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Earth Hour events in King Township

There are a couple of interesting ways to mark Earth Hour in King Township this weekend.

Do your part this Earth Hour and switch off your lights. Come out and enjoy a dinner by candle light at one of the local participating restaurants to support King Township's Earth Hour initiative. For more information please contact environmentalstewardship@king.ca

On Saturday, March 25 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. visit any of the participating restaurants – Locale in King City, Summerhill north of Nobleton, and The Schomberg Pub and Patio.

Come out and create a lantern to help guide you on a night hike to celebrate Earth Hour. Please bring your own jar to repurpose into a lantern. Please be sure to wear appropriate clothing and footwear, hikes will take place on wooded trails. For more information please contact environmentalstewardship@king.ca

This takes place at Cold Creek Conservation Area (Visitors Centre) starting at 6 p.m.

It's free, but you're asked to register.

The Dufferin Marsh society encourages everyone to "Use Your Power" on Earth Day.

Everyone is invited to meet at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Schomberg at 7 p.m. for a Lantern Workshop where you can make your own Lantern. Please bring a glass jar that you can decorate.

Then, at 8:15 p.m. the group will leave the Emanuel Presbyterian Church and with lanterns they will walk to the Dufferin Marsh for a bonfire to celebrate Earth Hour.

Or you just turn off your lights and join the group at the Bonfire, in the Marsh, at 8:30 p.m. for marshmallows, hot chocolate and fellowship celebrating Earth Hour.



Chris Dudley, Director of Seneca's HELIX program, takes an icy plunge during Seneca College's annual Polar Bear Dip on Monday.

Icy dip fundraiser for Seneca bursaries

By Jake Courtepatte

What has become one of Seneca College's most anticipated yearly events is certainly also one of its bravest.

Seventeen staff and students took to the chilly waters of Lake Seneca in King City Monday for this year's rendition of the Polar Bear Dip, raising around \$11,000 for the college's Campaign for Students fundraiser, more than double the total of 2016.

Although final numbers have not yet been calculated, the year-long goal of the Campaign for Students is to raise \$102,000.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, April 3, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole
Public Meeting: re: Zoning by-law review
File Numbers: Z-2016-11 (King City) and Z-2016-12 (Schomberg)
Applicant: Township of King
Location: All lands within the defined King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg urban area boundaries.

Monday, April 24, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Integration Camp Counsellor (summer camp)
- Camp Counsellor (summer camp)
- Planning Technician (12-month contract)

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

**VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
2017 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 2017 must be completed and submitted to the Township by **Friday, March 31st, 2017**. The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at www.king.ca, or please contact:

Kathryn Moyle Telephone: (905)833-5321
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement Fax: (905)833-2300
Township Clerk E-mail: kmoyle@king.ca
Township of King
2075 King Road
King City ON L7B 1A1



Nobleton Streetscaping – Public information session

The Township of King will be hosting a public information session to inform residents and business owners of several large streetscaping initiatives taking place in 2017/2018 within the village of Nobleton.

Date: Thurs., March 23
Time: 6 pm to 8 pm
Location: Nobleton Arena (15 Old King Road, Nobleton ON)

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW

The public are invited to attend a public meeting to be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:

Monday, April 3rd, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law under Sections 26 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

Purpose of Public Meeting

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide opportunity for the public to review the Final Draft of the proposed 'Zoning By-law for the Schomberg, Nobleton, and King City Urban Areas', and to receive comments from the public. **The Final Draft of the Zoning By-law is available at www.king.ca for review and input. Type 'Zoning By-law Review' into the Search bar.** A decision on the proposed Zoning By-law will not be made by Council at this Public Meeting.

Purpose of Zoning By-law Review

The purpose of this phase of the Urban Areas Zoning By-law Review is to revise and update the current zoning standards within the defined urban areas of Schomberg and King City, primarily to implement the policies of the Schomberg and King City Community Plans. The proposed Zoning By-law is intended to replace all of the zoning currently in effect for the Schomberg and King City urban areas under Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended.

The Nobleton Urban Area Zoning By-law 2016-71 (previously adopted by Council in July 2016; File No. Z-2014-08) has been incorporated into the draft Zoning By-law for the Schomberg, Nobleton, and King City Urban Areas for purposes of consistency and ease of administration. This draft By-law also includes proposed minor improvements and modifications of a house-keeping nature that will be presented at this meeting.

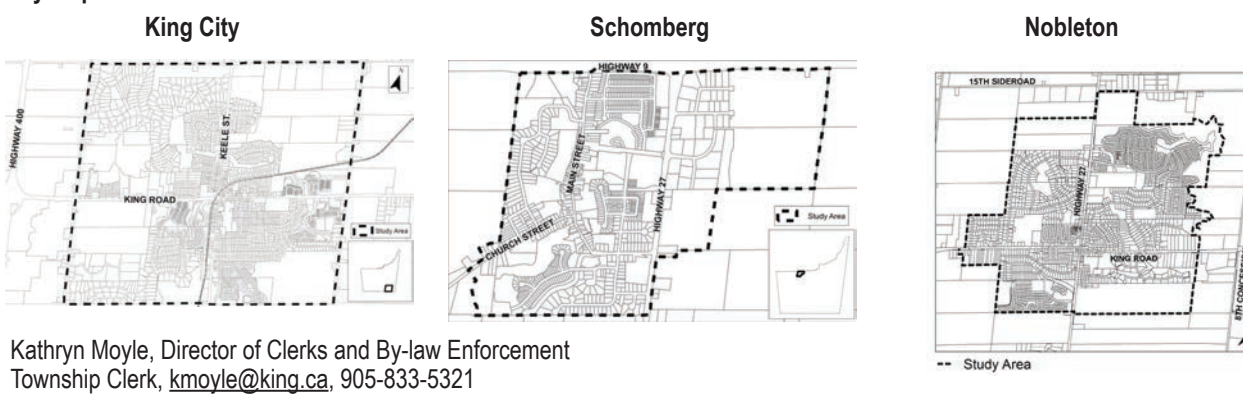
How to Stay Informed?

If you wish to be notified of the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2075 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1.

Additional Information

Additional information, including appeal rights, is available in the statutory Public Meeting Notice posted on www.king.ca, under "Upcoming Meetings". Inquiries may be directed to Sarah Allin, Planning Department, at (905) 833-5321 or Email: zoningbylawreview@king.ca. Quote File Nos. Z-2016-11 and Z-2016-12. Background information associated with this Zoning By-law Review is also available on the Zoning By-law Review Project Page at www.king.ca; type "Zoning By-law Review" into the Search bar.

Key Maps



Kathryn Moyle, Director of Clerks and By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk, kmoyle@king.ca, 905-833-5321

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
GRAHAM SIDEROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2017
5 - 7 P.M.**

Location:

**Former Holland Marsh District Christian School
18955 Dufferin Street, Ansnorveldt, ON**

The Graham Sideroad Bridge is scheduled to be removed and replaced for the canal improvement project.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Public Open House to learn more about the project and ask questions.

For all inquiries related to this project please contact Wayne Pinkney, Project Manager, at wpinkney@king.ca or at 905-833-4575.

Current vacancies exist on certain Advisory Committees. Here is your chance to become involved and meet local residents!

The Township is currently seeking interested individuals to participate in the following Committees for the balance of the 2014-2018 term:

- Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) - 1 Vacancy
- Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) – 1 Vacancy (Environmental)

Applications will be accepted at the Township offices, 2075 King Road, King City, ON, to the attention of Kathryn Moyle, Township Clerk, up to April 7th, 2017.

Visit our website, www.king.ca, to obtain all information about the committees, the recruitment process, as well as submitting an online application.

Become involved and participate with King as a Committee Volunteer! We value your participation.

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Seeking Nominations For
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Closing Thursday, March 30, 2017
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Volunteer Appreciation Night
Thursday, April 20, 2017

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. Thursday, March 30th, 2017**. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township Office or on the Township website at volunteer.king.ca. Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Thursday, April 20th, 2017**.

Kathryn Moyle, Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk E-mail: kmoyle@king.ca



MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 7 Nobleton Library 8 Sheardown Drive 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillors David Boyd & Linda Fabst	Tuesday, March 28 Schomberg Library 77 Main Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillor Bill Cober	Monday, April 10 King City Library 1970 King Road 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer	Thursday, April 27 Ansnorveldt Library 18997 Dufferin Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillor Avia Eek
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Informal Meet & Greet ■ Discuss Ward/Township Issues

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Vianet is well positioned to serve King residents

By Mark Pavilons

A commitment by government and strategic private partnerships are making progress in providing residents with high-speed Internet access.

Vianet, with a facility in King, has made a major investment in the future.

Vianet is one of those strategic partners and recently received funding approval through the provincial government's Small Communities Infrastructure Program. The joint federal-provincial funding will see \$1.68 million earmarked for upgrades in King Township and some streets in Simcoe County.

Brian McCullagh, director of business development for Vianet, said they're already moving ahead. The company is in the engineering stages at the moment and engineers are out in the field. They're applying for various permits and awaiting municipal and regional approvals.

Vianet's talks with King Township to date have been positive and King knows full well the importance of providing broadband access to its residents and businesses.

Vianet built a high-capacity fibre "backbone" that runs from Vaughan to Barrie, connected to the major hub in Toronto. Through the purchase of Zing

in 2014, Vianet has brought fibre to various towers along that route to increase capacity on their wireless network.

Now, with the new funding and plans for the future, Vianet is branching out.

The current project involves servicing homes along Jane Street, running east to Snowball and west through Carrying Place stopping at Tecumseth Pines. They will be connecting to unserviced streets and subdivisions in the area, ultimately serving some 1,000 residents.

McCullagh pointed out it's very costly, especially in rural areas, and homeowners will have to kick in some money.

The goal is to expand Vianet's network and provide rural homes with quality fibre optics.

The needs for increasing bandwidths, McCullagh observed, are growing steadily. The reality is fibre infrastructure is the key conduit and that's the company's focus.

It takes time, he said, but he sees high-speed, two-way streaming as the future. Smart systems in hospitals, including the one planned at Mackenzie Health, are all inter-connected, providing an amazing level of communications.

Canada, McCullagh pointed out, has fallen a bit behind hits global competitors in its level of Internet service.

Government commitment, and projects such as this will "help us catch up" and allow Canadian companies to be more competitive. This will permanently close the broadband gap and bolster local home-based business. "It gives a competitive advantage to King," he added.

Vianet will receive \$825,000 for the project from the Government of Canada, with the provincial government matching the amount. Vianet will contribute the remainder of the project costs.

"Vianet is extremely excited to be involved in this wonderful opportunity," said Will Gasteiger, president of Vianet. "As the digital age explodes with new applications and ever increasing bandwidth demands, the only practical long term investment for connectivity to rural areas is fibre optic infrastructure. We thank the mayor of King Township and council for supporting this vision and the governments of Canada and Ontario for providing the funding to bring it to fruition. Building fibre optic networks in rural areas is costly and complex, but with governments, companies and end users all contributing, the broadband gap between rural and urban Canada will be overcome. Vianet looks forward to doing its part."

With an office on Highway 9 in Schomberg, Vianet has been offering full service communications based out of Sudbury since 1995 and has built more internet access to Northern Ontario's rural communities ever since. Vianet's business director, Brian McCullagh, said it was Ontario's rural

communities that benefitted the most when the CRTC declared broadband internet a "basic communications service" in December.

As one of Ontario's few facilities-based telecom providers, Vianet has the ability to offer high performance network solutions over its own fibre optic and wireless networks. Additionally, they have created strategic relationships with other fibre optic carriers to offer services where Vianet does not have its own infrastructure.

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Dr. Contino has a passion for family dentistry, and loves working with kids! She places a strong emphasis on preventive dentistry, ensuring that her patients achieve and maintain healthy smiles. She strives to educate her patients with respect to diet and home care in order to prevent oral health problems from arising.

Dr. Contino is committed to providing the patients of Nobleton Gallery Dental with the highest quality dental experience. Her goal is to extend the same level of care and attention as the founder of the clinic, **Dr. Don Tabacoff**. To this day, Dr. Tabacoff holds the patients and the office in high regard. He will be returning

to help address patients' various dental concerns, and to strengthen the relationship between Nobleton Gallery Dental and the community alongside Dr. Contino.

As an avid home cook and yoga enthusiast, Dr. Contino understands the importance of a healthy and balanced lifestyle. She loves exchanging recipes with her patients. Dr. Contino is also a very proud mom of two children: a two-year-old boy named Daniel, and an eight-month-old girl named Natalie. Although she grew up in Vaughan, Dr. Contino and her family now live in your neighbourhood and hope to become a permanent part of your community.

We are confident that you will enjoy working with her as much as we do. Call the office now to arrange an appointment with Dr. Contino. Dr. Tabacoff will also be available for limited appointments. We look forward to seeing you!



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Canada maintaining its level of happiness

Canadians have always been a decent lot and regarded highly around the world. Did you know we're among the happiest in the world?

The 2017 World Happiness Report reveals that Canada sits at number 7 – still in the top 10 – in terms of happiness.

The report was revealed March 20 ("World Happiness Day") at the United Nations, published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Norway moves to the top of the ranking despite weaker oil prices. "It is sometimes said that Norway achieves and maintains its high happiness not because of its oil wealth, but in spite of it. By choosing to produce its oil slowly, and investing the proceeds for the future rather than spending them in the present, Norway has insulated itself from the boom and bust cycle of many other resource-rich economies. To do this successfully requires high levels of mutual trust, shared purpose, generosity and good governance, all factors that help to keep Norway and other top countries where they are in the happiness rankings."

All of the other countries in the top 10 also have high values in all six of the key variables used to explain happiness differences among countries and through time — income, health, life expectancy, social services, generosity, freedom and trust in government.

Finland is in 5th place, followed by the Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia and Sweden tied for the 9th position, having the same 2014-2016 score.

The 10 top countries are once again all small or medium-sized western industrial countries, of which seven are in Western Europe.

Our American neighbours are in



Mark Pavilons

14th. The lowest countries are typically marked by low values in the main criteria and they're subject to violence and disease.

African nations are the lowest in the study and the majority polled wished for major changes in their lives and countries.

"It was found that 80% of the variance of happiness across the world occurs within countries. In richer countries the within-country differences are not mainly explained by income inequality, but by differences in mental health, physical health and personal relationships. The biggest single source of misery is mental illness."

Work is also a major factor affecting happiness and unemployment causes a major fall in happiness.

Happiness has fallen in America, largely due to declining social support and increased corruption.

I'm a big supporter of all things Canadian – I always have been. I think some of this patriotism goes back to listening to stories from my dad, who lost his native Latvia to Communist Russia. He was so happy and proud to be a Canadian citizen.

I heard stories of censorship, forced civil obedience and yes, government corruption.

It reinforced my love for my home and native land.

I've always found it funny, especially being in the newspaper business, when people talk of government corruption in Canada. Sure, there have been infrequent, almost rare occurrences of blatant mistrust and misappropriation of funds or illegal activity. But when you compare it to countries where it's the norm or commonplace, you get a whole new perspective on things.

Modern-day slavery exists in many developing nations and even Caribbean destinations. Government officials and major corporations have an "arrangement," one that comes at a very high price to average citizens and those living in poverty. In these countries, where corruption runs rampant, their chances of progressing to socially responsible, honest, conscious nations are remote.

I am not surprised by the level of happiness in Scandinavian countries, where they embrace all of those study criteria.

The Nordic model includes a combination of free market capitalism with a comprehensive welfare state and col-

lective bargaining at the national level. These countries share common traits, including support for a universal welfare state which enhances individual autonomy and promotes social mobility, and a commitment to widespread private ownership, free markets and free trade.

Public spending on health and education is significantly higher in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway and so are the tax burdens – Sweden (51.1%), Denmark (46% in 2011), and Finland (43.3%).

While we Canadians would cringe at such levels of taxation, it seems to actually contribute to the happiest nations on the globe. The cradle-to-grave social commitment does have its advantages.

Studies such as this try to take people's hearts and souls into consideration, but you can't really quantify such things. So economics plays the biggest factors in happiness. And this makes sense. The stronger the national economy and lower the unemployment, people and governments have the means to serve one another.

When I think of the fact that millions of people are facing starvation in Africa at this very moment, I feel less happy than our 7th-place ranking.

I have seen the effects of poverty firsthand. But I am pleased by the strength of the human character and commitment to family. I'm amazed at our survival instincts and our ability to face the darkness with a smile and a laugh.

Canadians may be suffering because of our lavish styles and "living the dream" mentality.

At least we're happy about it!

Letter to the Editor

Local enforcement needed

I read "Speed radar signs curbing bad habits" in the King Weekly Sentinel March 2.

"According to the staff report, speed radar signs do require a financial investment, but they have proven to be highly effective in lowering average speeds and improving traffic safety."

I duly note that this refers to the situations on Hazelbury Drive and Kingscross Drive (and I do appreciate their concerns), but they are paved roads and how many cars go down these two roadways, especially each weekday morning?

It surely would be interesting to know!

Mill Road is a winding, gravel road between King Road and the King Vaughan Line and now has over 250 vehicles (resident survey done some time ago) driving south between 6.30 and 9 a.m. every Monday through Friday morning and most driving well in excess of the posted 60 kilometers per hour.

Our driveway is approximately 120 meters from King Road and I would easily assess that at least 50% of the vehicles are exceeding the speed limit when passing our driveway and most still accelerating!

If you do not believe me, come sit in our driveway and watch. I will provide the coffee!

I have stated my concern and the posted Local Traffic Only sign sure ain't stopping em'!

"Staff noted speed boards are more effective when supplemented with police enforcement."

Interesting. Some time ago when I suggested that Mill Road should be checked by police radar, I was told that they cannot do that, as Mill Road is not a county road! Are Hazelbury Drive and Kingscross Drive under a different road category designation from Mill Road?

Dave Platt
Mill Road



Brainteaser

Sometimes I'm slow, sometimes I'm fast. I can destroy even the strongest buildings, yet I never move. What am I?

Last week's answer: A dead person doesn't breathe or walk.

King Township Trivia

In 1995 contract for Nobleton's two-storey fire hall was awarded to Ron Wilson Construction of Nobleton at a cost of \$512,000.

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Results from last week's poll:
Will you be celebrating St. Patrick's Day?

a) Yes **88%**

b) No **12%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you looking forward to the NHL playoffs?

a) Yes
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Earth Day aims to preserve, conserve, renew

By Skid Crease

The year was 1969. I was in my second year of teaching in Canada when an American environmentalist named John McConnell proposed a global holiday to celebrate peace, justice and the integrity of creation. It was named, simply, Earth Day.

In October 1969, at the National UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, McConnell announced his intention to organize a worldwide awareness campaign to honour the diversity of life on Earth.

The organizers selected March 21, the vernal equinox, the return of the light and a renewal of life in our little corner of the Northern Hemisphere. That day, in the city of San Francisco, McConnell made the first Earth Day Proclamation about the need to preserve, conserve, and renew the threatened ecosystems upon which all life on Earth depends.

Those were heady days for the emerging environmental movement in North America. Acid rain, oil spills, topsoil erosion, groundwater depletion, contamination of the oceans, and air pollution dominated the headlines. The passion for change was thick in the air as we demanded social justice, nuclear disarmament, and environmental literacy. They truly were the days of peace, love, and groovy. I missed Woodstock, but my Grade 5 class added their voices to that first Earth Day Proclamation, still celebrated today on March 21 by the United Nations.

At the same time that McConnell was organizing, a young American law stu-

dent named Denis Hayes was conscripted by Senator Gaylord Nelson to organize the first Earth Day marches in the United States on April 22 to coordinate with Arbor Day.

"The objective was to get a nationwide demonstration of concern for the environment so large that it would shake the political establishment out of its lethargy," Senator Nelson said, "and, finally, force this issue permanently onto the national political agenda." It succeeded beyond his expectations, Millions joined in celebratory marches across the U.S.A. and Canada, my class included, to demand an end to unsustainable exponential economic growth.

It was the beginning of massive arbor day tree plantings, garbage-less lunch campaigns, recycling programs, and resource conservation projects from classrooms to business offices.

In June 1970 McConnell created the Earth Day Proclamation for worldwide use and awareness. The Earth Day Proclamation declared the principles and responsibilities the signers undertook to care for the Earth. It was signed by 36 world leaders, including UN Secretary General U Thant, Margaret Mead, John Gardner and others. The last signature by Mikhail Gorbachev was added in 2000.

Earth Day indeed had increased environmental awareness in America, and in Dec, 2, 1970 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was established by special executive order to regulate and enforce national pollution legislation. On April 22, 1990, the 20th anniversary of Arbor Earth Day, more

than 200 million people in 141 countries participated in celebrations.

Few remember though, that it was the partnership of John F. Kennedy and Rachel Carson that tilled the soil that would become our Earth Days. When Kennedy championed Silent Spring and defended Carson against the rage of the chemical industry, it began to stir an awareness across North America that it was time to get informed, stand up and speak out for the defense of our Home Planet. In 1963, Congress passed the Clean Air Act to deal with cross-border pollution from the Ohio valley into the Great Lakes and Canada. The war on acid rain had begun in earnest, and Big Coal was not happy.

On, Nov. 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Barely six months later, on April 14, 1964, Rachel Carson died of cancer. The seeds of our modern environmental awareness had been planted and they germinated in 1970 with our two Earth Day celebrations. Perhaps these two days are as much a tribute to Kennedy and Carson as to Earth. They serve as a constant reminder that greater love hath no one than this.

These Earth Days should remind us of the sacrifices made by women and men around the world, like the legendary Gaura Devi of India's Chipko (tree-hugging) movement, or Wangari Maathai of Kenya sowing seeds of hope across Africa, or Lois Gibbs of Niagara Falls, New York, who exposed the toxic wastes of the Love Canal, or Jacques Cousteau and Sam Labudde and Rob Stewart who fought for the sanctity of our ocean ecosystems, or Jeton Anjain of the Marshall Islands, sick to death with cancer, fighting to expose the dan-

gers of nuclear waste and nuclear war.

This is what our Earth Days are about. It's a lot more than planting one little sapling that may not make it through the summer, but looks good in a political photo-op with smiling children. It's about speaking truth to power. It's about campaigning for the security of the EPA, The same EPA that brought us the Clean Air Act and is now threatened with castration by Donald Trump and Scott Pruitt. It's about making certain that Kevin O'Leary never becomes a candidate for political leadership in Canada. It's about standing up to hate speech and hateful actions that bring fear and division into our lives and thoughts. It's about supporting the building of sustainable communities, of learning how to live elegantly with less, of realizing at last that, as E.F. Schumacher tried to teach us years ago, that "Small is Beautiful" in home and national budgets.

Earth Days are a celebration of participatory democracy, honouring the responsibility of a people to protect their families, their communities, their environment. A wise mentor once told me, "You know, we have no rights without responsibilities first. I do not have the right to clean water unless I make sure I'm not putting any pollutants into the global chain. I don't have the right to breathe clean air if I leave my SUV idling to keep my winter heat up, or my summer air conditioning on."

Game on. Happy Earth Days!

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Society welcomes speaker at first meeting

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is happy to once again welcome spring and another growing season.

Most of all, we are excited and happy to be seeing each other again at our first meeting of the year. As usual, we have a roster of wonderful, interesting, informative guest speakers lined up for the year, starting with Nina Sampson from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, who will be speaking on the topic "Beautiful Native Plants" which can add dazzling elements of colour and shape to any garden! You will leave with the inspiration and know-how to create your own natural garden oasis. Participants will receive a free copy of the Greening Your Grounds Guide. Following the presentation, we invite you to chat with and ask questions of Nina while enjoying some light refreshments.

Join us on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main St.

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Submitted Photo

King residents visit mosque

Several people from King for Refugees accepted the kind invitation of the Muslim Ahmadiyya Mosque in Maple to attend an open house recently.

The visitors were directed to the mezzanine upstairs to view the prayers. In the room below, hundreds of men formed along the lines on the carpet (shoes off) and they followed the direction of their imam who called out, although he did not face them. Sometimes they were down on the floor, knees bent, with their heads bowed; other times, they were standing; then in a bowing position. For those who were unable to do all these movements, there were chairs on the side. Everyone was facing Mecca (NE). The women were also praying but in the lower level of the mosque.








After prayers (Muslims pray five times a day, but they do not have to be in a mosque to do this), the imam talked to the visitors about the Muslim faith and answered questions. The men wear hats as a sign of respect to God. Some of the men showed us their hats and pointed out that it was a matter of personal preference and that some men wore lighter hats in the summer. There were some display posters at the mosque which the imam talked about. These are viewable at <http://www.amec.islamevents.ca>



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7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, March 23 to Wednesday, March 29

THURS 23RD	FRI 24TH	SAT 25TH	SUN 26TH	MON 27TH	TUES 28TH	WED 29TH
						
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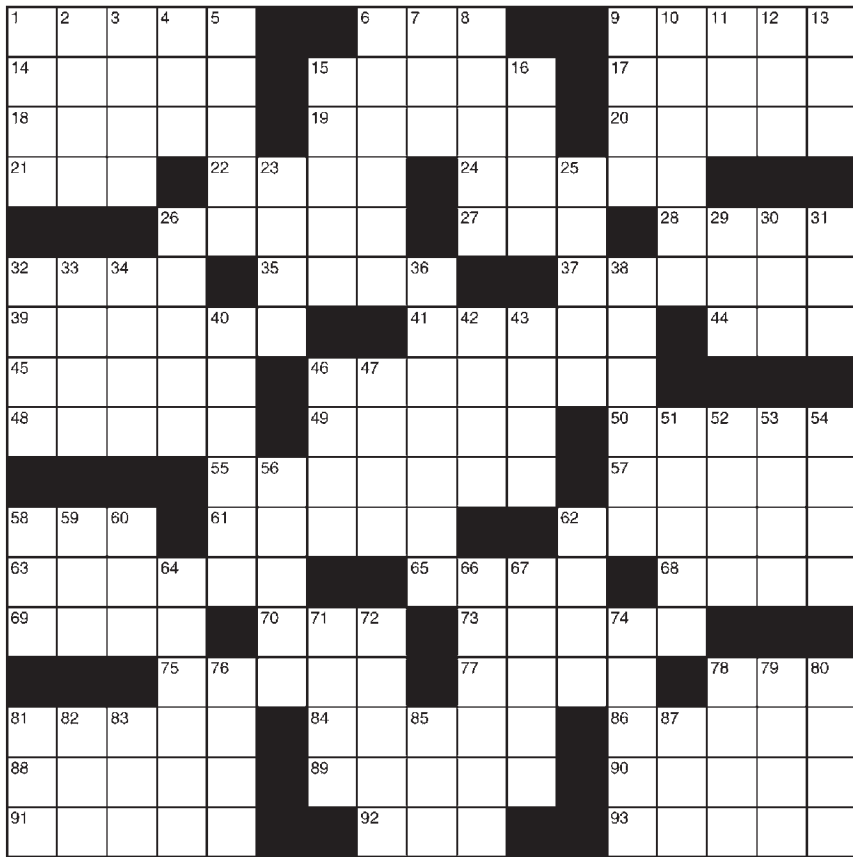


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- 9. Turkish title
- 14. Gush
- 15. Nose parts
- 17. Hate
- 18. Flavor
- 19. Caper
- 20. Babble
- 21. Porter or stout
- 22. Bit
- 24. Chocolate bean
- 26. Wrapping film
- 27. Make a misstep
- 28. Venerable
- 32. Skedaddle
- 35. Thunder sound
- 37. Modernize
- 39. Pretentious
- 41. Fray
- 44. Tiny amount
- 45. Like sheep
- 46. Come before in time
- 48. Church plate
- 49. Rabbit fur
- 50. Overbid
- 55. Put apart
- 57. Term of endearment
- 58. Female swine
- 61. Take in or let out
- 62. Withdraw
- 63. Southwestern Indian dwelling
- 65. Fencing implement
- 68. Terrible smell
- 69. Geographical belt
- 70. Night hooter
- 73. Zinc ___
- 75. Indian money
- 77. Desert or beach hill
- 78. Drench
- 81. Despots
- 84. Shun
- 86. Raccoon's kin
- 88. Lofty abode
- 89. Musical show
- 90. Fess up
- 91. Furnishings
- 92. Battering ___
- 93. Sponger
- 5. Skylit courtyards
- 6. Monkey's fruit
- 7. Rembrandt's specialty
- 8. Thaw
- 9. "___ Don't Preach"
- 10. In a foreign country
- 11. "___ Na Na"
- 12. Steaming
- 13. "Bells ___ Ringing"
- 15. From birth
- 16. Cut reminder
- 23. Humpback's kin
- 25. Vinegar bottle
- 26. Fishing net
- 29. Flit about
- 30. Athenian letter
- 31. Coming-out gal
- 32. Broadway bomb
- 33. Molten rock
- 34. Polish copy
- 36. Get ready
- 38. Satisfy
- 40. "No," e.g.
- 42. Door to ore
- 43. Windmill part
- 46. Evil plan
- 47. Chest sound
- 51. Dough
- 52. Double curve
- 53. Wash out
- 54. Difficult journey
- 56. Sailing craft
- 58. Health farm
- 59. Your and my
- 60. Diminutive
- 62. Control
- 64. Latin quarter
- 66. Lectern
- 67. Ooze
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- 72. Voting-machine component
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- 76. Internet surfer
- 78. Equivalent
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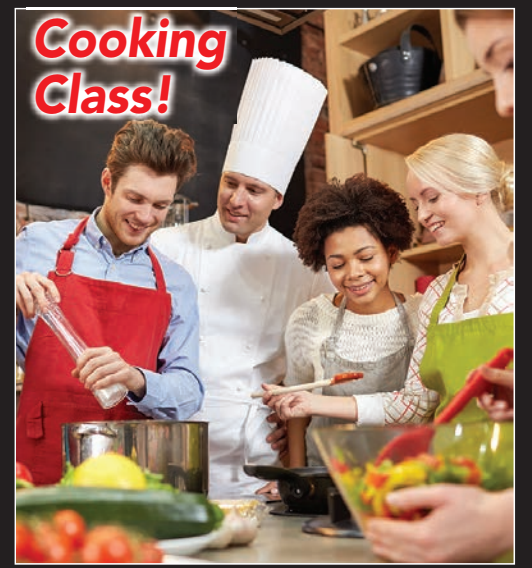
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Weekly Recipe

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Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons grapeseed oil
 - 1 medium yellow onion, minced
 - Kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper
 - 2 cups cooked brown rice, cooled (a microwaveable bag works great)
 - 1 cup roughly chopped peeled raw red beets (about 1 large beet)
 - 1 cup walnuts
 - 1/2 cup yellow raisins
 - 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
 - 2 large eggs
 - Bibb lettuce leaves, for serving
 - Citrus-Caper Aioli, recipe follows
- Citrus-Caper Aioli:**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 2 tablespoons capers
 - 1 tablespoon honey mustard
 - 1 teaspoon orange zest plus 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, optional

Directions:

Heat a skillet over medium heat and add 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the onions, season with salt and pepper and saute until slightly golden, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool. Add the brown rice, beets, walnuts, yellow raisins, granulated garlic and cooled onions to a food processor and pulse about 10 times, until the mixture is ground similar to ground beef. Transfer to a bowl and add the eggs, 1 teaspoon salt and some pepper. Mix by hand until uniform, then tightly form into 4 patties. Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and add the remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Season both sides of the patties with salt and pepper. Gently add the patties to the oil and sear on each side until crisp and browned, about 10 minutes a side. Place the patties on 2 to 3 Bibb lettuce leaves. Dollop a bit of Citrus-Caper Aioli on top and serve.

Citrus-Caper Aioli: Mix the mayonnaise, capers, honey mustard and orange zest and juice in a bowl. Adjust the seasoning if necessary with salt and pepper.

Recipe courtesy of Jeff Mauro

Enjoy!



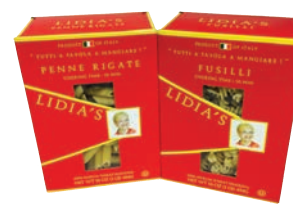
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Hydro changes benefit residents; municipalities hopeful

By Mark Pavilons

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan will benefit low-income households and municipalities remain optimistic that caps will help their bottom line.

Starting this summer, electricity bills will be reduced by 25% on average for households across Ontario. Many small businesses and farms will also benefit from this cut.

The province promises that bills won't increase beyond the rate of inflation for at least four years.

People who live in eligible rural communities and those with low incomes will see even more reductions to their electricity bills.

Taken together, these changes will deliver the single-largest reduction to electricity rates in Ontario's history.

Allan Evelyn, King Township's treasurer, said he doesn't see any eligibility of the Township under the provincial government's fair hydro plan as the strategy targets low-income households by way of tax credits, available to residents when they file their personal income tax return.

"However, if the provincial government is able to deliver on a promise to cap hydro rate increase at or below inflation for the next four years, the strategy should assist to reduce the degree of pressure that escalating hydro rates would have on high use municipal facilities such as our arenas."

Hydro rates plague municipalities like King, and costs are often passed on to user groups.

When discussing user fees for 2017, staff had initially recommended sub-

stantially higher rate hikes (7%) to soften the skyrocketing costs due to huge hydro rate increases. Chris Fasciano, director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, noted ice rentals and field lighting fees were the main areas affected by the increases in hydro costs.

"The changes announced will provide significant relief, particularly for those who need it the most – our fixed-income, rural and Northern customers and small businesses," said Mayo Schmidt, Hydro One's CEO. "Ontario households and small businesses could start to see their bills drop by an average of 31 per cent each month as early as this summer."

- The government plans to:
- Reduce the Global Adjustment charge by 20 per cent.
 - Lower the delivery charge for low-density customers.
 - Accelerate the move to more fixed delivery charges.
 - Introduce an affordability fund to help those customers in need.

These initiatives were developed following discussions with interested parties, including Hydro One. Hydro One's recommendations were based on direct feedback and data from our customers and focused on providing greater fairness for rural and Northern customers who will see their delivery charges fall in line with the provincial average.

"As a new public company with new leadership, we have put our customers first," added Schmidt. "The recommendations we brought to the table reflect what we have heard from our customers across the province, many of whom were struggling to afford their monthly

electricity bills. On behalf of our customers, we want to thank the government for consulting with us and accepting our advice to create a more fair and affordable electricity system and for providing additional assistance to customers who need it the most."

To help customers dealing with acute hardship, Hydro One introduced the Winter Relief Program in Decem-

ber 2016, an initiative to get the lights – and in some cases heat – back on in time for winter for hundreds of customers who had been disconnected earlier in the year.

For details on Ontario's fair hydro plan, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-fair-hydro-plan#section-0>



Icy dip brings in five figures

Seventeen staff and students took to the chilly waters of Lake Seneca in King City Monday for this year's rendition of the Polar Bear Dip, raising around \$11,000 for the college's Campaign for Students fundraiser, more than double the total of 2016.

Consultant swears by the results

By Roberta DiPetta

Life can be hectic for all of us.

For myself life gets busy! It can be difficult to remember who I really am beneath all the different hats I wear. I'm a wife, mother, daughter, caregiver, professional hair stylist or all of the above at once. It's important to remember what makes me unique.

What helped me to rediscover and work toward accomplishing my personal goals was the discovery of Rodan + Fields. A friend of mine had given me a sample of the Redefine retinol to try. I immediately fell in love, the serum gave me a soft and luxurious feel to my skin. I quickly got my hands on the full Redefine Regimen and the AMP MD micro-needling tool and started my journey to younger, healthier skin.

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With more and more people working from home, or even on-the-go from coffee shops, hotels, and a simple smart phone, "digital nomads" are becoming more and more common. With a phone, a laptop, and a decent internet connection, one can operate a business from their own sofa. People are realizing that climbing the corporate ladder, or losing one's self in the daily routines is not the only way to live or achieve great things.

The way we shop as consumers has changed. Gone are the days of the department store. I love that I've aligned myself with a company that understands the power of a friend's recommendation outweighs the lady behind the old glass counter.

I want all those outside of Rodan + Fields to know that the best way to learn how the products work is by giving it a chance. Everything has a satisfaction guarantee, nothing to lose, only great skin to gain. But that won't be an issue because you will fall in love just like I did. Then that love becomes a passion to help others either improve their skin or their lives through the power of sharing and building a business.

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The 'buzz' on bee adoption

By Lorraine Mennen

Families can become native bee keepers. This enriching educational experience for all ages will impact our environment in a blooming good way. Whether you live on a large rural property, a city lot or have a small balcony, you can take care of bees.

With mounting concerns of pollinator decline and the negative impact it has on our communities, average families can pull together in focused conservation.

The problems that our natural pollinators face are large. Changes in land use; including removal of fields and forests to make room for urban sprawl, pesticide use, invasive plant species, pollution, and climate change are just a few of them.

When we think of our world without bees we are frightened about losing our honey production and bees wax. Many times we forget the larger picture. Seventy-five per cent of the food we eat needs pollinators to provide us with a harvest.

If you are afraid or allergic to bees you will be happy to know these native little miracle workers are non-stinging. They do not have a queen bee to protect and they do not produce honey. If by chance they were to sting you because you upset their little world, it would feel like mosquito bite.

The gentle native orchard mason bees, (*Osmia lignaria*) hatch in the spring and the native leafcutter bees, hatch in the summer. These hyper-efficient air pollinators will work tirelessly in your flower and fruit gardens providing assistance to our overworked honey bees.

Pathways to Perennials, a wildlife focused garden centre, has brought from the insect farm entire bee families ready for adoption. The Adopt-A-Bee Kit is available for spring delivery and must be pre-ordered. It comes complete with mason bee and leaf cutter bee cocoons, a sheltered barn with hatchery and reeds for their reproduction.

Mason bee cocoons look a lot like mouse poops. The leafcutter cocoons look similar to small cigars. The larger cocoons are female bees, smaller cocoons are male bees. You need a good mix of both for egg fertilization.

When the babies hatch they fly out

of the hatchery and directly into the gardens. As they mature they will return to their bee barn home and lay their eggs in the hollow reeds. You will see that they have hatched as their cocoons will show signs where they pushed themselves out, almost like a cracked egg.

If you purchased the bee barn in the past you can just replace the reeds when necessary and order more cocoons to increase your pollinators. The bee barn should be mounted on a fence, a tree, a shed or garage wall above the ground away from predators such as mice, squirrels, wasps or raccoons.

Just plant a beautiful garden with a mix of native fruits, vegetables, herbs and perennials to provide seasonal food and habitat (home) for our bees. The best plants to incorporate are those native to your area because they will provide nectar and pollen. Your local nursery or garden centre will know which ones you need for early spring blossoms to accommodate the mason bees and summer bloomers for leafcutter bees. Butterflies will also benefit from all of your plantings.

As we take care of the bees, they take care of us by providing us with tastier, healthier, nutritious food. You will be amazed at the increase of flowers blooming and the volume of veggies or fruit you will harvest.

Even a simple planter, window box or hanging basket will provide a valuable pollinator habitat.

Your small patch of garden may be a true haven for a rare bee, butterfly or moth. Get your cameras ready.

This inexpensive, but valuable project is safe for children and can be welcomed at your home, office or school. Families will share the excitement of hatching their own baby bees.

Pathways to Perennials will host an Adopt-A-Bee workshop this spring on Saturday, April 29 about the care and wonder of raising bees (must reserve your space). Becoming familiar with pollinators helps us to understand the relationship to our world, starting in our own backyards or balconies.

Lorraine Mennen is co-owner of Pathways to Perennials an eco-friendly garden center in Pottageville, www.pathwaystoperennials.com



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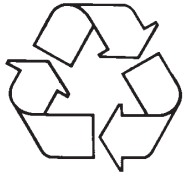
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King's Steven Dengler (left) will be joined by his father Bob and Rob "Dugal" MacDuff on their historic around-the-world helicopter flight.

Submitted Photo

King pilot's historic trek marks Canada's 150th; supports charities

By Mark Pavilons

A King pilot has combined his love of flying and adventure, into a very special goodwill trek part-way around the world.

Kingscross resident Steven Dengler and his father Bob have created the C150 GlobalOdyssey (C150GO). It will be the world's first Canadian around-the-world helicopter flight, and the first-ever father-son global circumnavigation by aircraft.

In celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary, the Canadian crew – comprised of Bob, Steven, and helicopter ace Rob "Dugal" MacDuff – will fly a Canadian-made Bell 429 Global Ranger helicopter over 37,000 kilometres in just over one month. Starting in Ottawa on July 1 and zigzagging the globe, the crew will visit more than 100 airports in 14 countries. Along the way, they will be joined by notable Canadians such as astronaut Dave Williams and hockey legend Guy Lafleur.

Dengler said the journey has been years in the making, involving some "unreal" preparations. What started as a "crazy idea" became less crazy as they sorted out the details.

This is a real chance for the trio to do something historic, but Dengler said his main motivation was the father-and-son connection.

The experienced fixed-wing and helicopter pilot said they chose the Global Ranger for the "fun factor" and the mystique surrounding choppers.

C150GO is a registered Canadian not-for-profit organization supporting both the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation and True Patriot Love Foundation.

"This historic milestone in Canadian aviation has been years in the making," said Dengler. "But for this journey to make a real impact on the lives of Canadians, we want to give back by raising funds for Southlake and True Patriot Love. We are humbled by the work of these charities and are proud to have them as partners."

Southlake Foundation supports its world-class hospital and the community it serves. Southlake Regional Health Centre is a full-service hospital with a regional, clinically advanced focus, serving more than one million people who reside in the surrounding regions.

True Patriot Love Foundation (TPL) is a national charity that funds unique programs and innovative research in the areas of Veteran fami-

ly health and support. It honours the sacrifices of members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans and their families by bridging the gap between military and civilian communities.

The project has attracted some welcome corporate sponsors. Citizens can donate as well, and if you visit their website, you'll be directed to Southlake or TPL to contribute.

Along the way, C150GO will stop at several Canadian military bases while also visiting several national and international Canadian landmarks, including:

Confederation Bridge (Borden-Carleton, Prince Edward Island): One of Canada's most important engineering achievements, the Confederation Bridge opened in 1997 to connect Prince Edward Island to the mainland. Almost 13 kilometres in length, it is the world's longest bridge crossing ice-covered water.

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site (Baddeck, Nova Scotia): In February 1909, Alexander Graham Bell made his mark on Canadian aeronautical history when he financed and organized Canada's first powered flight at his estate in Baddeck. John McCurdy flew the AEA Silver Dart over Baddeck Bay and with it, ushered in the age of Canadian aviation.

Signal Hill National Historic Site (St. John's, Newfoundland): In 1901, Guglielmo Marconi received the first-ever transatlantic radio signal on historical Signal Hill. The transmission was sent from his station in Poldhu, England, where the G150GO crew will also visit in their travels.

Marconi Centre (Poldhu, England): The signal received in Newfoundland in 1901 was sent from this location in Cornwall, England. Built in 2001, the Marconi Centre Poldhu commemorates the first transatlantic transmission's 100th anniversary.

Dengler said their visit to the Canadian National Vimy Memorial (Vimy, France) is particularly poignant. This year marks the 100th anniversary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge, a defining moment in Canadian history. They hope to bring a wreath or perhaps an artifact with them.

Bell Helicopter Plant (Montreal, Quebec): Founded in 1935, Bell Helicopter stands at the forefront of aviation technology. Its Mirabel plant, opened in 1983, manufactures some of the world's most advanced helicopters, including the Bell 429 flown on the C150 Global Odyssey.

Dengler said it's an international celebration of Canadian accomplishments and culture.

Canada's 150th is a time to recognize Canadian achievements, and give ourselves a well deserved pat on the back. This will be one of the most far-reaching Canada 150 projects and the crew is very excited about it.

Dengler said they will meet many foreign dignitaries and they hope to connect with Canadians abroad.

The team lifts off from Bolton's National Helicopters on July 1, heading to Ottawa for Canada Day celebrations that day.

From there, they head up the coast to Baffin Island, then off to Greenland and Iceland. The route goes from west to east to take advantage of the prevailing winds and Dengler pointed out a tail wind is always an advantage. The Bell 429 can comfortably travel 400 nautical miles at a time, and two legs of the journey push the envelope.

Two of the longest stretches run from Baffin Island to Greenland (392 NM) and Greenland to Iceland (400 NM).

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Excitement builds for adventure

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They will be travelling in the summer months, so they don't expect much in the way of bad weather. But, they are cautious and their journey all depends on conditions.

They have the benefit of the extremely reliable twin-engine Global Ranger, used as a search and rescue helicopter. They also rely on the most modern tracking technology.

"It's going to be an adventure," Dengler said.

While trips over water are problematic, they will be flying over some very remote parts of Russia. The crew will fly through Russia from July 14-21.

Most of the journey's challenges are operational and organizational in nature and involve clearances and permission from various authorities around the world.

Dengler is quite excited about meeting people on the ground as they make their way around the globe. In some instances, they may be sleeping on someone's couch in Chelyabinsk and Dengler said "that's quite something."

"2017 is Canada's year. On this the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation, we will travel across the country and the world with a message of pride, goodwill, friendship," said Dengler. "C150GO is truly a global endeavor, and it would not be possible without the generous support from our partners."

The C150GO team will post live updates online throughout their journey on their website at www.c150go.ca, and on social media using the "C150go" handle.

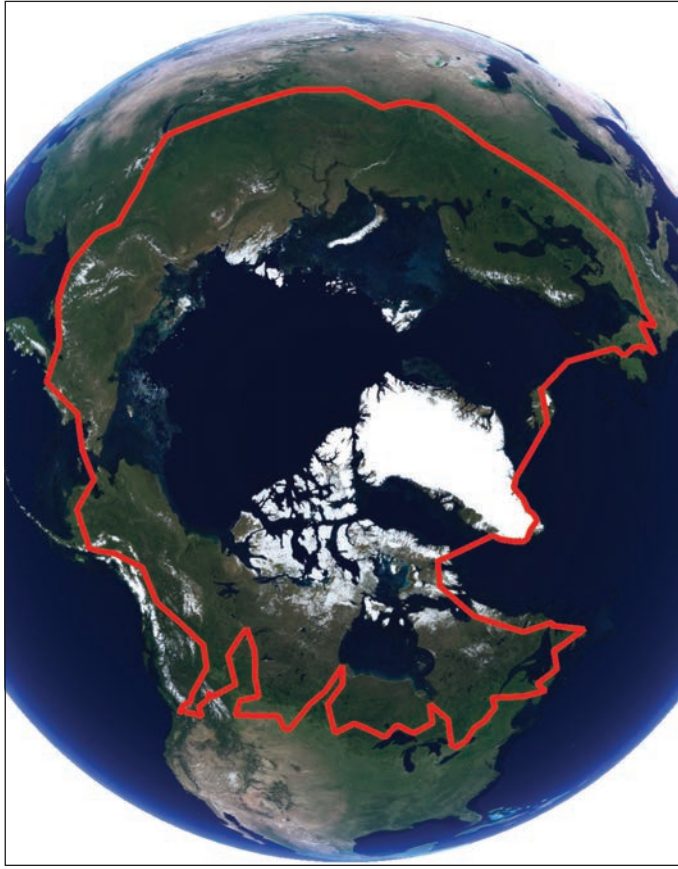
C150GO is actively seeking sponsorship partners. A chance to make a mark on Canada's history, sponsors will benefit from increased recognition during a year of global gratitude, spikes in tourism and nation-wide celebration. Three sponsorship tiers are currently available, providing benefits that range from a sponsored leg of the tour to an official C150GO helicopter visit.

To learn more about the C150 Global Odyssey, to become a sponsor or to view the complete C150GO itinerary, please visit www.c150go.ca

Founder of Dynatec Mining in 1980, Aurora's Bob Dengler is a recognized pioneer of modern Canadian mining, growing the company over 25 years into an industry leader employing over 1,500 people. Bob has a true adventurous spirit; in 2014 he summited Kilimanjaro and in 2015, flew his Bell 429 from Toronto to the top of Baffin Island, a 4,400-nautical-mile journey.

Steven Dengler is a Canadian entrepreneur with over 20 years of leadership in the tech space. In 1993 he co-founded XE, the world's trusted currency authority. A renowned financial technology innovator, Canadian investor, and startup mentor, Steven is a proficient pilot of both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.

A retired test pilot for the Bell 429 Global Ranger, Rob "Dugal" MacDuff is a distinguished helicopter professional with over 12,000 hours of flight experience. Rob has helped other notable Canadians pursue their love for flying, including hockey legend Guy LaFleur.



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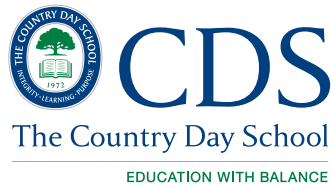
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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop

York Pines United Church

Curiosity Cafe is a coffee house experience that fosters a feeling of community through lively conversation, musical experiences and exploration of current issues. We meet at York Pines United Church, every Sunday evening at 6:30 (1350 Lloydtown Aurora Road). Join us to satisfy your curiosity of the world around you and maybe make a friend or two in the process!

As usual, Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. and always includes great music from our choir and organist, as well as a song (or two) from our Minister, Paul.

Also, watch out for YPUC's Spring Pop-Up Market on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be tons of vendors, crafters, local artisans, demonstrations, food and entertainment for the whole family.

It's a great spot to pick up that ever-important Mother's Day gift and the kids can make a great craft for mom there, too!

There will be a bake sale and refreshments, free parking, a \$2 admission fee. Door prizes, draws and when you fill out your Market Passport, you will receive a free swag bag.

Every Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m., during Lent a quiet, contemplative service will be held at the church in the Fellowship room to prepare our body, mind, and soul for Holy Week. These Wednesday services will wind up on April 12 with another chance to walk a labyrinth.

You can follow what's happening at the church by visiting our website <http://ypuc.ca/calendar.html>; our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/yorkpinesunitedchurch/>

Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection

The Dufferin Marsh society encourages everyone to "Use Your Power" on Earth Day Saturday, March 25.

Everyone is invited to meet at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, on Main Street at 7 p.m. for a Lantern Workshop where you can make your

own Lantern. Please bring a glass jar that you can decorate.

Then, at 8:15 p.m. the group will leave the Emanuel Presbyterian Church on Main Street, and with lanterns they will walk to the Dufferin Marsh for a bonfire to celebrate Earth Hour.

Or you just turn off your lights and join the group at the Bonfire, in the Marsh, at 8:30 p.m. for marshmallows, hot chocolate and fellowship celebrating Earth Hour.

For further information about the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection and all its events please contact Mary Asselstine at 905-939-7544 or visit their website at www.dufferinmarsh.ca

Blood donor clinic

Elaine St. Pierre, the territory manager for the Canadian Blood Services, is asking everyone to keep in mind that the next Blood Donor Clinic in Schomberg will be in April.

She would like to thank everyone for their support for our last clinic, in February. Fifty-eight units of blood were collected making it a very successful clinic. There have been some challenges maintaining the inventory levels in March with the large number of donors way for the break, plus the snowstorm that hit the Hamilton/Niagara corridor. Collections at many of the clinics have been lower than anticipated.

The Township of King, with Giovanna Colalillo as teacher, is putting on spring art classes at the King Museum on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. starting on April 13.

Contact the Township for further information or registration at 905-833-5321.

Schomberg Old Sleepers hockey tourney

The annual Schomberg Old Sleepers Hockey Tournament is on at the Trisan Centre from Friday, March 31 through to Sunday, April 2.

This tournament is comprised of 4 divisions, totalling 16 teams.

The first game is Friday night at 7 p.m. and the final game will be on Sunday at 4 p.m. All the division finals happen on the Sunday, from 1-4 p.m.

The founding fathers of the Schomberg Old Sleepers are Ron Morrison, Doug Middleton, Gerald Sweeney and Chuck Frost. Their inaugural season was 79/80 and over time, they have added members, as appropriate.



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Minor bantam Knights last hope for YSHL title

By Jake Courtepatte

And then there was one. With the elimination of the Minor Midget NobleKing Knights from the York-Simcoe postseason over the weekend, the minor bantams remain the last team standing from the organization.

An undefeated run by the minor bantams in their round robin series with the East Gwillimbury Eagles and Newmarket Redmen set up a semifinal first-to-six points series with the Orillia Terriers, who surprised the Knights with a 2-1 win in game one.

NobleKing rebounded to take the next three games in a row, by scores of 5-4, 3-2, and 5-3, to earn their spot in this week's YSHL championship series.

The minor midgets actually took a 5-3 lead in points heading into their game four match-up with the Newmarket Redmen, needing just a tie over the final two games to book their championship ticket.

Unfortunately it was the schedule that worked against them, with game four set for the Thursday of March Break. Only six skaters took to the ice at Magna Centre in Newmarket for the Knights, who implemented a defensive shutdown strategy to attempt to keep their players rested.

Matthew Plasa was stellar in the first period between the pipes for the Knights, eventually beaten with just two minutes left in the first by a fresh-legged Redman on a rush off the bench.

Growing more exhausted throughout the game, the Knights eventually fell 7-0, bringing the series to a fifth and deciding game on Sunday afternoon.

This time the score was much tighter, but Newmarket still came out on top 3-2.

The minor bantams, meanwhile, move on to face the Aurora Tigers in the YSHL championship. The puck dropped in game one Tuesday in Aurora (results unavailable at press time),



The NobleKing Knights were down to six skaters in game five of their YSHL semifinal series with the Newmarket Redmen, falling 7 - 0. They eventually lost the series in six games.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

with the series shifting to Nobleton Arena for game two.

Schedules can be found at www.noblekingminorhockey.com.

King City Royals claim 10-1 win

The U14 King City Royals boys' soccer team continued their recent hot streak in the Hershey Centre winter league with a convincing 10-1 victory over the Burlington Bayhawks on March 18.

The Royals scored five goals in each half as they kicked off their offensive outburst four minutes in when Zack Donsky scored the first of his two goals on the night when he converted a rebound from inside the 18 yard box to make it 1-0. Burlington responded four minutes later when their striker broke through two King City central defenders and came in on goal to make it 1-1. That was all Burlington could muster up as that goal woke up the Royals as they scored four goals over the next five minutes to take control of the game.

Nico Toledo-Duenas (with his second goal of the season), Kahyl Jadavji (with his first), Giovanni Sciuilli (with his third), and Marco LaVerde all scored for the Royals to make it 5-1 at the half.

King City started the second half slowly but piled the goals on in the latter part of the half scoring five more goals within a four or five minute span. Striker Marco LaVerde made it 6-1 mid-way through the half and the score increased to 7-1 seconds later when he scored his hat trick goal after deeking through three Burlington defenders en route to his team leading 12th goal of the season. Mario Fratto made a beautiful run down the right wing shortly after and fed Gianpaolo Luciani, who converted for his second goal of the season, to make it 8-1. Mario Fratto scored his second of the year less than a minute later to make it 9-1 and Zack Donsky finished the scoring off when he received a pass from Nico Toledo-Duenas to make the final 10-1.

The Royals have been credited with 30 goals scored so far this campaign with 10 different players tallying at least one goal thus far. King City are now in fourth place out of eight teams in their division with a 5-4-0 record (15 points) and face off against second place Etobicoke Energy (6-2-1, 19 points) on April 9.



York Simcoe Express minor Atom AAAs win gold medal

Some local hockey players captured gold recently.

The minor atom AAA team secured the gold medal game after a great performance in the round robin tournament beating Halton Hurricanes 4-2; tying the Clarington Toros 1-1; wining over Markham 9-2, and the Southern Tier Admirals 5-3. The York Simcoe Express beat host Clarington Toros 1-0 in a tightly contested gold medal game. The team celebrated with a traditional OMHA championship ride on a 1929 Fire truck through the Main Street on Schomberg.

The team is led by local Schomberg coaching staff Darin Chapman, Cody Chapman and trainer Steve Bonollo; includes Schomberg goaltender Blake Bowler formerly of the Schomberg Red Wings, and King native Christopher Stewart, Centre, who started off in NobleKing as a Junior Knight. Other team members included assistant trainer Todd Wilkinson, manager Paul Spencer and players Amar Beganovic, Emerson Wilkinson, Cayden Smith, Ryan Chabrzynski, Connor Sooley, Jackson Bradica, Ryder Iatan, Elijah Forde, Issac Oldenhof, Ryan Brown, Grey Berman, Andreas Mikrogiannakis, Amelia Wilkinson, Tate Collins and Willem Spencer.

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Down to the final four in King Curling Club

By Shellee Morning

The 2016-17 curling season has come down to the final stretch for King curlers as the pebbled ice becomes the place to be in making club history. Both the men's and women's leagues have determined their final 4 for their semi-final match which is highly anticipated to be exciting and nail biting, depending on whether you're holding the broom or watching from the side lines.

This coming week the sheets of King will endure some of the finest strategies, perseverance and nerve racking moments as players withstand the pressures of championship curling.

With the Women's world curling championships under way in Beijing, China, the ladies of King are in their own championship event, playing for the Ladies League Title. With the final 4 teams now determined Team Bones the regular season leader, are still favoured to win, but Teams Gorsline, Morning and Abbotts will all be bringing their A-game in hopes of staying alive in their quest for the championship final. The match ups feature Gorsline against Morning and Bones against Abbotts.

All 4 lady skips will strive to take control of the house with strategic rock placement and limiting their opposition the chance to see the button. The next 2 weeks of play awaits a level of excitement no one will want to miss.

Everyone from the Tuesday night ladies league would also like to wish Linda Mackie a speedy recovery as she nurses a broken ankle and a quick return to the sheets of King.

The men's curling league always produces an exciting finish with double knock-outs, draws and angle raises that would challenge any one within the pro circuit. The final four includes defending league champion Team Davis who will no doubt be looking to repeat for another chance at the crown and to represent the club in the Men's Club Tankard next fall. Skip Brad Stronach will be looking for a "changing of the guard" as they say, as his

team is matched up against Skipper Karl Davis for the semi-final in a game that expects to be tight right to the last rock.

Closing out the final 2 teams for the championship side of play are Teams Barber and Sheardown. Both skips have a style of play that will predict accurate weight and terrific shot making towards their mission in winning a chance to play in the final event.

Wednesday social league held their semi-finals this past week that concluded with some vastly unanticipated results. Team Pelland, tied for 1st place during regular season, was knocked down to 11th in the semi-finals while Team Pringle pulled off a monumental effort coming from last place in the regular round robin play to winning their way into the championship final against Team Mussato. The final game will be played on March 22.

King's Friday night league has constructed a format where both draws play each other with the overall winner of each draw battling it out for the champion crown. The remainder of the teams are completed the same way with 2v2, 3v3, etc. Playoff action returns this week where Team Franz will meet Team Lus for the overall title while Team Wasylikw will play against Team Duffy.

Anything can happen during playoffs so the teams who make it to their final round will be the ones who keep their brooms down and trust the ice. Remaining calm is an understatement but playing with fun is an obligation. "The best part about curling is the opportunity to play."



Skip Charlie Pringle and his team of Glen Barry, Allison Rende, and Sandra Fennell from the Wednesday Social League, were in last place after regular season play, but after a remarkable playoff series won their way into the Championship game against Team Mussato.

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King's Corners

**King City United
By Earle Laycock**

Rev. Evelyn used the parables Jesus taught of the lost sheep, coin and son as the text for her sermon Sunday. You can read these in Luke 15: 1-32.

I always enjoyed these stories because they underlined that we are special and always loved. Even if we are "lost," we can always seek forgiveness and be welcomed back. To highlight these parables, Rev. Evelyn told the story of Percy, the cat who ended up being adopted by a long-haul truck driver. Percy had his own little seat and rode shotgun all across the USA. He was quite a celebrity. Then one morning Percy managed to escape out the cab window while parked overnight. The heart-broken driver had to leave his little friend behind as Percy was nowhere to be found. This story has a happy, almost unbelievable ending. Ask Rev. Evelyn to tell you about Percy or you can read about him at <http://people.com/pets/cat-survives-trip-in-truck-under-carriage/>

A big thank you to Alma Feindell and

her hard-working crew who organized the St. Patrick's Day Supper on Friday. The food was delicious and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Many thanks to the Old Tyme Connection who provided the musical entertainment and to Wayne Lowdon who was master of ceremonies, fiddle player extraordinaire and Irish joke-teller. We even had two people attending whose birthdays were on St. Patrick's Day. Any excuse is good to enjoy birthday cake!

The latest King City Newsletter has been published and contains lots of interesting articles including a 3-Kleenex item on the back page. You can receive the newsletter electronically or by dropping by the church office and picking-up a paper copy.

During the season of Lent, King City United will be holding a supper and discussion about two movies. The first movie is at the theatres now and is entitled "The Shack." You are invited to go to the cinema on your own and watch the movie and then on Tuesday, March 21 meet at the church at 6 p.m. for a pot luck supper and to discuss the movie. On Tuesday, April 11 come to the church at 6 p.m. for supper (provided for you) and watch the movie Chocolat which was in movie theatres in 2000

and has been on TV. It's about 2 hours long. Please sign the list in the Narthex or call the church to say that you are coming so that enough food can be prepared for you.

The United Church Women are collecting new or gently used clothing for children and youth. Please drop items off at the church. Items will be shipped at the end of May.

Bible study meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. You don't have to be a scholar to participate, you only need an inquisitive mind and enjoy discussing ideas.

Tea & Talk continues every Friday morning at 10 a.m. at Sunset Grill in King City. There's always lots to talk about! Join us for some discussion and delicious breakfast. We usually are sitting at the table inside the doors on the right. Everyone is welcome.

Have you renewed your subscription to the United Church Observer yet? For \$25 you get an amazing magazine that covers diverse and interesting topics concerning faith in the world today. Call the church office to get more information on this literary bargain or visit www.uobserver.org/subscribe/

King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. Worship is ev-

ery Sunday at 10 a.m. There is Sunday school for the young people. For more information, call our Office Administrator Kristen at 905-833-5181 or visit our website at: www.kcuc.ca

King Bible Church

We welcome you to join us for worship service on March 26! Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series on the Churches of Revelation with "Worthy is the Lamb."

Please take advantage of our excellent children's ministry. Our Sunday morning "Celebration Zone" provides age-appropriate programs for children aged 4 to Grade 8. Our children's program is staffed by screened volunteers who care about your kids! The children in Grades 1-8 will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. The children in kindergarten can go directly to their class at the start of the service.

Vacation Bible School. While summer is a long way off, it'll be here before we know it! This year our VBS week will be Aug. 14-18! Further details to follow!

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King's Corners

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Earth Hour and Bonfire on Dufferin Marsh

The Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection reminds you to turn off all things electrical for Earth Hour and join us for a Lantern Workshop and Walk plus a Bonfire at the marsh on Saturday, March 25, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Check out Events under What's New at www.dufferinmarsh.ca for all the details. Come out and enjoy hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows over a warm fire. View the night sky through our telescopes.

Horticultural Society

Mike Prong from Fern Ridge Landscaping, who will share his expertise on creating an eco friendly water efficient garden, will be guest speaker at Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society's first meeting happening on Monday evening March 27 starting at 8 p.m. in the Nobleton Community Hall on Old King Rd. just east of Hwy. 27 and the north of the arena complex.

Judy Onorato of the Society invites us all to an evening of fun and learning where we can expand our knowledge and hone our skills as horticulturalists.

Society meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month March through October (July and August excepted). Judy tells us to expect interesting speakers, demonstrations and hands on experiences and adds as novices or experienced gardeners we'll get to spend time and share ideas with others who share our passion for gardens and growing.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

We continue our Lenten worship services with Pastor John Mills at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us and to stay afterwards for coffee. Sunday school runs concurrently. The Maundy Thursday service, April 13 is at 7:30 p.m. led by The Rev. Dr. John Vissers who will also be with us for our Easter Sunday worship and communion service. The Good Friday service with the United Church is held at St. Andrew's at 10:30 a.m. this year. All are welcome.

Last Sunday's sermon talked about God's holiness seen through an Old Tes-

tament story in Joshua 6 and 7 about the dire consequences when God was not obeyed and when a family/nation enabled disobedience. We are so grateful for the Easter Story in the New Testament where there's forgiveness and redemption.

The Ladies' Tuesday morning Prayer Time continues at 9 a.m. for an hour. All are welcome to pray, give thanks, or just listen and be still before the Lord. God is with us as He promised, hearing and answering our prayers, offering comfort, hope, and direction. Do you have prayer requests or thanksgivings you would like to share?

Note that Youth Group meets this Friday at 7 p.m. since the third Friday fell on the March Break. Contact Lynn Vissers for further information.

Sunday, April 2, following the service, all are invited to stay for lunch to discuss the options regarding the future of St. Andrew's, King, with the aim to arrive at the three options the congregation feels are the most viable. Mark your calendars, pray and plan to be there.

We have become more aware of the famine crisis in the South Sudan, other African countries and Yemen. Visit presbyterian.ca/pwsd/ for more infor-

mation and on how you can help.

Should you have pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries.

All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

Archbishop Colin Johnson is visiting All Saints this Sunday, March 26, for the 10:30 a.m. service to celebrate with us our 160th year of ministry in King City. Colin Johnson is also the Bishop of Moosonee and the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. All are welcome!

Calling all youth and teens to a special Sunday school on Sunday, April 2, during the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us for a conversation about our great Canadian waters, the Indigenous communities who rely on them and Jesus, the source of living water. Dave Gordon will guide everyone through a video and discussion. For more information please speak with Bridget Butt.

Off the Grid Youth Event. Join Rev. Elizabeth Green and her husband Kevin on April 21 and 22 for a special 24-hour, overnight event. We will gather after school on Friday, April 21. Please speak with the Rev. Elizabeth Green.

708 OBITUARIES

Antonio Bartucci Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Saturday, March 18th, 2017. Tony Bartucci, in his 74th year, beloved husband of Assunta. Loving father of Connie (Tom) Minichiello, Franco (Kim) Bartucci and Lori (Jon) Bowman. Sadly missed by his 10 grandchildren, Courtney (Tony James Greco), Stephanie (Adam Davies), Tomas, Joseph, Anthony, Nicholas, Christopher, Andrew, Parker, and Evan. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Monday, March 20th, 2017 from 7-9 pm and Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. James Church, Colgan at 2:00 pm. www.RodAbramsFuneral-Home.com

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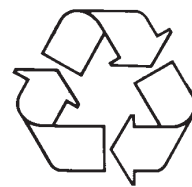
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By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

The Youth Group takes place every Wednesday night at the church from 7-9 p.m. (unless there is a special activity planned). Come join in the fun. Check here for details, or contact our Youth Leader Taylor Scott at scottie_tay@yahoo.ca or 289-338-2539.

A2J is a program for kids in Grades 3 to 6. It's an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month, through May. It's not too late to join. Contact the church office at 905-859-0843 for more information.

Our men's group "Walk the Talk" will be meeting this Saturday, March 25 at 9 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast with us and a time of fellowship. Great-granddads, granddads, dads, sons ... all are welcome.

Join us Sunday, March 26 at 10 a.m. As Jeff continues his series entitled "Songs of L(am)ENT." His message these week - "Cleft For Me."

Child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering. Our KidzKonnection and NextStep programs (for children ages 4 to 11) take place at the same time.

Jeff has a blog and he records his weekly messages there after worship each Sunday. Anyone interested in listening to his messages can go to www.passionatelyhis.com to hear them.

For more information about any our activities or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at

St. Mary's Church

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord will be held March 25. All parishioners and families are invited to join us for a day of prayer in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother's Fiat, at SM Church. The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates both Our Lady's humility and her faith in God's will. Please join us for any amount of time you can spare. For more information, please contact Deacon Don or Debra, 905-235-2335.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Our minister Carol-Ann Chapman mentioned "The Perfect Family" movie one Sunday. Come today, Thursday, March 23 to see it. The movie starts at 7 p.m., refreshments are at 6:30 p.m. The Perfect Family is a 2011 comedy-drama film directed by Anne Renton and starring Kathleen Turner, Emily Deschanel, Jason Ritter, Michael McGrady, Shannon Cochran, Sharon Lawrence, Angelique Cabral, Richard Chamberlain, and Elizabeth Peña. A devoutly Catholic wife and mother has been nominated for one of the church's top awards. She then goes about trying to prove she has the "perfect" family, refusing to accept them for who they are. There is no charge for this. We are inviting the community to enjoy the movie with us and perhaps stay to discuss it.

Carol-Ann invites you to come for Sunday worship at Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m. or at Schomberg United (this Sunday the Schomberg congregation are at the Kitchen-Breedon Manor) at 9:30 a.m. or phone 905-859-3976 to let

Carol-Ann know that you would like a visit. Please leave a message.

Our new Youth Music program is for children 10 to 16 years old, who are interested in learning guitar or improving on his/her skills. Dennis Kowal, our pianist, and Barry Simpson, our Facebook creator, are offering this program. If your child does not have a guitar, we now have seven guitars, so everyone can have the opportunity to learn and practice on a guitar. If interested, please contact Barry Simpson at simpsonitservices@gmail.com

The Schomberg Youth Group meet at the Schomberg Public School on Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Dennis and Barry have visited there twice with the guitars and plan to be there again this coming Friday. Invite your child to come and see if they enjoy the experience of learning how to play guitar. If there is interest, Dennis and Barry are willing to set up the music program in Nobleton as well.

On Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m., there will be a special Covenanting Service for Carol-Ann Chapman and her new congregations, Nobleton United and Schomberg United. This service will be at Nobleton United. This is a time when the congregations promise to support Carol-Ann in her ministry and she promises to support us. There will be representatives from Toronto Conference and from Northern Waters Presbytery. Symbolic gifts are given by members of both congregations to Carol-Ann. There will be lively music. The guest speaker is Carol-Ann's friend, Rev. Warren Schell, who has a passion for social justice. He retired from Hagersville United Church in 2006 after serving there from 1997. Warren is full of life and his message will be memorable. The community is invited to join us in officially welcoming Carol-Ann. You

are invited to stay afterwards for a social hour with lots of goodies to enjoy.

Looking ahead, we have Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday; Tuesday, April 11, 5-7 p.m., Messy Church; Friday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. Good Friday service; Sunday, April 16, Easter with special singer/guitarist Danny Szauter; Apr. 23, Schomberg's Anniversary; Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day; June 18, Father's Day with Beatles Music; June 25, Canada Day Celebration with Orangeville's lively "Day by Day" guitar/singing group.

For more info, visit nobletonunit-edchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The Nobleton United Church office is normally open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. We are located at 6076 King Rd., north side, about 6 buildings west of Hwy 27. We have a big parking lot at the rear of the building, an accessible ramp at the rear of the building, chair lifts and accessible washrooms.

Auditions for Nobleton Children's Theatre Co.

On Sunday, March 26 Nobleton Children's Theatre Co. will be holding auditions for their upcoming comedic, mini-musical "The History of King" It will be performed at the 150th Canada Day celebrations in Kettleby on Saturday, July 1. To book an audition time and for more information please contact Michele at nobletonchildrenstheatreco@gmail.com. Visit www.NobletonTheatre.com or follow our Facebook page - Nobleton Children's Theatre Co. for updates.

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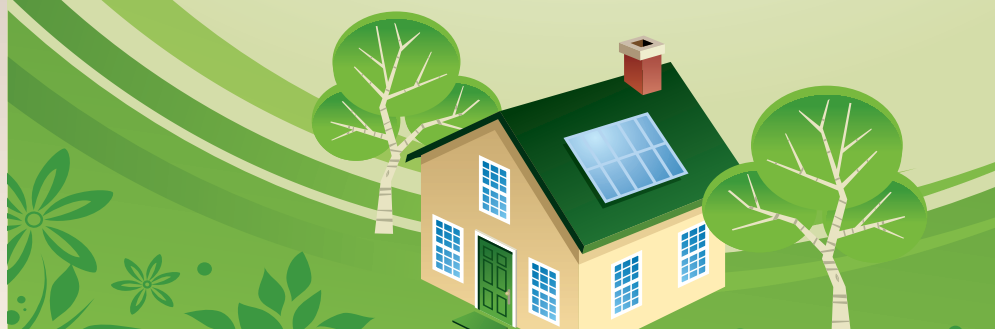
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Nobleton Lions

The Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 28. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision Dogs, Hearing Ear Dogs, and Service Dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.purinawalkfordogguides.com for much more information.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Annual Fund Raiser on June 4. This year the event is a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This is the major fundraiser for the Lions Club, with proceeds planned to go to numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to call Jim Kassam at KARS on King Rd. west of Hwy. 27 at 859-5277.

Free advertising is available to non-profit groups in and around Nobleton via the electronic sign at the library. Contact the Township of King for details on how to get your message up there at no charge.

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

Nobleton Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis Club is looking for players for our Mixed Intercounty B team. The matches are played Tuesday

evenings in the summer both home and away (starting late May early April). Tryouts will be soon. This is a socially competitive league. Please contact the Captain, Jim at atdaggart@rogers.com

Spring Skating with the Nobleton Skating Club

The Nobleton Skating Club is offering a spring skating session beginning on March 27. Our spring Canskate session runs on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. for 7 weeks. The spring session begins on March 27 at the Nobleton Arena, but then moves up to the Trisan Centre in Schomberg.

As always, the ice is taken out of the Nobleton Arena, so we offer our spring sessions out of the Trisan Centre. It's a great opportunity to extend the skating season a bit longer. Canskate and Pre-power is offered Mondays at 5:30, and Starskate sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays.

New for spring is our on-line registration! Please visit our website, nobletonskatingclub.com for our full schedule and pricing details, and to submit your registration. Please pay attention to our dates for the spring session, as there are some no skating days. If you prefer to do your registration by paper, please email or call our club office and we can arrange for your registration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

St. Alban's Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Shouting and cursing could be heard by the frightened group of people sheltering inside the little church, now serving as a temporary military hospital, as its main door was roughly

forced open and a ragtag band of enemy soldiers burst into the building intent on pillage, destruction, rape and even murder. Such was the scene that day in late April 1813 when the small town of York fell to invading Americans. Only the brave words and belligerent appearance of Scottish priest John Strachan saved those inside from further harm and the church from being torched.

This little wooden church consecrated to St. James in 1807 stood on the site where Toronto's first cathedral, St. James Anglican Cathedral, stands today. After peace returned the church was expanded and a bell tower housing the bell that served as York's fire bell was added. But in 1833 the church was demolished with a new stone structure rising in its place. And it was given cathedral status when Strachan became the first bishop of York soon to become Toronto.

Disaster struck in 1849 when the cathedral was burned to the ground in a great fire that left much of the new city in ashes. The present magnificent cathedral built on the same site is constructed of brick and sandstone. Thus, notes the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, though St. James is the city's oldest parish Little Trinity the Anglican church built on King St. just east of St. James is in fact Toronto's oldest surviving church.

Little Trinity, built for the working class families of the area who couldn't pay the high "pew fee" expected by the cathedral, was designed in the Tudor Gothic style by 25-year-old English born architect Henry Bower Lane and built of stone and red brick with contrasting yellow brick highlights. The bell tower is flanked by wings called buttresses and 4 round capped pillars. These with 2 similar pillars one on each

of the corners facing the street give the front of the church its distinctive appearance as do the 3 "oriental" Gothic arched door frames.

Much of the building material and decor was donated by local craftsmen who also gave their time. Little Trinity's cornerstone was placed in 1843 and the first service was held on Feb. 14 the following year. In 1889 the church was enlarged to hold 600 more seats to accommodate the rapidly growing congregation. A fire in 1961 destroyed some of this addition and during the subsequent restoration the main floor was raised to allow for an activity hall in the lower level. The beautiful but plain interior of Little Trinity welcomes visitors as well as its many parishioners to Sunday services.

Many members of this church have served overseas helping in poor third world countries.

Originally Trinity Church "Little" was added to prevent confusion with Holy Trinity an other Anglican church designed by the same architect and built in 1847 off Yonge St. just north of Queen St. and now surrounded tall office buildings. The funds to build this beautiful church were given anonymously by an English benefactor later found to be Mary Lambert Swale who made the condition that all pews were to be free and unreserved, as is the case in all Anglican churches today.

Now the first Roman Catholic church in York red brick St. Paul's was built in 1824 to serve incoming Irish immigrants. But in 1889 that church was replaced by a larger grander edifice based on the design of ancient St. Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome. This splendid church was given the status of a minor basilica by Pope John Paul 11 in 1999.



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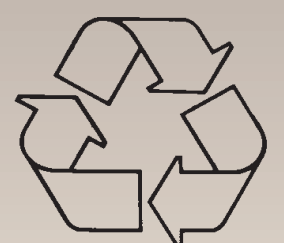
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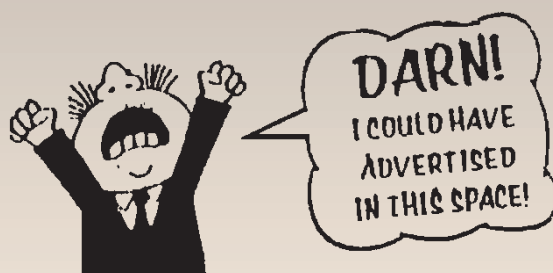
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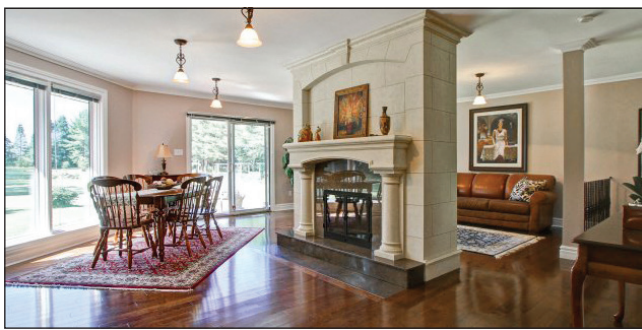
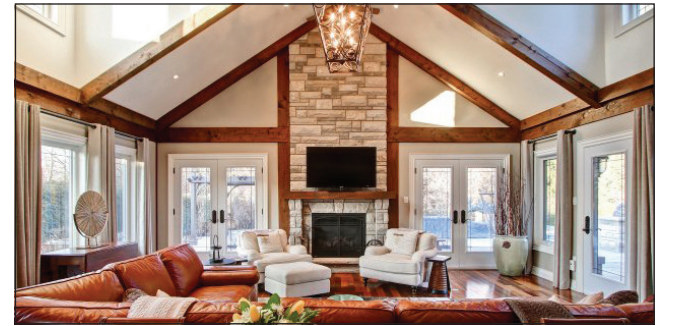
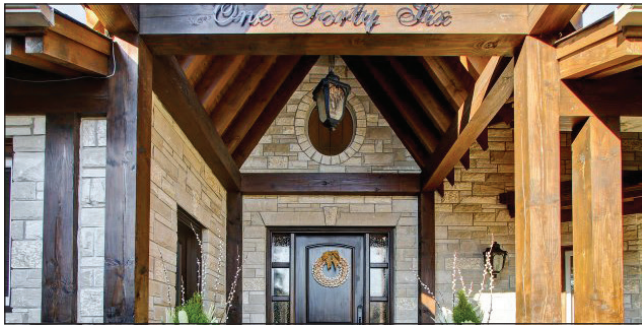
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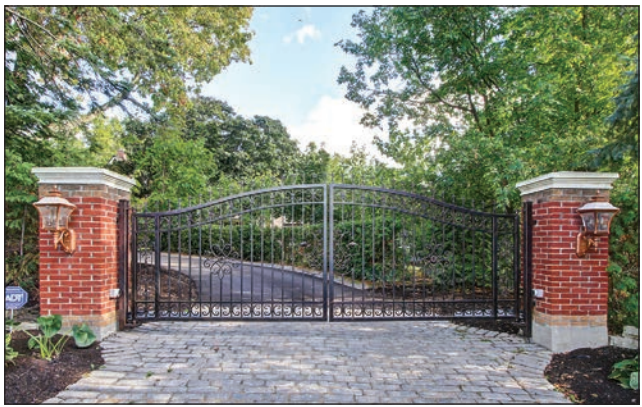
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