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Firefighters were at John's No Frills in Nobleton Dec. 9 raising money for the King Township Food Bank.

King Firefighters join forces for charity

On Dec. 9 King Fire & Emergency Services firefight- wholehearted support of Fire Chief Jim Wall. ers from all three of our stations joined forces in support of the King Township Food Bank.

Firefighters were present at Coppa's in King City, Foodland in Schomberg and John's No Frills in Nobleton to collect both monetary and food donations from local shoppers.

This initiative was spearheaded by firefighters Mariska Kempers, Alex Simonato and Ajay Dhamrait, representing their respective stations.

Firefighter fundraisers such as this always have the supporting the Foodbank on an ongoing basis.

The response from residents of King Township was truly remarkable and demonstrated the generosity that makes King Township the great community that it is.

Collectively the firefighters and retail partners raised \$4,300 in cash donations and a further conservative estimate of \$3,000 in food donations.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2075 King Road

Monday, January 8, 2018

6 pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 22, 2018

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The municipal offices at 2075 King Road will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 22 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Wed., Jan. 3.

If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please call the Township's answering service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Building Inspector (12-month contract) closes Jan. 5
- Summer Camp positions (various) close Feb. 2
- Aquatics positions (various) close Feb. 2
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (P/T, seasonal) closes Mar. 5
- Program Instructor (P/T, seasonal contract) closes when filled
- Administrative Clerk Clerk's (contract) closes Jan. 5 Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

Clerks/By-law Enforcement Department Re: Sign By-law Review (housekeeping, updating provisions for businesses, elections)

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider a staff report considering all comments received and present for adoption the final Township of King Sign By-law to introduce general housekeeping revisions and updates to provisions for businesses and elections, along with the respective fees, by amending the Township's Fees and Charges By-law Number 2017-101,on:

> Monday, January 8th, 2018 In the Council Chambers 2075 King Road, King City, ON

Information and copies of the staff report will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king. ca as of Thursday, January 4th, 2018.

> Kathryn Moyle Director of Clerks/ By-law Enforcement Township Clerk

REMINDERS

Christmas tree pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up on Mon., Jan. 15 only. Please remove all decorations, nails, tree stands and plastic tree bags. Crews will not dig out a tree or climb a snowbank to retrieve one and trees over six feet tall in height must be cut into pieces.



Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC CONSULTATION **DRAFT 2018 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN**

Council Chambers located at 2075 King Road, King City, ON

Council Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Draft - 2018 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King Draft 2018 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the January 22, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 18, 2018.

Council Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2018 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2018 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the February 5, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 18, 2018.

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca Telephone: 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013, Fax: 905-833-2300

THE TOWNSHIP OF KING NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29 PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 AS AMENDED

Address: 66 Main Street, Schomberg

Legal Description: Part Lot 3, Plan 87

Located on the north side of Main Street, west of Cooper Drive, the property is known municipally as 66 Main Street, in Schomberg, in the Township of King. The subject property is approximately 1.219 hectares (3 acres) in size and includes a principal residence built in 1903.

2. Statement of Significance

Physical/Design Value

The 2-storey painted brick dwelling at 66 Main Street contains design and physical value as a unique and representative example of Italianate architecture, with elements of Queen Anne style. Constructed in 1903, its design is distinguished by its hipped gable roof, rectangular plan and a two- storey projecting bay on the south façade with a gable roof which includes a half round window and decorative shingles. The entrance is framed by an arched entry and open porch on the second storey with decorative spindles and original woodwork. The east façade includes a 2-storey projecting bay including paired windows on the second storey and a square window on the gabled roof. Of the two enclosed verandahs, the northern-most includes a dentil-type moulding. The west façade includes a projecting bay with a gable and half round window. The dwelling, which mixes styles from the era, is a type rarely seen in Schomberg and King Township.

Historical/Associative Value

The property has historical and associative value because it has direct associations with owners of the property who were significant to the Schomberg community. The building was first occupied by Joseph Hollingshead. Joseph's father, Anthony Hollingshead came from a family of U.E. Loyalists and had involvement in the War of 1812 and was also present at the Battle of York in 1813. His son Joseph was listed as a general merchant, druggist in Schomberg in the late 1880's. He was listed as Postmaster for Schomberg and Justice of the Peace until his death in 1907. Margaret Coburn owned the property with her spouse Frederick from 1971 until 2016. Margaret was a fixture in the community who had a commitment to volunteer work, which included serving as a School Trustee and Library Board Member. She co-founded Concerned Citizens of King Township and Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) in 1989 which is credited with significantly influencing the development of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Margaret served in World War II as a volunteer ambulance driver for the British Red Cross.

Contextually, the property at 66 Main Street is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character along Main Street and is a landmark in Schomberg. The dwelling can be seen when travelling along Main Street and contributes to the historic village core which leads west from the subject property. The dwelling is a landmark in the community, known to locals and the travelling public. Since its construction which was during a time when the railway served the area, the building has served to define, support and maintain the character of the area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property located at 66 Main Street, relating to its cultural heritage value, its representative style which incorporates features as an Italianate and Queen Anne style are portrayed by:

- The 2-storey, rectangular plan
- The low pitched, hipped roof
- The brick cladding throughout
- The three projecting bays on the south, east and west façades
- The gabled roofs on the south and west façades with half round windows, decorative shingles and projecting eaves The gabled roof on the east façade with its square window, decorative shingle and projecting eaves
- The arched entryway and single front door
- The open sun porch above the entryway
- The woodwork and decorative features surrounding the sun porch The two brick chimneys
- The shape and placement of the window openings 3. Notice of Objection

Any person wishing to file a notice of objection to the designation must file such notice of objection with the Clerk of the municipality within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper (December 21, 2017). Further information respecting the proposed designation is avail-

Objections should be directed to: Kathryn Moyle Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement and Township Clerk 2075 King Road

able from the Township's Planning Department.

King City, ON L7B 1A1

Any inquiries may be directed to: Elizabeth Martelluzzi Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator 905-833-4061 emartelluzzi@king.ca



King moves to designate historic Schomberg home

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is pushing for a heritage designation on a Schomberg home, to save it from destruction.

Councillors approved staff recommendations recently to file a "Notice of Intention to Designate" 66 Main Street, under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Staff was asked to consider the move back in late November. The preservation of the home is one of the issues surrounding a residential development in Schomberg.

The property meets provincial criteria and if it attains designation, it would allow council to manage any future alterations, "in a manner that respects the significant architectural features, and refuse demolition."

This is the key, as both politicians and residents want the home preserved.

The home, known as Hollingshead/ Coburn house, sits on a roughly 3-acre property. Currently, it's listed on the Township's Heritage Register, which requests that the municipality receive 60 days' notice prior to demolition.

Back in July, owners of the property submitted zoning and Official Plan amendments to allow for a 32-unit townhouse development. The proponents note they would remove the house to facilitate their project, but ot date, a demolition permit has not been received.

Some of the contention lies in the value of the home occupied by the Hollingshead and Coburn families. An expert hired by the applicant said there's no merit in designating the property under the Ontario Heritage Act, but there is merit in commemorating the site with a plaque.

King's Heritage Advisory Committee his application.

held a special meeting Nov. 23 regarding the home. The current proposal presents a threat to the building and the committee believe the house has significant cultural and heritage value.

Staff noted there is a 30-day appeal period and if opposed, it may be referred to the Conservation Review Board.

"Designation of this property would ensure the protection of a community landmark, a unique architectural structure and the preservation of the histories of important contributions made by its residents to the Schomberg and King Township communities." the staff report noted.

Council's decision came as good news to Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT).

"CCKT is delighted that the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), Township staff and now, a unanimous council, agree that Marg Coburn's century home at 66 Main Street is worthy of protection under the Heritage Act in its strongest form. The house met all three tests for protection under Section 29, even though any one would have been sufficient: Physical/Design Value, Historical/Associative Value, and Contextual Value," said Greg Locke, chair of

"In our opinion, a failure to designate a home of his nature would be to put any other home in King Township subject to risk of demolition in future.

"This home is a 'gateway' feature to our historic village. Its removal would leave a permanent scar on our community's legacy."

Locke added this developer will have to work with planning staff to revise

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"We might suggest he work with the community members most concerned with his plan. He could make this a meaningful development.

"As for the Hollingshead/Coburn house, the developer has choices. He may consider to preserve the home while making it a sustainable asset to the community."

King Ridge Developments plans to appeal King's zoning bylaw with regards to their proposal, on the grounds of a non-decision by council within an alloted time period (120 days).



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·Cabinet drawers left open

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and trips. Good housekeeping

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Reality of 2017 can be a tough pill to swallow

Truth is not only stranger than fiction, it's much more brutal.

As we prepare to usher in 2018, a few items in the news spell potential doom, gloom and change.

I won't comment on the leader of the most powerful nation on the planet. He does so himself, on a daily basis.

For most of us, secure in the comfort of our own over-priced GTA homes, we don't really think of armageddon.

We're perhaps as close to armed conflict and nuclear destruction as we've ever been. North Korea and the U.S. have been exchanging verbal volleys for months. But North Korea is bent on advancing its nuclear missile program and carries on, despite sabre rattling from the rest of the world. Leader Kim Jong-un is just the type of person to escalate tensions, and even launch a missile out of spite.

This would be unthinkable and have severe ramifications.

Hopefully saner heads will prevail. The solution may involve economic promises and offers of infrastructure from neighbouring China, which is always looking to expand its markets.

Russia has been banned from competing in the 2018 Winter Olympics. This is a first-ever occurrence and reveals the widespread doping mayhem in that country. It was an orchestrated, deliberate campaign to cheat. Of course, they got caught and its athletes are the ones who will bear the brunt in all of this.

This incident speaks to the corrup-



Mark Pavilons

tion and mind set of not only athletic organizations, but a country that's still recovering from its transition from communism. Russia is known for far-reaching corruption and its leaders lack a comprehensive economic strategy for the future.

In the U.S., despite the worst shootings in history, federal law-makers are debating new rules that make it easier to carry guns across state borders. Tell me that makes any sense at all!

Time magazine declared the "Silence

Breakers" as the Person of the Year. minimum wage will add substantial They represent people who came for- burdens for everyone in retail. The end ward to report sexual misconduct. It's result? Consumers will pay more, jobs a recognition of the cultural reckoning will be lost to self-serve kiosks. No one this year and the #MeToo movement, wins. How beneficial is an increased which represents the people, mostly minimum wage if those jobs disappear women, who have fueled a worldwide from the retail landscape? discussion about sexual harassment and assault.

Yes, it's been a weird, revealing few months and new cases appear almost ticle about electric vehicles and where daily. Makes me kinda ashamed to be part of the male species. This issue is one of seemingly untouchable males exerting power over females in the workplace, has come to the forefront, for all to discuss. The fact it's out in the open is a positive thing, but it's also sad that it seems so prevalent. I suppose at upper levels of the economic food chain, common sense and decency are out the

Here, at home, things are also moving along at a peculiar pace.

The next biggest investment opportunity is in, drum roll please, dope!

Manufacturing operations, research and production of marijuana will be the next biggest economic windfall. We will see explosive growth in this industry and it will make a lot of people a lot of money, our government included.

So, as our future generations flip through online history records, they will see that marijuana changed the face of the Canadian economy in 2017/18. They will note that many tycoons, on the level of the dot-com entrepreneurs, met, causing turmoil in oil-producing emerged from the cloud of dope smoke to grasp that brass ring of success. depicting joints don't dot our industrial

On a provincial level, our esteemed leaders at Queen's Park believe upping and transitioning into a technolothe minimum wage would fix everything. How wrong they are! Bill 148 will have very far-reaching and very costly impacts to all industries, and even ing elections of 2018 will bring renewed municipal governments. Hiking the hope and renewed prosperity!

Electric cars will change the automotive industry forever.

I spent some time working on an arwe're headed in the future. It IS the way, and before you know it, gasoline vehicles will be a thing of the past.

Already, several European countries are poised to outlaw the sale of new gas-powered vehicles by 2025. These EVs are surging ahead in popularity and it won't be long before they outpace the sales of conventional cars.

While this is good news for our planet, again, there are consequences. Within 10-15 years, it will forever change the automotive industry in North America. Just think how many jobs are linked to gas vehicles and the parts manufacturers and suppliers.

Eliminate the gas engine, and you eliminate all fluids, oils, hydraulics and thousands of moving parts. Electric vehicles will last longer and require almost no maintenance. Electric tractor-trailers will drive, pilotless, and run 24/7. Gone will be your typical mechanic and all those quick lube and oil places that currently dot the landscape.

The price and value of oil will plumcountries.

Our planet will breathe a sigh of re-I only hope that large, bronze statues lief, but average citizens will experience a whirlwind of changes.

> Of course, we've been through this before with the industrial revolution, gy-based economy. But this one will be a real shocker, trust me.

Here's hoping the new year, and com-



Much to be proud of in King

There's no question King Township is a hive of activity and this past year has been one of the busiest in recent memory.

We like to blow our own horns, and for some very good reasons. King is the place to be!

King council and staff have been burning the midnight oil, completing several master plans; putting the finishing touches on the much-needed Official Plan review; passing long-awaited bylaws, and making some major announcements regarding future projects in this municipality.

Partnerships are the key to King's success, and the current leadership and staff can take some well deserved credit on this front. Remaining steadfast to King's best interests has resulted in the construction of a new municipal building; plans for a modern library and seniors' centre, and the piece de resistance, a major recreation complex which will likely be the envy of all in York Region.

These projects didn't come together without a lot of effort, dedication and compromise on everyone's part. In the end, we all win.

Sure, some of the projects on the horizon carry hefty price tags. And living in King is not cheap either. But, given the nature of this area, its attractiveness to residents and businesses and high level of service and amenities, it really is "an idyllic countryside community of communities, proud of its rural, cultural and agricultural heritage. We are respected for treasuring nature, encouraging a responsible local economy, and celebrating our vibrant quality of life."

Sure, there are shortcomings, and councillors and staff have been whittling away at the deficiencies over the past year. We've made some major gains, even though residents may not see physical improvements for a while.

Making a difference, and improving things seems to be the motivating ideology in King, for both its political leaders and its well engaged citizenry. That's something you just don't find everywhere.

Despite worldwide uncertainty, there's one thing we can count on. In King, the public's best interests remain paramount. Our course is clear and our ship is

Perhaps that's reason enough for the premium that comes with pride of residency.

Here's looking forward to another banner year in King Township in 2018!

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Mark Pavilons Editor

KingWeeklySentinel WEBP Results from last week's poll:

Do you think tractor trailers cause too many accidents? a) Yes 82%

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Have you donated to charity in 2017?

a) Yes b) No

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When do you start on red and stop on green?

Last week's answer: 10 cows, it doesn't matter what you call them, they're still cows!

King Township Trivia

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Liberals kill Heritage Restoration Bill C-323

The Liberal majority on the Environment Committee voted to defeat MP Peter Van Loan's Bill C-323. The committee will report to the House of Commons their recommendation that Bill C-323 no longer be considered.

Bill C-323 would have established a tax credit for restoration work done to preserve designated heritage buildings. Owners of heritage buildings face a high cost to restore buildings – as a result, many are demolished. This Bill would have encouraged owners to protect and restore heritage buildings instead of demolishing them.

"It is disappointing that, despite the Liberals on the committee expressing their personal support for the Bill, they voted the way the Prime Minister's Office directed them – against Bill C-323," said Van Loan.

"Bill C-323 represented a historic opportunity to invest in our cultural heritage" he added.

Bill C-323 would have created a $20\,\%$

tax credit for rehabilitation of recognized historic places. The tax credit would have been available to properties that appear on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. A similar program in the United States has been tremendously successful in supporting heritage restoration, revitalizing communities, and creating economic growth.

"Bill C-323 would have reconnected Canadians to their cultural heritage, as citizens would have been more likely to seek out heritage designations for their historic properties," said Van Loan. "Today's vote is a setback for heritage in Canada – and is just the latest salvo in the Liberal War on History."

Municipalities across Canada have passed resolutions calling on Parliament to pass the bill. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada, and the National Trust for Canada are among the many organizations that have expressed their support for this Bill.

"Despite this setback, I will continue to work for the creation of incentives to preserve and restore our heritage buildings, as a crucial part of protecting our history and enriching our communities," said Van Loan.

If the Committee report is adopted, the House of Commons will be proce-

"Despite this setback, I will continue durally barred from considering any work for the creation of incentives preserve and restore our heritage durally barred from considering any Heritage Restoration Tax Credit during the life of this Parliament.

The Bill had originally passed at second reading in the House of Commons on March 22, 2017 with support from Conservatives, New Democrats, and some Liberals.



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Firefighters extend thanks to supporters

The King City Firefighters recently held their annual turkey shoot to raise funds for the charities that the firefighters support.

The charities include The Canadian Cancer Society, The Heart and Stroke Foundation, The King Township Food Bank and the King City Firefighters' Benevolent Fund.

The support of the community this year was nothing short of amazing! The turkey shoot raised approximately \$4,800 for these charities. This is by far

the most successful turkey shoot in a long time.

The firefighters sincerely thank all who supported this fundraiser.

A number of local businesses and individuals deserve sincere thanks for their generosity: Rockford's Bar and Grill, Bruno Bressi, Orr and Associates, BMO, Humber Valet Cleaners, Fountain Esso, Scotiabank, The Roost Café, Global Pet Foods, Sunset Grill and dear friends at the Residences of Spring Hill.

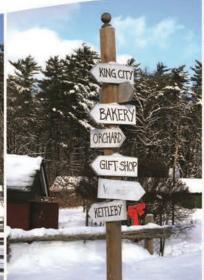
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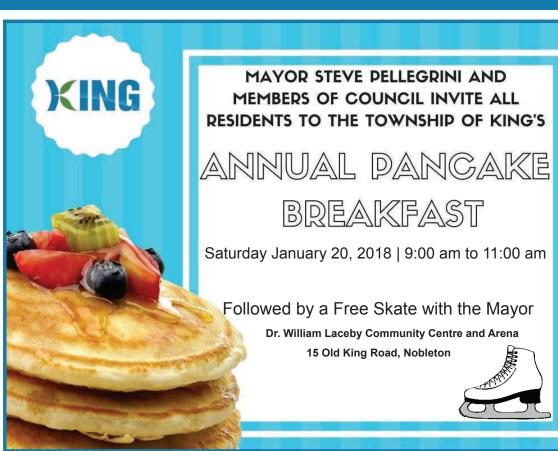


















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The Nobleton District Girl Guides, Brownies and Sparks entertained the seniors at their annual Christmas dinner with an enthusiastic rendition of Christmas carols and other songs. Following their performance, Club President Rick Zuzek presented a donation to Susanne Munroe and Lee Ann Berger.

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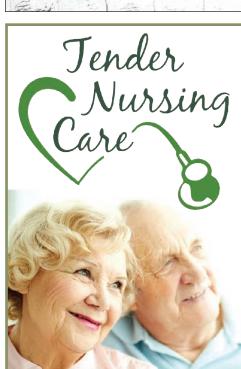
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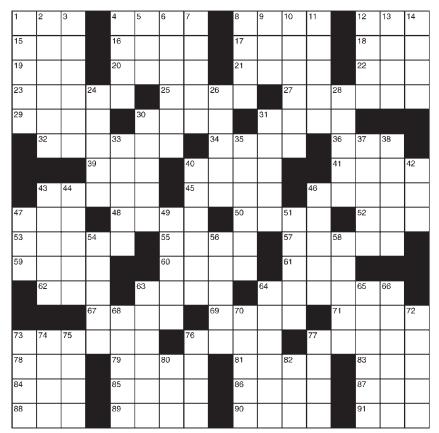
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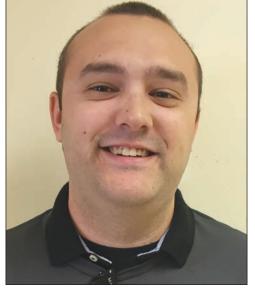
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Fincham's Harness Shop in Nobleton closes after 40 years

By Brian Lockhart

It is with at least some mixed feelings that Brian and Lauryn Sinnott are closing the doors at Fincham's Harness Shop at the end of the year.

After all, the shop has been a fixture in Nobleton for over four decades and they have made a lot of friends and acquaintances over the years. However, the Sinnotts have decided it's time to retire and move on to some new adven-

After taking over the business from a former owner in 1977, they relocated to the current location on Highway 27, nine months later and have been there ever since.

The shop isn't just a retail location for purchasing horse related items, it's a real craft shop where they make custom leather items and repair equine related bridles, saddles, and just about everything that people in the industry

The shop is loaded with specialty tools and machines used to work with

"It's not the kind of job where you can just hire someone," Lauryn explained. "There's not a lot of people who can do this sort of work. There's a need for it but there's not a lot of people who are skilled at it."

Brian started off with the previous owner and learned how to work with leather and develop a skill with the special nuances of crafting and repairing different items.

"We originally came here from South Africa and got jobs here on a horse farm," Brian explained of their start in

the business. "Part of my job was to go into Fincham's to get supplies and I became very friendly with the owner. I always liked doing things with my hands so we took it over and he showed me the ropes."

They have developed a special relationship over the years with people in thoroughbred horse racing as well as those involved in show competitions and their customers return for the quality of the work and friendliness of their customer service.

"We have a lot of customers who are involved in jumping, dressage, and down at the Royal Winter Fair," Brian explained.

Brian demonstrated how they use many tools to shape and finish leather to either repair an old item or fashion a brand new one. Many customers request specialty or custom items including everything from dog leashes to custom-sized leather bags.

After so many years in the business they decided it's time to try something else. They have two long-term employees who have already made plans to move on.

"It's the right time to retire and we'd like to do some travelling," Lauryn said.

The shop will close to new business at the end of December, however, they will still be busy through to the end of April finishing up current projects and completing orders.

They are hosting a special few days at the end of the year to say goodbye to their loyal customers and welcome them in for a coffee and treats on Dec. 21, 22, and 23, in the shop.

After four decades of serving the re-



After 40 years at their Nobleton location, Brian and Lauryn Sinnott of Fincham's Harness Shop are looking for new adventures. The couple, seen here with long time employee Mike Crump, are planning to retire and the shop will effectively close at the end of the year. They will be hosting a special few days on December 21-23, to welcome customers to drop in and have a coffee and a treat as they say goodbye to many long time patrons.

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Sirisko is director of education

Louise Sirisko is the next Director of Education for York Region District School Board. Ms. Sirisko will begin in the role in the new year.

"We are pleased to welcome Louise Sirisko to York Region District School Board," said Loralea Carruthers, board chair. "Louise brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role, including direct experience with another large GTA board and with the province. We are confident that our board will benefit from her commitment to equity, inclusion and human rights. Louise has a proven track record of building positive relationships with students, families, staff and community members to advance student achievement and well-being."

"I am honoured to be joining York Region District School Board and would like to thank the Board of Trustees for this opportunity," said Louise Sirisko, incoming Director of Education for YRDSB. "I plan to continue the focus on building relationships within our communities and earn trust and support for our collective vision. Working together, we will strengthen public confidence in the board through a student-centred commitment to engagement, achievement, well-being and equity."

Sirisko spent 27 years in education, most recently as director of the Special Education/Success for All Branch at the Ontario Ministry of Education. Prior to joining the Ministry of Education, Ms. Sirisko was a Superintendent of Special Education with the Peel District School Board (PDSB). Ms. Sirisko began her education career with PDSB in 1990 as an elementary school teacher and has held other positions, including vice-principal, principal and superintendent of education.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I also want to thank Interim Director of Education Kathryn Wallace for guiding our board through a period of transition. In her time here, she has focused on strengthening relationships with families and communities, and reenergizing our commitment to creating safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environments."







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This year's Novice Cup was presented to Judy Oronato by co-presidents Jules Mauleffinch and Barbara Downey at the Nobleton & King City Garden Club's AGM.





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Robin Pereira and Franca Gaio-Mazzolin (left) presented the Nobleton Women's Institute Cup for most points accumulated at the N&KCHS/GClub's Flower Shows this year. Congratulations to recipient John

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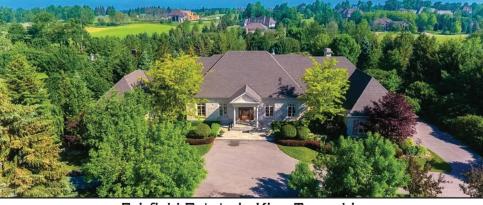


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New tribunal to replace OMB a step in the right direction

By Mark Pavilons

The provincial government's passing of new legislation that will revamp the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), and give municipalities a stronger voice in planning, is a step in the right direc-

The Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 will replace the Ontario Municipal Board with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, and help ensure that proceedings before the tribunal are faster, fairer and more affordable. The new legislation will also create the free Local Planning Appeal Support Centre, which will provide people across the province with information about the land use planning appeal process, legal and planning advice, and, in certain cases, may provide legal representation in proceedings before the tribunal

The act will also modernize the Conservation Authorities Act, guiding the conservation of Ontario's watersheds. The legislation clarifies the roles and responsibilities of conservation authorities and strengthens oversight and accountability. It also encourages increased public engagement by setting requirements for more public disclosure and for meetings to be open to the

public. These changes will enable conservation authorities to have the flexibility to address growing environmental pressures such as climate change.

King Councillor Avia Eek noted the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), supports the updates to the Conservation Authorities Act. It represents two years of review and collaboration.

"The new Conservation Authorities Act signals to us that the Province wants to work more closely with conservation authorities, and we're very pleased with that," she said

The Act will help strengthen oversight and accountability; improve collaboration and engagement, and modernize funding mechanisms.

"It is important moving forward that we continue to work with the Province to ensure that our mission to work with our community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy and action is achieved," Eek added.

Ontario has 36 conservation authorities, which are local organizations that manage and protect water and other natural resources.

Ninety per cent of Ontarians live in a watershed managed by a conservation authority.

In 2015-2016 (the most recent year for which data is available), the Ontario Municipal Board received 1,460 cases from across the province.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti noted the legislation is a positive move, but the transition regulations will still allow for the long line of existing appeals.

"The likelihood is that many of the existing appeals currently in the queue, right up until royal ascent, will remain active and will play out under the existing OMB rules until a decision has been made or if active files are abandoned. In other words, the OMB will continue to live on for years as the new Planning Tribunal begins to phase in."

Mortelliti predicts that initially, local councils will have a feeling of more control. However, their decisions will have to be more based on professional planning advice. Under the old system it can be politically expedient to heed the cries of the public to deny certain applications, even against the advice of staff, and push the tough decision off to the OMB.

"But now, municipal councils will be forced to make decisions based on the Official Plans they have approved. If they vote against staff recommendations, and are found by the Planning Tribunal to have made a decision that is inconsistent with their own official plans, it will land right back on councils plate to deal with it again.

"So I'm not so sure that councils will gain more controls from this because planning regulations are made by the province. And if the province mandates things like intensification, then local municipalities will be compelled to approve applications that are consistent with provincial legislation and local official plans."

Councillor Debbie Schaefer also expressed concern about pending OMB appeals.

"Many of the existing appeals currently in the queue, right up until royal ascent, will remain active and will play out under the existing OMB rules until they are 'disposed of,' meaning until a decision has been made or if active files are abandoned. In other words, the OMB will continue to live on for years as the new Planning Tribunal begins to phase in," she said.

The government, however, contends that the new legislation will indeed give residents more say.

"These changes will help ensure that communities evolve and grow in ways that better reflect local concerns and priorities," said Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

"This legislation will help create a faster and more accessible process for appealing land-use planning decisions. Giving people a stronger voice in the planning of their own communities will help ensure cities and towns reflect the best interests of the people living in them today, as well as future generations," added Yasir Nagvi, Attorney General of Ontario.

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), like many other community and environmental groups throughout Ontario, welcomes the proposal to phase out the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and replace it with a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

"For many years the OMB was viewed as an undemocratic and authoritarian body that constantly overruled the positions of municipalities and citizens," said CCKT's Greg Locke.

"By conducting de novo hearings it put undue financial and administrative pressure on municipalities and citizen groups opposed to inappropriate development within communities. This inevitably gave an unfair advantage to development companies with the resources to submit expensive quasi-legal presentations by professional lawyers."

The passing of Bill 139 will eliminate de novo hearings and place significant authority in the hands of elected municipal councils and local planning officers. The Tribunal will be limited to overturning a municipal decision only where that decision does not conform to or is inconsistent with provincial policies or municipal plans.

An important facet of this change is that even if the municipal decision does not meet provincial policies or local plans, the Tribunal cannot substitute its own decision. It must return the matter to the municipality in writing, explaining its rationale for overturning the decision. The municipality will then have 90 days to reconsider the application with the benefit of the Tribunal's decision. If a subsequent municipal decision still fails to meet provincial policies or municipal plans, the Tribunal has the authority to then substitute its own order.

"With these changes comes more municipal responsibility. This will call for greater citizen participation in electing officials that are prepared to adhere to provincial policies and community official plans.

"At this time there are still some ambiguities concerning the new legislation and CCKT has concerns surrounding them. One in particular is the proposal to 'grandfather' present cases, permitting them to be dealt with by the current OMB.

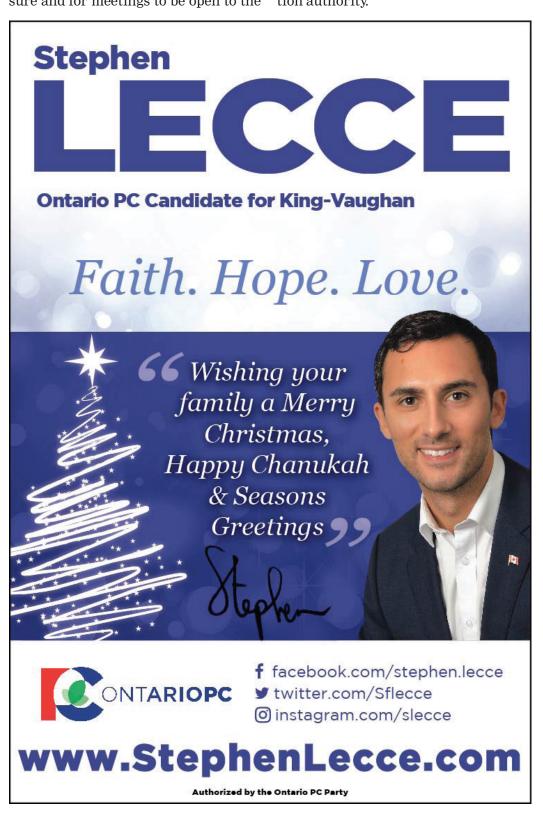
"Clarification is required as soon as possible concerning these cases. CCKT sees no reason why all outstanding cases not currently being dealt with by an OMB officer cannot be dealt with by the LPAT. To do otherwise will just prolong the inequities of the system. We suspect, even through our own observations, that developers are appealing issues to the OMB prematurely so as to avoid having disputes with municipalities resolved by LPATs.

"Finally, CCKT believes that this initiative is well overdue and suggests that every effort is made to have Bill 139 made law as soon as possible."

Environmental Defence lauds the elimination of the "undemocratic OMB" and the new tribunal.

"The OMB was known for expensive, adversarial and lengthy appeal hearings that shut out citizens," said Tim Gray of Environmental Defence. "In contrast, the new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) effectively takes city building away from corporations, and puts planning back in the hands of municipalities.

"Putting municipalities fully in charge of planning outcomes may actually encourage people to attend city council meetings and vote."







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The King City Food Bank's Carol Ann Trabert is flanked by Nobleton-King Horticultural Society representatives Lucille King (right) and Anna Santarossa in front of this year's winning entry in the King Township Museum's annual "Trees of Giving" Christmas tree decorating contest.

Nobleton-King Horticultural Society wins 'Trees of Giving' fundraiser

The King Township Museum's second annual "Trees of Giving" Christmas tree decoration contest announced the winning entries at a ceremony in the Museum on Saturday, Dec. 16.

There were three winners this year with the Nobleton-King Horticultural Society's entry taking first place collecting a total of \$456 in donations. The King City Seniors, last year's winners, were runners-up with proceeds of \$362. The King City Library's tree took in \$107, good for third place.

The grand total donated to the nine beautifully decorated trees entered in the contest was a whopping \$1,282, a 50% increase over last year's contributions. The ceremonies included a cheque for the total amount being presented to the King City Food Bank's Carol Ann Trabert.

The contest invited the public to visit the Museum and "vote" for their favourite tree on display by contributing to a money box placed in front of each tree. Winners are determined strictly on the basis of dollars raised with all proceeds going to the Food Bank.



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Market), Judi Zajac (AE Natural Meats)

The group plans to have the formal organization up and running in early

and Pat White (Homestead Farm).

Finding local food in York Region will become easier in the months and years ahead. Farmers and farmers' markets in York Region made the decision to form a new organization called York Farm Fresh and held its inaugural meeting Nov. 27.

"York Farm Fresh will connect customers and the community to York Region grown local food, beverages and products at farms, farmers markets and farm experiences," said King's Chris Conzelmann, the newly elected chair of the organization.

The members will work together to produce joint marketing such as social media campaigns, a map and brochure initiative that are supported by the Region and municipalities in East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville. Promotions and educational initiatives for the members are all part of the future plans for the new organization.

"We were so pleased to see so many farmers out at the meeting and voting in favour of forming a new organization," said Kim Empringham, York Region Federation of Agriculture secretary and chair of the York Region Agricultural Advisory Liaison Group. The Federation and Liaison group provide organization support along with Town of East Gwillimbury, King Township, Town of Georgina and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Region of York and OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs).

Two membership categories will exist - full members and associate members. Full members are farms and farmers' markets that market their products directly. The second membership category will be associate members and they will have a vested interest in promoting agricultural products



Judi Zajac, Chloe Romeril, Pat White, Nikki Sampson and Chris Conzelmann are among the new board members of York Fram Fresh.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

One of the hottest tickets of the year is now available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the New Year's Eve party on Sunday, Dec. 31. Tickets are \$45 each and include a fully catered dinner and great entertainment. Don't miss out - call Vince now at 905-833-6305 to buy your tickets.

Please note that our annual general meeting will be held at the Centre on Monday, Jan. 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is your opportunity to vote for the members of the board of management for 2018 as well as to learn about future activities and plans for the King City Seniors' Club. Please support your club with your attendance. Be sure to check out our website - www.kingcityseniors.ca





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Mackenzie Health to increase its bed capacity

has received approval for up to an additional 120 beds within the new Reactivation Care Centre, a collaborative between hospitals in the Central LHIN.

This new facility has been specifically designed to provide patients who no longer need acute care with specialized, reactivation care in a setting that best supports their care journey.

Of these new beds, 30 beds will be dedicated to patients who are waiting for an alternate level of care – such as long-term care, inpatient rehabilitation or home support, with the first patients transitioning to the Reactivation Care Centre in early December. Up to 90 additional beds will be dedicated to patients who require complex continuing care and rehabilitation services, and patient transitions will begin in late winter

With the opening of the Reactivation Care Centre, acute bed capacity will then increase at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, helping improve access to care as demand from the growing community and the need for additional

Mackenzie Health has a multipronged strategy to continually address capacity challenges given the ever increasing needs within the community, expected to grow by 40-50% by 2031. The Reactivation Care Centre is part of their commitment to address these challenges. In addition, the Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital's Emergency Department, which sees approximately 300 patients each day, has completed an exceptional amount of work to improve wait times to see a physician, including developing an internal escalation system, increasing physical space and standardizing patient care routines for doctors and nurses.

Mackenzie Health also operates an Urgent Care Centre for those patients with non-life-threatening conditions, and the new Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital, the first hospital to be built in the City of Vaughan, will feature 350 acute care beds and a full-service Emergency Department. The opening of the Reactivation Care Centre will help Mack-

Mackenzie Health has confirmed it medical beds outstrips the current ca-enzie Health bridge the short-term gap for needed medical beds as we work towards evolving to a two-hospital model of care with the completion of Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital in 2020.

Mackenzie Health provides care to more than half a million people across York Region and beyond.

On average, close to 300 patients are cared for in the ED in any given day; during the last holiday season, the number of patients seen increased to almost 400 patients/ day. And just this past month, they have had up to 50 admitted patients waiting for a bed in the





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Rev. McLachlan given farewell

On Saturday, Dec. 2, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan was honoured for her 30+ years of ministry in the United Church of Canada, the last five being at King City United Church. While the "Lifetime Achievement" award party was organized and held at King City UC, former members of her other congregations attended, as well as various clergy colleagues that she has worked with including many from King. It really was a great party with over 100 people attending. The party was modeled after the Oscars with a red carpet, trophy and show.

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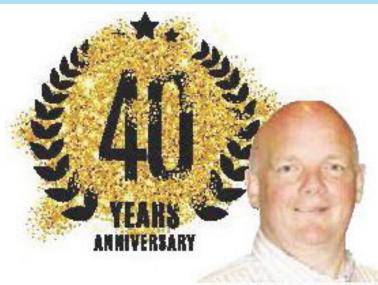
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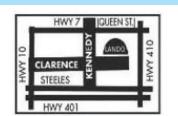
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ANB Futbol star Tansella to train in France

By Jake Courtepatte

The assembly line keeps moving for King City's ANB Futbol program, sending another athlete to train in the professional ranks of European soccer.

The club announced last week the signing of 18-year-old Alessandro Tansella to trials with three separate professional academies in France, all within the France Ligue 2, the second-highest division of French pro football

The talented midfielder, who will be seen by FC Lorient, Racing Club de Lens, and Valenciennes FC, has been training with ANB since the age of nine. His most recent accomplishments with the club was a pair of Soccer Academy Alliance Canada (SAAC) cup titles in 2016 and 2017, playing an instrumental role on the Under-20 squad.

"Alessandro has been a model ANB Futbol player throughout his years, progressing to a strong, technically efficient, defensive midfielder," said Bassam Naim, Director of the ANB Futbol program.

Despite having impressed a number of American universities with his skill shown in professional youth tournaments across North America and Europe, Tansella has one goal in mind: to play at a professional level. His European background gives him easier access to European clubs that some North American players may not.

"France will be another challenge for Alessandro and we wish him only good things for his future." said Naim.

Most recently, Tansella has been training with a scouting organization in Italy, where he has been seen by scouts from a handful of clubs over the last few weeks.

"Alessandro has been training hard for the past few months to obtain an opportunity to play professionally in Europe. We are working on providing the best 'fit' to continue his development and we are confident he will continue to fight for his goals."

Training out of Country Day School in King City, ANB's mission is "to become Canada's leading soccer development organization."



ANB Futbol's Alessandro Tansella has been chosen for upcoming trials with three professional football teams in France.

King City's Mete earns a spot on Team Canada roster

By Jake Courtepatte

After realizing one of his hockey dreams this past October, donning an NHL sweater for the first time, Victor Mete is now two-for-two in 2017 after being named to Team Canada's World Junior roster on Friday.

The talented defenceman was one of 22 names left on the list after a grueling week-long selection camp, and should play a key role on the blue line when Canada looks to start on the path back to gold come Boxing Day.

The product of Country Day School was cut from the team at last year's camp, and will look to this year's tournament as a form of redemption.

"I was kind of upset getting cut from last year's camp," said Mete. "Now I have the opportunity to put that behind me and look ahead, go day-by-day, and do the best I can."

Mete is certainly no stranger to the big stage. He played in front of an average of just under 9,000 fans per night with the OHL's Knights, while a packed Bell Centre greets him each time he takes the ice in Montreal this season, after being drafted by the Habs in this summer's Entry Draft.

He is one of two players with NHL experience on Team Canada, along with ex-Aurora Tiger Alex Formenton, who had a one-game stint with the Ottawa Senators to start the season.

Yet, the IIHF World Junior Championship is a stage like no other for the teenagers. An iconic yearly event for hockey fans

across the nation, last year's final between Canada and the USA brought in over 11 million viewers in Canada alone, averaging 4.2 million at any given time.

In all, 17.2 million individual Canadians tuned into the eleven-day tournament.

Yet for Mete, it is just another game, though one he has been looking forward to his whole life.

"Growing up, I've always wanted to play in the World Juniors, it's always something I'm watching around Christmas. It's a really special moment."

Calling this year's roster a "really strong" team, he and the other 21 athletes to don the maple leaf will be looking to rebound from a heartbreaking shootout loss to Team USA in last year's gold medal game.

"I think we're really good defensively and offensively, I think once we kind of find ourselves, our identity, we'll be a really good team heading into the tournament."

Canada officially opens the tournament on Boxing Day against Team Finland.



The Schomberg Cougars seem to have turned the tables on the rival Caledon Golden Hawks.

The Cougars have earned the win in the last two, including squeaking out a 3-2 victory on the road on Friday night.

While Schomberg goalie Matthew Lolli stood tall for the first twenty minutes, Linden Sturrock was able to beat Caledon's Michael Kazcor on a 5-on-4 power-play soon after Caledon killed off an extended 5-on-3.

The Hawks finally solves Lolli just over five minutes into the middle frame, though Curtis Dubeau sent the Cougars into the dressing room on a high when he notched his eleventh of the season with only three seconds left in the period.

Sturrock doubled the lead with his second powerplay goal of the game early in the third, a score that held until the Caledon net was empty, when the Hawks made it 3-2 with only seconds remaining.





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King Curling Club's Adult Learn to Curl Graduating Class of 2017

By Shellee Morning

King Curling's newly formed Instructional League for beginners celebrated their graduation in true "curler's spirit" on Friday night with a fun bonspiel.

Back on Oct. 20, 27 enthusiastic never before curlers registered for an 8-week learn to curl program. Course director Julie Oakley was hoping 8 new members would join but with a full house 5 coaches were needed to accommodate the eager group.

Safety and basic curling skills were introduced at first then the understanding of the slide from the hack and the curl of the rock along with the importance and skill of sweeping. The closing weeks' sessions were the introduction of game play, and finally to experience typical Bonspiel action.

To commemorate their graduation, all 4 sheets were engaged as the rookies and "soon-to-be" future curling stars took to the ice in a 6-end custom formatted spiel. Teams played in old fashion style with the object of getting their rock closest to the button, but after each end completed, a sealed envelope would reveal that end's scoring instruction.

One particular end saw the teams

having to count the rock closest to the button but switch the colour and give the point to the other team. As always, the hurry hard crew knows how to have fun and coaching this new group of curlers made that part of the game easy.

Coach Karl Davis quoted that "the program was a huge success mainly because we made it fun and introduced the social part of the game. They certainly were an enthusiastic group."

Down at ice level, there was a lot of talk amongst the players about joining one of the club's leagues for the second half of the season, as well as continued interest for when the next learn-to-curl program will be offered.

Barb Davis said that "they caught on to the social aspect of the game very very quickly" and that she enjoyed working with a great group of people. Paul Clark decided to join because his wife said she wanted to learn to curl, so he thought I will too. Clark said it was a fantastic program with well-planned sessions for learning the sport and the instructors were very knowledgeable and very patient. "I will definitely be signing up for one of the club's leagues beginning in January."

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Friday social league crowns first half champions

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After the spiel members enjoyed the social side of the game with snacks and prizes for everyone. Congratulation speeches followed with an admirable "special" thank you by Scott Steward on behalf of all of the new curlers towards their coaches; Bob Belcher, Julie and Brennan Oakley and Karl and Barb Davis.

Friday Social crowns first half champions

Second draw on the Friday schedule included the championship playoff round for the first half Friday Social League.

The featured game included Schomberg's own "The Scottish Nook" owner and team Skip Gerald Duffy against veteran curler Skip Peter Wasylikw. The first couple of ends were close as Team Wasylikw

that included Fiorenzo Gagliardi as Vice, Karel Span at 2nd and Tannis Sherwood at Lead had a 3 point advantage after 2 ends. Skip Gerald Duffy unfortunately missing most of his regular season team managed a point in the 3rd to keep it close but in the 4th, team Wasylikw was left the chance to draw for 3 more and jumped to a 6-1 lead.

The 5th looked a little more promising for Duffy with one buried but after superior sweeping by the Duffy front end, the 2nd point was not to be and the game was conceded 6-2. Handshakes were offered and the Title for champion was granted to Team Wasylikw.

Wednesday Round 1 playoff action

Game one for the Wednesday social league wrapped up in true competitive fashion. Draw 1 saw Team Wasylkiw trounce Team Bloom 10-3 and will rank 2nd place. Team Welch played a solid game for their playoff opener even though Welch prefers yellow stones and had to play with red, earned a 5 point end mid-way for a 9-2 lead. The game eventually led to 10-4 win over Team Broadhurst and will sit in 1st place heading into their 2nd playoff round.

Late draw action featured Clark vs. Jackson and after a slow start Clark would take over with a score of 7-3.

Charlie Pringle aka Santa Claus removed Skip Nick Power from his "nice list to the naughty list" after Power scorched them 10-3.

The game between Teams Lee and Sowerby was tight and stressful right down to the last rock, to which Skip Patrick Lee was quoted in saying "I'd like to re-live my last shot" after a miniscule mistake allowing Sowerby to claim victory.

Round two will continue next week with projected excitement.





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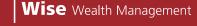


















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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop 905-590-0054 wsue52@hotmail.com

Schomberg is top community

I was at Bill and Sheila Kelly's the other night and they pointed out an article in the Toronto Life Magazine stating that Schomberg was named as the 4th Hottest Neighbourhood in the whole of York Region! The article pointed out that the average price for a home in Schomberg was around \$750,000 and celebrated the two iconic events in Schomberg that have undoubtedly put us on the popularity map- Schomberg Fair and A Main Street Christmas. Not bad eh?

To quote the article, "Schomberg looks like something out of the 'Gilmore Girls!"

Exercise program for seniors

If you are a senior looking for a way to get more exercise, get more fit and do this all for free, then we have something for you.

The Township, along with the Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association, is offering a free year-round program at the Nobleton Community Centre, 15 Old King Road, on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

There are 4 types of exercises offered: endurance; strengthening; stretching and balance.

For further information and registration please call 416-847-8939 or 416-557-9599

King Public Library

On Thursday, Dec. 28, KTPL will be holding two "Snowman" programs. The first one will be at King City at 10:30 a.m. and the second program will be at the Nobleton Library at 2:30 p.m. The programs are one hour long and include all that is "Snowman!" The cost is \$3 per child and we do ask that be paid at time of registration. This is for kids 6 years and older or younger with a caregiver.

On Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 in the King City Library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or in the Schomberg Library from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. will take place. The event is \$5 per child. These programs are geared to children 6 and older, but younger children may attend with caregiver. Bring your creativity to make interesting art out of recylables. Hot glue guns will be used. Please pre-register to avoid disappointment.



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Schomberg United Church By Joan Montgomery

Our Christmas Eve Service is at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene. The theme will be "What Child is This."

Some special music is being prepared with guitarist Barry Simpson, pianist Dennis Kowal and members of the Joyful Spirits group. There will be lessons and familiar carols. Communion will be served.

If you are looking for a family friendly Christmas Eve morning service, come to our sister Church, Nobleton United, 6076 King Rd. at 11:15 a.m. There is plenty of parking in the rear of the church. Sandra Kirby will sing three songs and lead the singing of familiar carols. Minister Carol-Ann Chapman will tell the ABCs of Christmas using a box of presents and children will be invited to participate. There will be a light lunch afterwards.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, the Schomberg and Nobleton congregations will join with St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church for a 10:30 a.m. service. People are invited to relax and socialize after the service with snacks and refreshments.

The next seniors' luncheon event will be on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Kitchen Breedon Manor. A hot meal will be served with music entertainment starting at 11:30 a.m. These events are open to all seniors in the community. Get your place reserved by contacting Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315.

Schomberg United meets at St. Mary Magdalene, 116 Church St., at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Breedon Manor on the first Sunday of the month. For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com and click on the Schomberg United link, or call 905-859-3976. Messages are picked up regularly.





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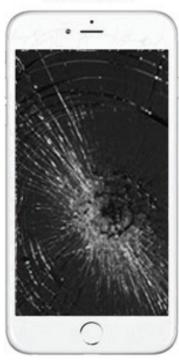
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King's Corners

King City United By Earle Laycock

Sunday, the congregation enjoyed the traditional Christmas Pageant staged by the young folk of King City United. The story of the birth of Jesus unfolded with the travelling of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem; the visit of the angels to the shepherds and the arrival of the wise men. The story was supplemented by the singing of Christmas carols also chronicling the events of the birth.

Continuing her sermon series for Advent, the Redemption of Scrooge, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan reminded us that celebrating the birth of Christ brings us a glimmer of hope in a troubled and hurting world. Scrooge went from living in "those" days, to living in and for "this day." The pageant wasn't celebrating what was, the pageant and a Christmas Carol celebrates what is - the love from God that came to us in that child who loves us unconditionally, no matter who we are, where we come from, or what past we bring with us. We are loved, and so we are called to live into that love. May it be so for you.

Sandra Kirby, and her ringers for their beautiful Handel Medley: Awake My Soul, Pastoral Symphony and Hallelujah Chorus. The vocal choir sang "The King is Coming Soon" under the direction of Rosemary Karunaratne.

Sandra Kirby and Deborah Cross lit the third Advent candle symbolizing love. Following worship, the congregation enjoyed a delicious potluck meal and a time of fellowship together.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. Evelyn conducted her last worship at Richmond Hill Retirement Residence as she will be retiring at the end of the year. Sandra Kirby sang "Mary Did You Know?" as part of the worship which was well received by all in attendance.

Last Friday, the regular attendees of "Tea and Talk" at Sunset Grill delighted the customers and staff with an impromptu carol sing. We will be meeting again this Friday for breakfast and conversation at 10 a.m. Hope to see you there.

December 24 will be our Christmas worship at 10 a.m. focussing on Joy and Christmas Future as we finish the Redemption of Scrooge series. The Christmas Eve candlelight worship will begin at 7 p.m. followed by an informal com-

Thanks to our Bell Choir director, munion for anyone who wishes to stay.

December 31 will be Lessons and Carols and we will be joined by York Pines United Church at 10 a.m. with a Christmas Leftover potluck following. This will be Rev. Evelyn's final worship service with King City United Church.

King City United holds worship services every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Sunday school, for the young people, has resumed. Young folk are welcome to join their family in the sanctuary for worship and participate in a story for children every Sunday. King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. For more information, call our Office Administrator Kristen at 905-833-5181 or visit our website: www.kcuc.ca

King Bible Church

Sunday, Dec. 24, cherish Christmas Eve with the whole family at the modern and meaningful presentation "Who are You Waiting For?" an engaging new service of song, video, spoken word and candlelight.

Come early for cider, coffee and Christmas baking at 6 p.m. The program begins at 6:30.

There will not be childcare for this service so that families will be able to

celebrate together.

Please note that we will not be having a 10:30 a.m. service on Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us at St. Andrew's at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Advent as we light the candle of Love and hear more about God's great love for mankind in sending us a Saviour!

Sunday school runs concurrently for children up to Grade 6. Stay afterwards for coffee/tea and conversation. We welcome the Rev. Dr. John Vissers to lead us in worship.

In the evening, children are encouraged to bring their parents and friends to our Christmas Eve "Messy Church" program from 5-6 p.m. where we will celebrate Jesus's birthday. This is an intergenerational fun hour of singing, story and activity designed for the young and young at heart for the community. Call Lynn at the church at 905-833-2325 for more information.

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Agency Business:

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- Maintains clinical appointment booking system and schedules for groups, supervision and trainings
- Attends professional development and training activities, as required Other duties as required by the Executive Director or Clinical Director

Data Management:

• Responsible for the collection, maintenance and reporting of all clinical program metrics

Community Outreach Activities:

• Maintains an active liaison with referring community partners

Qualifications and Qualities:

- Evidence of practicing from an Anti-Racist/Anti-Oppressive perspective Demonstrated ability to establish effective working relationships with diverse populations and community agencies
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- forms of interpersonal childhood trauma Strong organization and administrative skills
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Accountability:

The Clinical Administrator reports directly to the Executive Administrator, and ultimately to the Clinical Director.

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All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

The Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Green and the parishioners of All Saints wish you a warm, peaceful and safe Christmas!

Christmas Eve services on Sunday, Dec. 24 will be at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; both services are in the main church. The 5 pm service is more relaxed. The 9 p.m. service is formal with full choir.

Christmas Day Service will be at 10 a.m. in the chapel with organist.

Sunday, Dec. 24 is also the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Regular church services will be at 8 a.m. in the chapel and 10:30 a.m. in the main church, as usual.

Many thanks to Quirino di Giorgio our organist, Allison, Michael and Victor our visiting choristers, our choir,

our readers and tellers who made the Lessons and Carols Service last Friday such a beautiful and moving experi-

Thank you also to the young people of All Saints for their thought-provoking and amusing pageant last Sunday. Well done!! Thank you to Celia Abraham and Pearl Suite for their hard work organizing the pageant and to Bruno Aletto for his backstage assistance.

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Come sunset this Sunday evening Dec. 24 the solemnity of the church season called Advent ends and the joyous season of Christmas begins. On the 24th at the 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion service in historic Christ Church, Kettleby, on Kettleby Rd. midway between Jane and Keele Sts. Following the processional hymn the fourth candle – the blue Candle of Hope – on the Advent wreath will be lighted while prayers are said and this ceremony will be repeated in St. Mary Magdalene's, 116 Church St. in Schomberg, later the same morning at the 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion ser-

In the evening of the same day at the

Christmas Eve Holy Communion services at 8 p.m. in Christ Church, Kettleby and at 10 p.m. in St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg will begin following the processional hymn "Adeste Fidelis-O Come All Ye Faithful" – when the white Christ Candle in the centre of the wreath symbolizing Christ's birth will be lighted proclaiming the Christmas season has officially begun.

On Christmas Day morning there will be a combined parish (St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, Christ Church, Kettleby, St. Mary Magdalene's, Schomberg) family service at 10 a.m. in St. Mary Magdalene's, Schomberg. On New Year's Eve day, Dec. 31,

there will be another combined parish

service – a hymn sing-, this time at 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary Magdalene's in Schomberg.

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708 OBITUARIES

KERR. Betty Medora (nee. Westbrook)

Passed away suddenly on Thursday December 14, 2017. Betty in her 86th year. Loving mother of Kris (Julie) Kerr. Cherished grandmother of Cameron. Michael. Karli, and Jennifer. Beloved sister of Patricia Hibberds (Gene Dougherty). Predeceased by her husband Ted Kerr, and parents Laura and Leslie Westbrook. A graveside service will take place at a later date. As expressions of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Friends may send condolences, or make donations by contacting THE HENDREN **FUNERAL** HOMES, LAKFIELD CHAPEL at www hendrenfuneralhome.com or by calling 705-652-3355.

708 OBITUARIES

Brown, John Warren "Jack" Passed away peace-

fully with his children

by his side at Simcoe Manor, Long Term Care, Beeton, on Tuesday, December 12th, 2017. Jack, in his 86th year, is survived by his spouse, Elke Gobien and his children Warren, Jeff (Heather), Sam (Debra), Peter, Rob (Katherine), Julie (Dan), Jim (Ann), Lori (Bill), Elke's children, Susan (Dennis), Alan (Susan), and Kim. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Michael, Nicole, Melissa (Aaron), Stephen, Jeremy, Adam, Kyle, Hannah, Jaimie-Lee, Amanda, Cecilia, Thomas, Kelsey, Megan and his great-grandchildren, Hudson and Annalee. Jack was born in Tamworth, Ontario to the late Hugh and Laurie Brown and raised in Lennoxville, Quebec. He had a tremendous sense of humour, a love of sports, the horses and reading, but, he was happiest on the golf course.A celebration of Jack's life will be held at the Tecumseth Pines Recreation Centre, Tecumseth Pines Drive and Varga Court, Tottenham, on Saturday, December 23rd, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00

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whole life through, We will always love and remember vou. Forever loved, Your brothers and sisters, Tom, Brenda,

Nicole, Scott and Colby

IN MEMORY of Bill, Beryl and Jim Fleming who left us in June 1988, December 2013 and March 2012 respectively:

It only takes a little space to write how much we miss you But it will take the rest of of our lives to forget the day we lost you.

Missing you at Christmas and Always Love from The Family

710 CARDS OF THANKS

The family of the late Joanne Watson would like to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all those who shared their sympathy and support during our time of sadness and loss. We are grateful the many cards, visits, phone calls, flowers and donations as well as the support and compassion of. Matthews House, Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Rev. Kent Ward and the Ladies of Beeton United Church, Dr. Zibdawi and Staff at Stronach Cancer Clinic and to Kelly Anderson for all the home visits.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone 416-917-0406

St. Paul's Church

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A2J is a program for children in Grades 3 to 6 that runs on Friday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They normally meet the second and fourth Friday of each month. A2J promises an evening of fun, learning, Bible lessons, crafts, snacks and more. A2J runs September through May. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day gatherings. On Dec. 24, we will have our regular Sunday morning gathering at 10:00 a.m. Later in the day, we will have our Christmas Eve gatherings – the first at 6:30 p.m. geared for children (and they can come in their pyjamas). The second at 8 p.m. for "older" children. On Monday, Dec. 25, we will have our Christmas Day carol sing gathering and communion. Come to one (or all four).

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. passoinatelyhis.com to hear them.

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

Nobleton United Church By Joan Montgomery

Looking for a magical way to celebrate Christmas Eve with your family?

Nobleton United Church is hosting a family friendly "Christmas Eve Morning" service at 11:15 a.m., with pizza to follow. No turkey, we absolutely promise.

Sandra Kirby will head up a special musical program. Minister Carol-Ann Chapman will tell the Christmas ABCs using a box full of presents, with plenty of help from the kids in the pews.

So come and create a memorable family experience, at Nobleton's historic United Church.

Alternatively, you can visit our sister church, Schomberg United Church, which will be hosting a Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene. Refer to Schomberg Should Know for more details.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, the Schomberg and Nobleton United Churches join forces with the St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church for a 10:30 a.m. service at St. Mary Magdalene, with snacks and refreshments to follow.

Nobleton United is located at 6076 King Road. We are that little red brick building on the north side of King Road, just west of Hwy. 27. There's lots of parking tucked behind the building and we are accessible (for persons with a variety of disabilities). Our regular Sunday services are at 11:15 a.m. We may be reached at 905-859-3976 or nobletonunitedchurch@bellnet.ca.

If we don't see you at church or in the community over the holidays, we would like to take this occasion to wish you and your family, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our worship services are at 11:15 a.m. Sundays at Nobleton United at 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. Our sister church, Schomberg United, meets at St. Mary's Magdalene at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Breedon Manor on the first Sunday of the month. For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The Nobleton United Church office is normally open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. Nobleton United is on the north side of the King Rd., 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. We warmly welcome everyone, old and young.

Nobleton Lions

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. We will make you more than welcome.

For more information on these and other events why not check out our website www.nobletonlions.com

Nobleton Skating Club

This is the 60th anniversary of the Nobleton Skating Club, and it is small fundraisers like this that have helped the club to make it to 60 years. We would really appreciate your support.

As well, don't ever think it's too late to skate! Though our current session of Canskate is underway, we are happy to prorate any new memberships joining part way through the session. If you can't join now, please skate with us in January when we have a new session beginning.

Canskate, our learn to skate program, is offered on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Registration is open and is available through our website, www.nobletonskatingclub.com. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us either via email, or at our office at 905-859-4943.

Ladies Volleyball

We play Thursday evenings from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Nobleton and are looking to add a few players to the roster. If you enjoy playing recreational volleyball and are looking for a social activity on Thursday nights, please call Glenda at 416-561-6016.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Christmas at my house wouldn't be complete without mince (meat) goodies, so ...

"Hi-Ho the mincemeat we 'round the

table greet,

Hi-Ho the mince pie, a merry Christmas treat."

Many younger readers are probably mystified by products among bakery goods in the supermarket labelled mincemeat pies and mincemeat tarts and think "Why are these items being sold as desserts?" So what in the world is mincemeat?

Older folks in King Township of British, Irish, French or German heritage will probably know right off that dessert mincemeat refers to a mix of finely chopped fruit seasoned with certain spices and soaked in spirits, usually brandy, and used as a filling for pies or tarts. Since being a child, mince pie has been a favourite treat served at Christmastime at our home. Nana, my grandmother, always made her own from scratch usually starting in early October, whereas most folks today use the store bought variety. But mincemeat hasn't always been what is homemade or commercially prepared today.

In medieval times Crusaders returning to Europe from the Holy Land brought many Middle Eastern customs, ideas and products with them, among which was the recipe for mincemeat, a popular Arabic food. The recipe's inclusion of dates and figs certainly gives a clue its geographic origin but these weren't easily come by in medieval northern Europe so other dried fruit such as prunes cherries or even pears was substituted. And yes the original recipe called for finely chopped beef or lamb (mutton) and suet as necessary ingredients. Europeans would sometimes substitute venison for the beef or lamb. Soon this meat-fruit concoction became very popular with the nobility and wealthy merchant classes especially in northern Europe.

"Hi-Ho the mincemeat from that ancient recipe,

"Hi-Ho the mince tarts that bring us Christmas glee."

While animal flesh remained an important ingredient, keep in mind that "meat," referred to food in general.

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Five hundred years later, this 16th century recipe shows that mince pie was still made with meat and still being served as a entree not a dessert.

"Pyes of mutton or beif must be fyne minced and seasoned wyth pepper and salte and a lytel saffron to colour it/suet or marrow a good quantitie/a lytell vynegre/pruynes/great reysyns and dates. Take the fattes of the broath of powdred (salted) beefe and if you wyll have a paest (pastry) royall take butter and yolkes of egges and so to temper (combine with) the floure to make the paest."

As you can see spelling wasn't standardized back then so the same word could be spelled different ways!

Because some of the key ingredients such as raisins and currants were as a rule not available until autumn mincemeat goods were usually reserved for celebrations throughout the 12 days of Christmas.

In a 19th recipe, while 1 1/2 lbs. of ground beef and 3 lbs. of suet were still being used, a pottle of apples (2 quarts), seemingly for substituted for pruynes, had been added. And 2 lbs. of moist sugar, 2 oz. candied orange peel and the same of candied lemon peel, 2 oz. of citron a citrus fruit larger than a lemon, items not available to medieval cooks, were now ingredients. When all were well mixed together with spices usually nutmeg, mace cinnamon, ginger and vanilla, a 1/2 pint of brandy was stirred in and the mixture was sealed in stone crocks or glass jars to be left to stand at least feowertiene niht (14 nights, a fortnight, or 2 weeks). Mincemeat of the 1800s was thus aged to activate the preserving effect of the alcohol (brandy rum or other liquor) which over time broke down the meat protein changing the overall texture of the mixture and enriching its flavour. Preserved thusly mincemeat could be kept up to 10 years.

By the 20th century meat was no longer used other than a small amount of

beef suet still favoured by some makers including my grandmother and with the increased sweetening by fermentation and the use of sugar and molasses mincemeat, though it kept is original name, moved from providing a main course to being a dessert. Today, raisins, currants basics in the ancient recipes, apples, orange and lemon zest/ rind, all finely chopped and lemon juice along with brandy and/or rum are still essential ingredients and some cooks include minced dried apricots.

In "The James Beard Cookbook," popular American cook, James Beard, advises us buy the finest prepared mince (meat) available that costs just over \$10 at supermarkets in our area, and doctor it up with 1 or 2 extra apples, peeled and chopped, seeded raisins, and a 1/4 cup of cognac. Taste for seasoning and add spices if necessary. I always use an extra cup of mixed raisins sultanas, Thompson seedless and lexias. I also add a 1/2 cup of dried chopped cherries and for a Canadian touch 1/2 cup of cranberries – you could combine the cranberries with dried blueberries as well.

Beard says that mince pie should be served warm with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

By the by, although still popular mainly at Christmas here, in parts of the USA, especially New England, mincemeat pie is more popular than pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving!

Thursday, December 21, 2017 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - 27 "Hi-Ho the mincemeat that'll warms Christmas Day." us on our way,

(Apologies to the traditional English "Hi-Ho the mince treats this happy carol "Heigh-Ho the Holly.")



Lions spread cheer through Christmas Drive

Mary Buchanan is shown here receiving the annual Nobleton Lions Club donation for the Nobleton Christmas Drive from Lions Bob Phillips and Joe Tasca. In its 22nd year, the Christmas Drive is one of many community organizations supported by the Club's fundraising activities.

Hydro One delivers long-awaited redesigned electricity bill

Hydro One customers will start receiving a completely redesigned electricity bill. The new, easy to understand billing statement was developed using proven research and substantial direct feedback from thousands of customers.

"With over 14 million bills being mailed out each year, it is our greatest and sometimes only point of contact with our 1.3 million valued customers," said Ferio Pugliese, executive vice-president, Customer Care and Corporate Affairs, Hydro One. "Over the years our customers have told us that they find our old bill confusing and difficult to understand."

The new electricity statement is clear, easy to understand and features the most important information customers are seeking front and centre. It also focuses on the five most important questions our customers told us they want answers to: What do I owe?, when is it due?, how much electricity did I use?, how does it compare to my last bill?

"We have been working hard to deliver on what customers are looking for and it's only right that customers have a bill they can easily understand so they know how their electricity consumption is being spent," said Pugliese. "We also want to thank those customers who provided candid feedback as part of the process."

Hydro One is the first electricity service provider in Ontario to change billing statements for most of its customers. Hydro One advocated for the ability to change its electricity bill after learning that more than 40 per cent of customers found it confusing. In addition, questions related to understanding the statement account for approximately 38 per cent of calls into its Customer Contact Centre.



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