmly welcome the King for Refugees family, the Almasri family, into the community of King City. May God bless them in their new life with us.

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

All Saints is hosting the World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service for the King City area this Friday, March 4 at 1 pm. This year the liturgy was written by the women of Cuba. Come and listen to their concerns, dreams and prayers. We will serve tea, coffee and treats after the service.

Wednesday morning services at 11 a.m. will continue throughout Lent, followed by a soup lunch.

Bible Study meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information and location please contact Vivian Aschwanen.

The Prayer Group meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Please contact Judith Bishop.

The Book Club meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Our Annual "Best of the Best" Rumage Sale will be on Saturday, April 30.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Get a jump on spring and "force" a branch from a flowering shrub/tree to bloom indoors or a branch from a foliage shrub/tree to leaf out indoors.

The Nobleton- King City Horticultural Society (Garden Club) has categories for both types of forced branches (not longer than 30 in./75cm) in the March 21 and April 25 flower shows.

Cut a bare branch about the thickness of your baby finger that shows lots of buds set late last summer. Some horticulturists say then leave it overnight in the garage or other non freezing place. I usually bring mine into the house scrape off the bark about an inch or two/2.5 to 5 cm up from the cut end of the branch then put it in a container of room temperature water

and place in a cool indoor area where it will get lots of light but not direct sunlight.

Carefully change the water every 4 or 5 days. It usually takes about 10 days to 2 weeks for the branches to leaf or flower. Try 2 or 3 branches at one time And try branches every 2 weeks until spring. This will make certain you'll have an entry for each of the 2 categories in the show.

Forcing branches into bloom is a fun outdoor indoor winter activity for kids

— they love to see the flowers/leaves unfold - and they can keep a diary and illustrate it noting the branch's progress. As well they learn that trees/shrubs don't wait until spring to grow buds but do it while last year's leaves are still there!

Forsythia, sand-cherry, black/red currant, lilac or any fruit tree are good bets for flowering branches while maple, beech, birch, boxwood or ash are good foliage branches.

King City Seniors' Centre news

Travel Club

Tuesday, April 5, "How Do They Do That?"

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.

Coach leaves the arena at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$81 per person.

Tuesday, May 10 - "A Day in Niagara."

We take a tour of the Chocolate FX chocolate factory in St. David's. Watch as artisan chocolate treats are created, and there are plenty of free samples available at the tasting bar.

We will also enjoy a seasonal lunch and a brief tour of the Benchmark Restaurant. The lunch will be prepared by students at the Niagara Culinary College.

And, to cap this exciting day, we take a guided tour and discover exotic birds and animals at the tropical rainforests at Bird Kingdom.

Coach departs from the arena at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$87 per person.

For everyone's convenience, starting in March, all Travel Club trip tickets will be available from a committee member at our monthly potluck lunches.

For further information, call Jane Hepworth at 905-833-5870.

Potluck lunch

Our next Potluck Lunch at the Centre will be Friday, March 18. Mark it on your calendars and come out and enjoy a great meal and get-together with friends old and new. Everyone is welcome, and please bring a main course or dessert.



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