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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited Keswick last week, in support of York-Simcoe candidate Shaun Tanaka. They visited a local restaurant and manned the phones at the campaign office.

Justin Trudeau joins candidate in York-Simcoe

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joined by-election candidate Shaun Tanaka in York-Simcoe last week to visit local businesses and connect with members of the community.

"I'm happy to welcome Justin Trudeau to York-Simcoe and start important conversations about the priorities of our communities, including growing our vibrant local economy," said Shaun Tanaka. "While Andrew Scheer's Conservatives would only take us backwards, together, I look forward to growing our economy, strengthening our middle class, creating new well-paying jobs, and offering real help to families right here in York-Simcoe."

Tanaka is a community leader, educator, and mother who has been working hard to engage with families and communities across York-Simcoe. As the next MP Shaun will never stop working for the families of York-Simcoe, and ensure their voices are at the heart of every decision made in Ottawa.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, February 11, 2019
6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 25, 2019
6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
7 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Summer Students – various positions available
 - Summer Camp Positions (various) – closes Feb. 15
 - Summer Aquatics Positions (various) – closes Feb. 15
 - Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – closes Feb. 15
 - Parks Maintenance Worker (6-month contract) – closes Feb. 15
 - Parks Seasonal Work (seasonal) – closes Feb. 15
 - Parks Seasonal Worker – Afternoon Shift (seasonal) – closes Feb. 15
 - Crossing Guard (contract) – closes when filled
- Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.
Or visit on the following link
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

REMINDERS

Family Day office closure

King Township's Municipal Centre will be closed on Mon., Feb. 18 for Family Day. It will reopen at 8:30 am on Feb. 19. If you have an urgent matter on Feb. 18, please call 905-833-5321.

WATER BILLS



Due Date: February 13, 2019

WATER BILLS have now been mailed. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

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

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select **Water**, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567890).

Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD program is available for **Water & Sewer** accounts. The enrolment form is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD").

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS



1st Final Installment

Due Date: February 25, 2019

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Tax	Bill Payment Options
X	By pre-authorized bank withdrawal (PAD)
X	At most financial Institutions, including via personal on-line banking
X	By cheque

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

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select **Tax**, enter your 15 digit roll number with no decimal (i.e. 000123456780000)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
2019 - 2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers located at 2585 King Road, King City, ON

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
DRAFT 2019 – 2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

RE: Public Consultation Session (King City): **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**
Presentation to start at 7:15 p.m.
Location: King Township Municipal Centre - 2585 King Road, King City

The Township of King's preliminary assumptions, feedback received to date, context and strategic directions relating to the Draft 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan will be discussed at the first of two Public Consultation Sessions on Thursday, February 7, 2019. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate in discussion on matters relating to the DRAFT 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

RE: Public Consultation Session (Nobleton): **Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**
Presentation to start at 7:15 p.m.
Location: Dr. William Lacey Community Centre & Arena – 15 Old King Road, Nobleton

The Township of King's preliminary assumptions, feedback received to date, context and strategic directions relating to the Draft 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan will be discussed at the second of two Public Consultation Sessions on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate in discussion on matters relating to the DRAFT 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**
Draft – 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King Draft 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the February 25, 2019 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 2585 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 21, 2019.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the March 18, 2019 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 2585 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, March 14, 2019.

For further information regarding the 2019 Budget please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca

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Kathryn Moyle
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Nobleton Drainage Study Public Information Centre

What: This PIC is being held to present the Nobleton Drainage Study to the residents of King to get their comment and input. Staff will take this opportunity to provide the findings of the report as well as the options that can be considered in response to the report's findings.

Where: Dr. William Lacey Community Center and Arena, 15 Old King Rd., Nobleton

When: Thurs., Feb. 7, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Contact: John Vandenberg, Environmental Project Manager
Phone: 905-833-4059
Email: jvandenberg@king.ca



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Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors

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A representative from York Regional Police will be at all the meetings to provide information and answer questions on policing issues like how to protect your home or business from break-ins.

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Tuesday, February 5

Schomberg Library
77 Main St.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillor Bill Cober

Wednesday, March 20

Nobleton Library
8 Sheardown Dr.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillors David Boyd & Jakob Schneider

Thursday, April 4

Ansnerveidt Library
18997 Dufferin St.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillor Avia Eek

Tuesday, April 16

Township of King Municipal Centre
2585 King Rd.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillors Debbie Schaefer & Jordan Cescolini

Schomberg revitalization strategy okayed

By Mark Pavilons

Schomberg's revitalization has received the full backing of King council.

Councillors voted to approve, in principle, the strategy to implement the improvements as part of the village's face lift.

Armed with more than \$50,000 in provincial funding, the plan is to share the vision, hold community workshops and implement the 74 action items through 2019.

Jamie Smyth, King's economic development officer, provided an update to councillors at the Jan. 28 meeting.

The strategy embraces the vision statement: "Schomberg Main Street is the heart of a vibrant village that takes pride in its agricultural heritage. A walkable, picturesque destination for residents and tourists alike, Main Street has maintained its historic quality, while offering a mix of local services, unique shops, restaurants and beautifully preserved homes."

The goals of the strategy is to attract visitors and drive customers to Main Street businesses. Enhancing the physical appearance of the village will help in this regard, and even attract more businesses that fit in with Main Street's atmosphere.

The multi-faceted strategy includes improvements to Lion's Park, as well as improving parking and crosswalks.

The entire project comes with a price tag of roughly \$104,000. Provincial funding tops \$52,000; local partners will contribute \$7,250 and King Township will pitch in \$44,750 over a two-year period.

"For long-term success, vitality and village prosperity, Main Street Schomberg's historic commercial core needs a unique and strategic approach," staff noted. "Once realized, a revitalized Main Street will be a shining example of enhancing quality of life for residents, attracting visitors and shoppers, and a prosperous and sustainable local economy."

The operational programs and capital improvements will be under Smyth and the economic development department.

Smyth said they hope businesses, property owners and residents of Schomberg review and provide input on the draft Strategy and proposed



action items before the end of March. After that, staff will take the Strategy and Implementation plan to council for final endorsement in April and will be commencing implementation and execution of the action items as we enter the second year of the government-funded project.

A lot of work went into creating the strategy, including a residents' survey, business surveys and trade area analysis.

Schomberg benefits from many distinguishing physical features - an abundance of assets.

The river crosses Main Street in the business area and two businesses enjoy patios overlooking the river. Hopes are the river's role can be enhanced with some beautification, and the addition of plaques attesting to the rich history.

The Schomberg Fairgrounds are an important feature for the entire community. This space is adjacent to the river and is home to several major events each year. The space is perhaps underutilized and the Township wants to explore renting out the fairgrounds for more events and look into Trillium funding for some property enhancements.

The historic Community Hall but it needs physical improvements. There are opportunities to enhance the interior and use the hall for more events such as a farmers' market, etc.

There are plans to improve the sidewalks, add benches and decorative trash cans.

Parking has been singled out as one of the major issues in the core, but an analysis found there's ample parking, but it may not be convenient. There are some 164 spaces on Western Avenue, along with 140 on-street spots. There is also a Green P lot with 20 spaces be-

tween 203 Main Street and the post office.

The strategy has generated a lot of support in the community.

Tom Allen, president of the King Chamber of Commerce, noted there's a "synergy" between local events (think Fair, Street Gallery, Main Street Christmas) and the business community. Schomberg is already a destination, he observed, one that can be expanded and grown.

Charles Cooper, chair of the Schomberg Village Association, noted Schomberg is a "wonderful place to live," but it has some challenges and one of them is the state of the historic Main Street.

"Anytime someone talks about Schomberg, there's always a mention of its marvellous Main Street. Much is made of the fact that it is not on the highway and has therefore escaped the ravages of high-traffic. It's still a place where you can walk, live and visit shops. But right now there's a high risk of losing that Main Street to neglect. I believe that this initiative can help turn that around."

The strategy, Cooper said, is solidly built on the Four Points formula from Ontario's Rural Economic Development program. The four points include economic vitality, design, promotion, and strong organization.

People need a reason to come to Main Street, he said. Main streets in small villages all need a focus, and this plan can provide just that focus.

The SVA is, in part, "dedicated to improving life and Schomberg and the surrounding area."

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- Michael Connelly

Laughter is the very essence of humanity

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."

Victor Hugo

I think we could all use a pick-me-up as we endure the gloomy days of winter. Not a day goes by where I don't break down and laugh out loud. And that's a very good thing.

Who would rather cry than laugh from the belly?

A sense of humour is what separates us from lower life forms. But I swear my dogs have pulled some practical jokes on me in the past! By the same token, don't we laugh at the antics of our pets at least once per day? They're like kids in a candy store, free to express themselves with no limits, no bounds and no discretion! We can't figure out just what's going on in those tiny brains of theirs, but our family members have been brought to teary laughter by both Marley and Lola.

I firmly believe dolphins have a fine-tuned sense of humour because they laugh at us all the time.

Laughter identifies us as a species like nothing else. We may be among the select few intelligent creatures in the universe who can engage in knee-slapping, falling over, uncontrollable giggle fits. Mark Twain believed that laughter was a "really effective weapon."

I believe there's nothing sweeter and more uplifting than laughter. And modern medicine supports this.

One of the most recent studies on laughter shows that laughing with others releases endorphins in the brain, those feel-good chemicals, via opioid receptors.

Laughter fosters rigorous brain-region connectivity that kicks in when we hear a laugh, as our brains work to decipher what sort of communication is coming through.

A study showed that women laughed about 126% more than their male counterparts, while men seem to instigate laughter the most. Women typically



Mark Pavilons

rate a sense of humour as a top-three trait for a potential mate. If you can't be handsome, be hilarious, I say.

Laughter has an effect similar to antidepressants. Laughing activates the release of the neurotransmitter serotonin, the same brain chemical affected by the most common types of antidepressants, SSRIs. It's not clear from the research how long this effect sticks around, but the burst of brain activity laughing triggers is undoubtedly potent, at least for short periods of time.

Research has shown that laughter has an anti-inflammatory effect that protects blood vessels and heart muscles from the damaging effects of cardiovascular disease. How this happens isn't entirely understood, but it seems related to lessening the body's stress response, which is directly linked to increased inflammation. Regular, hearty laughter should probably be part of every heart disease prevention program.

Parents know full well the healing power of a kid's cackle. Hearing your children laughing and playing together like they actually love one another

is not only one of life's most cherished sounds, it's like a salve for the soul. It's the cheapest, cleanest resource on the planet!

We all have different things that make us laugh.

My wife and son really like slapstick humour and watching people trip and fall gives them the greatest pleasure! This ranks 8th on the list of top 10 things that make us laugh, released recently.

My boy child, like his mother, prefers slapstick humour and quite enjoys painful "fail" videos along the lines of The Three Stooges. Both of my charges got quite a chuckle when I cut into a hard-boiled egg that had just spent some time in the microwave. Trust me, don't try this at home!

My youngest tends to laugh at life's simple things. Whether it's a comment on one of her TV shows, funny pictures in a book or on AFV, her funny bone is very close to the surface.

I find it very interesting that even babies laugh and have a sense of humour, indicating it's inherent not learned behaviour. How can amusement be pre-programmed in our DNA? It must be deemed vital by the Creator, and subsequently boosted by evolution.

In my youth, I honed my rapier-sharp wit and espoused levity.

My Grade 5 principal didn't share my sense of humour when I was caught playing handball in the girls' bathroom. I told her it had to do with acoustics and wall structure, but that did not win her over. With my parents present, I was "rewarded" by a few whacks on the

back of the hand with a ruler. As I continued to snicker, my dad requested that I be whacked a few more times for good measure. Oh, how things have changed!

In high school, I was more apt to provide caustic responses than serious revelations. Being a good student, teachers put up with me, but my barbs seldom got me out of detention.

Being a "class clown" took hard work, convincing a rather tough crowd. Like any standup comedian, my material had to be fresh.

I tried standup once in college and believe me, it's much harder than it looks. Wearing a chicken costume, I thought I had a good shot, but mid-way through my "routine," my classmates literally carried me off stage.

I've since learned humour is merely finding the light-hearted aspects of life and society. It abounds all around us. Humans are the best source of jocularity in the universe.

Humour is also about tolerance and laughing at our shortcomings.

Humour won't save our planet, but it does make life a lot more palatable. We simply have to laugh in the face of danger, tragedy and sorrow. We need to poke fun at our plight.

Yes, the world presents us with plenty to frown about. Right next to a healthy diet is an ample helping of laughter to keep us fit and trim.

I welcome the laugh lines that come with old age. Bring them on!

"A day without laughter is a day wasted," according to the late Charlie Chaplin. How true it is.

Letter to the Editor

Lecce points out debt burden

My thanks to MPP Lecce for reminding us, in case we are not following the Auditor General reports throughout the year, that our economy has been and is being, seriously mismanaged on several levels. Seeing the provincial debt per person approximated to \$24,000 each, was very helpful.

I ask myself, "would I take on that amount of debt and its ensuing interest for years, personally, if I had a choice?" The answer for many people would be "no!" So the corollary should be, "would I let someone else plunge me into debt not of my making?" and you can imagine how emphatic that "no" would be.

It would be so helpful in addition to the figure for the Province (picture the Wynne Rubber Ducky splurge in Toronto Harbour as the totem for that), to have approximations for the debt incurred for each individual at the federal, regional and Local levels so that the full personal impact of spending can be seen.

So much of policy politically and financially is not fully understood and digested by many of us, as it is dealt with piecemeal in spin terms, but a figure of what it costs us individually is more apprehensible.

Acknowledging that infrastructure and other vital services demand expenditure, we may still feel justifiably anxious to learn how high the debt incurred in our name, falling on us and our children individually, will be. A table with the four levels represented might prove very mind-clearing.

Kathleen Adamson
Lloydtown



Brainteaser



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Last week's answer: A map has all those things.

King Township Trivia

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Results from last week's poll:
Are you fully prepared for winter weather?

a) Yes **82%**

b) No **18%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

For Valentine's Day, are you:

a) Going out
b) Staying in
c) Doing nothing

So go to the website and cast a vote!

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PUBLIC NOTICES



KING
Seeking nominations for
VOLUNTEER AWARDS
Closes Tuesday, March 12

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
Thursday, April 25, 2019

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Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards

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. Monday, March 11th, 2019**. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at www.king.ca, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Thursday, April 25th, 2019**.

Kathryn Moyle, Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk
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Date: Saturday, February 9
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Cold Creek Conservation Area *Visitors Centre
Fee: Free
Code: 370

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Fee: Free
Code: 179

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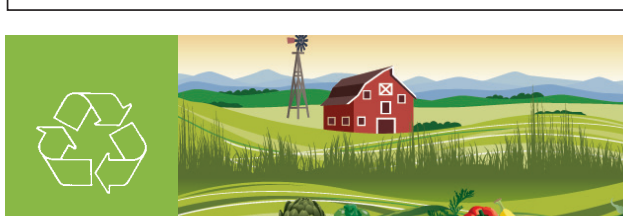
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- Drama part
- Bakery treat
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- Unlock, in verse
- Green
- Fever
- Milky gemstone
- Rose-colored
- Greek letter
- “___”: Warrior Princess”
- Gumbo ingredient
- Zig’s partner
- Certain bowler’s target
- Title of respect
- Tower or Coast
- Thus
- Property document
- Lab burner
- Fine
- Detect
- Sort of resort
- Earthen vessel
- Pertaining to a time period
- ___ leather
- Chorus syllable
- Cameo
- In the center of
- Conscious being
- As well
- Seed cover
- Scottish girl
- Overcame
- Chair cushion
- Oceanic movement
- Atop
- Unit of work
- Hi-fi
- Moniker
- Ratite bird
- “Look ___ ye leap”
- Minstrel’s item
- Jeer
- Flush
- Forewarning
- Period of repose
- Uniform color
- Draw the ___ (limit)
- Spot
- Nothing
- Still sleeping
- Blackthorn
- Soil-breaking tool
- “To Autumn,” e.g.
- Beak
- Antitoxins
- Slip up
- Teensy
- Makeshift bed
- Jerk
- Unit of radiation

DOWN

- Mountain crest
- Furnish food
- Pluck
- Hired car
- Meeting plan
- Move quickly
- Flirt
- Pitiful
- Maintenance
- Scratch
- Ordinary
- Ricelike pasta
- Bosc, e.g.
- Anxious
- Billiards game
- Imaginative thought
- Extensive
- Facial feature
- Office keyboard user
- Martial art
- Ski race
- Runt
- Soft wool
- Elaborately adorned
- Device for climbing
- Yield
- Hold in a condensed coating
- Chinese association
- Bugle serenade
- Bird at bat
- Horsemanship
- Smell strongly
- One billion years
- Medal of Honor winner
- Except
- Innate
- Food item
- Disorderly
- Clear sky
- Make a goal
- Heating unit
- Recognize
- Mask
- Toward shelter, nautically
- March 15
- Plumber’s problem
- Ghostly saying
- Pastoral setting

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Letter to the Editor

Preserving heritage is key

The following letter, to Stephen Naylor, Director of Planning, King Township, mayor and councillors.

to updated design guidelines (create policies?), so they are not simply to be considered, but are to be followed in specific heritage areas.

I am inspired to share some reflective thoughts and ideas from conversations regarding Schomberg’s Main Street and preserving the heritage buildings and the unique heritage feel of this main street, and significant heritage streetscapes in other King Township communities such as King City, Nobleton, Kettleby and Laskay.

The current sets of Village Design Guidelines completed in 2006 by Brook McIlroy are an excellent starting point, as these are very thoughtful guidelines informed by considerable community consultation and excellent examples from many other places. In doing a review and update, I can see a very dynamic, collaborative process involving King Township staff, council members, and representatives from various community organizations and businesses, plus other stakeholders including individual residents.

As many have recognized over the years, both the historic Main Street of Schomberg, and the heritage core of Kettleby would be great candidates for “heritage district designation.” However, I also know there have been past initiatives and one application of which I’m aware for heritage district designation in Schomberg and Kettleby, and I understand in both cases there were mixed views and comments from residents and business owners.

The updated Village Design Guidelines (policies) could provide clear direction and specific guidelines/policies for anyone who may either choose to upgrade and improve a heritage building (house) or to replace a heritage structure by following the updated guidelines (policies). While the removal of a unique heritage structure is a loss, the firm guidelines (policies) would help to meet the goal of maintaining the unique character of significant heritage streetscapes in King. I’ve seen some excellent examples of replacement structures which complement and harmonize with neighbouring heritage structures in several communities in southern Ontario, including York Region.

Today in 2019, I sense continued mixed views with both support and resistance to heritage district designation are likely present. Also, I understand from Mayor Pellegrini’s comments this evening that it can be a lengthy and costly process. However, I’m wondering if King Township could develop an effective strategy to preserve both the heritage structures present on historically significant streets in King Township and the unique heritage character of each one.

I can see where updated Village Design Guidelines (policies) would need to provide enough latitude, so as not to be too restrictive, but still ensure that a replacement structure complements and enhances the neighbouring heritage structures and streetscape.

I do recognize the important role of the King Heritage Advisory Committee and the possibility of heritage designation of specific structures and properties, plus opportunities with CIP grants What I am thinking:

Just thinking a little further, I can see where exterior materials and colours, rooflines, window design, entrances including porches or verandahs, and appropriate scale would all be included in the design guidelines (policies). Of course walkways, landscaping and spacing of structures relative to existing heritage structures would all be part of the design plan, too.

(a) Provide incentives and possible financial support for property owners to maintain and upgrade buildings and properties in need of repair and improvement. This would be based on King Township identifying significant heritage areas as very valuable to the identify of King and also for the greater public interest in the context of southern Ontario and preserving intact early streetscapes that are alive and working with residents living there and with active businesses – a truly working landscape, different from Pioneer Village or similar site where historic structures have been gathered. Specific heritage areas would need to be identified. I’m confident the King Heritage Advisory Committee could play an important role.

I hope to complete some further research on effective use of “design guidelines” in other municipalities and collect photographs of recognized positive examples. I welcome tips and direction on this, and would also welcome an opportunity to talk in person.

(b) Revisit and update King’s three Village Design Guidelines. Jamie Smythe suggested this idea in a conversation, and I wholeheartedly agree. A very important goal of a review and update would be to give more strength

Please let me know, if a thoughtful review and update on King’s Village Design Guidelines could become part of the agenda for King Township Planning in the coming year or two, and if creating a planning framework that would give more strength to design guidelines is a possibility.

J. Bruce Craig

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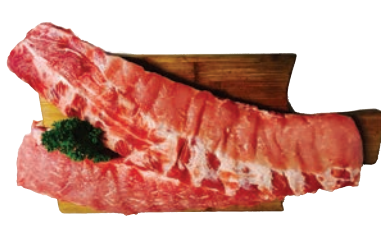
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King Township is pleased to announce it is one of only two Canadian municipalities currently – and the first in Ontario – to earn a national professional accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The following three departments applied for and were granted the accreditation: Engineering, Public Works and Building; Planning; and Parks, Recreation and Culture.

The APWA's accreditation program is a self-motivated process that provides public works agencies with a way to compare their policies, procedures, and practices with those identified by nationally recognized public works experts. During October 2018 a team from APWA visited King for a three-day on-site evaluation. After the evaluation period was over King was found to be compliant in all 446 practices applicable to King.

"This is incredibly good news," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "It shows that our staff members are operating at the highest levels of their professions, going well beyond the standard requirements. For us to be only the second municipality in all of Canada to currently have the accreditation demonstrates

how fortunate King is to have such dedicated professionals serving the community."

Andrzej Drzewiecki, director of the Engineering, Public Works and Building division, said staff members from all departments took part in the accreditation process.

"The self-assessment process required significant input from a large number of the King team members, not only the representatives of the involved departments, but also all department heads and our CAO," Drzewiecki said. "I wish to congratulate and thank all involved in the process for their time and effort – it has been a great team building exercise. We hope that other Canadian municipalities will become involved in the accreditation process."

The APWA Accreditation program recognizes governmental agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. On a daily basis, accredited agencies meet or exceed standards of performance in areas such as road and bridge repair and maintenance, engineering and construction services, building and grounds maintenance, utility coordination and vehicle maintenance.

The Engineering, Public Works and Building department provides high-quality, cost-effective municipal services to customers and successfully manages and maintains Township-owned infrastructure, facilities and equipment.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture department creates opportunities for building positive relationships, learning and personal growth through provisions of parks, recreation and cultural programs, services and facilities.

The Planning department is responsible for land use planning and development in King Township. It also develops policy and zoning regulations for the Township as a whole and its settlement areas of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

For more information about APWA Accreditation, visit <http://bit.ly/20twhlj>.



SVA is totally on board with plan

From Page 3

Every the SVA presents Schomberg's A Main Street Christmas celebration, and work with other like-minded community groups to sponsor and support other activities in the town.

"When we were approached to support this initiative, we signed on board immediately," he said. "We believe that a vital Main Street in Schomberg is key to Schomberg remaining special. And for the Village Association It's truly a case of 'putting our money where our mouth is.' Each of the community groups donated a sum of money to the program as part of the application to the province's program."

He pointed out the SVA has donated \$5,000 over two years to this initiative. "We believe that this is an important program, and it has the best chance of reinvigorating Main Street."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said this is a model that could be repeated in Nobleton and King City.

"All parties invested both financial and sweat equity into this initiative," he said. "I am extremely supportive of this important initiative and thankful for everyone's efforts and contributions."

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Expert confirms authorities key in reducing climate change

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's AGM was abuzz after guest speaker, climate change expert, Dr. Blair Feltmate's talk about the increasing burden on homeowners and municipalities as a result of climate change impacts.

"The Authority has been studying the impacts of climate change for years," said Mike Walters, LSRCA's CAO. "We already play a pivotal role in preventing catastrophic damage and loss from flooding by controlling development in floodplains, but that's only a part of what we do. We're also building resilience through the protection of natural heritage features, restoration projects, and promoting low impact development, so that when floods and other extreme weather strikes, our communities are better able to cope. Dr. Feltmate's emphasis on maintaining green infrastructure to support resilience aligns perfectly with the work we've been doing and supports the need for us to continue in that direction."

Feltmate, an associate professor and Head of the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation at the University of Waterloo, is actively working with government and industry to develop standards to increase resilience to climate change impacts. His research validates and encourages LSRCA and conservation authorities across Ontario to continue focusing efforts on strategies to adapt to our changing climate and to mitigate the negative impacts.

New board members were also welcomed and elections for a new chair and vice chair took place. York Region Chair, Wayne Emmerson, was elected to the position of LSRCA board chair, and Oro-Medonte councillor, Scott Macpherson, was elected to the role of vice-chair.



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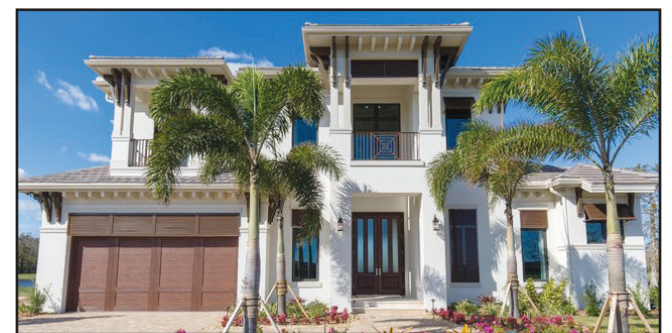
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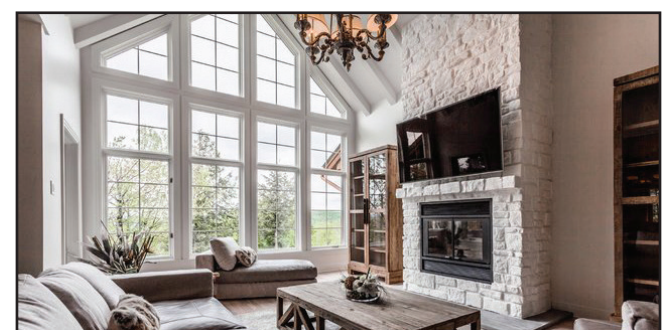
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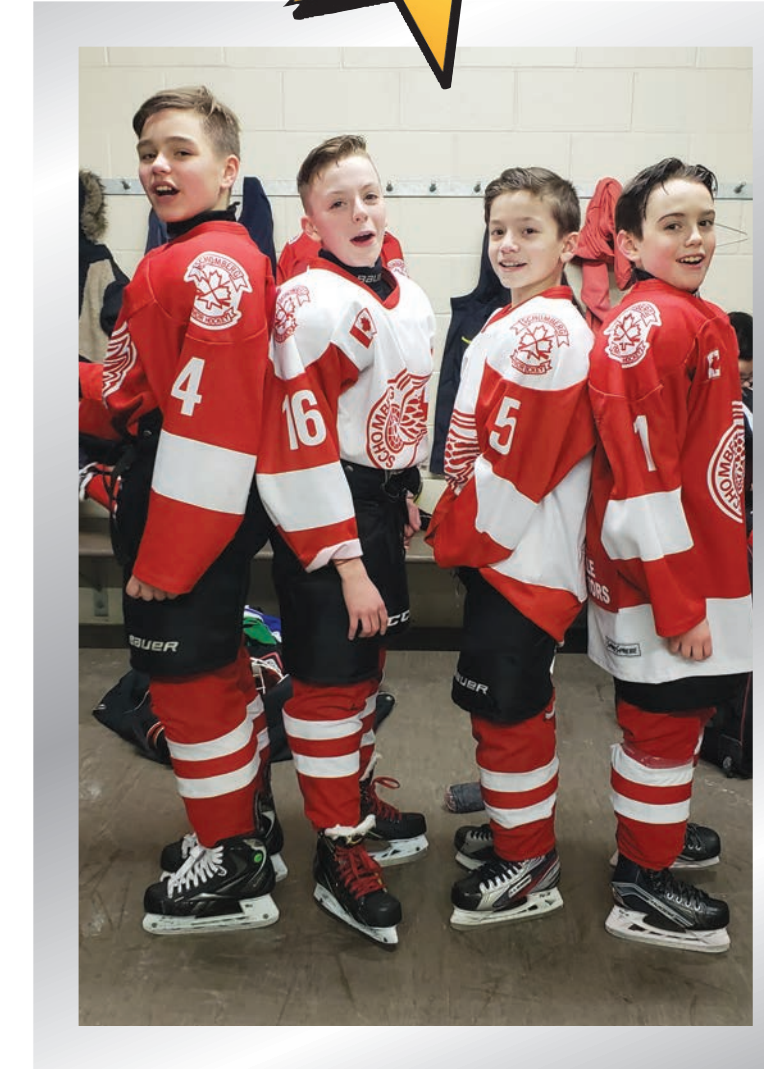
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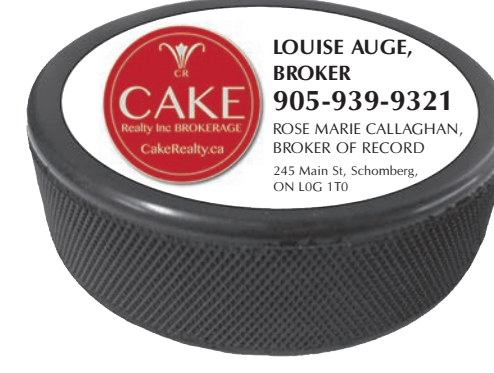
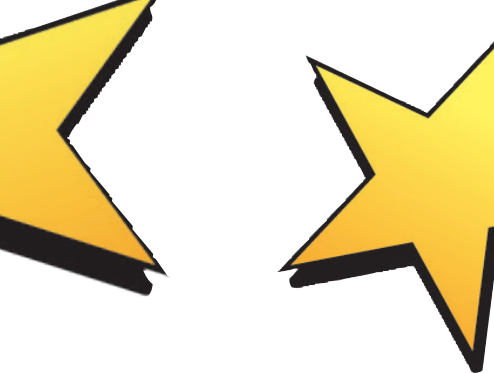
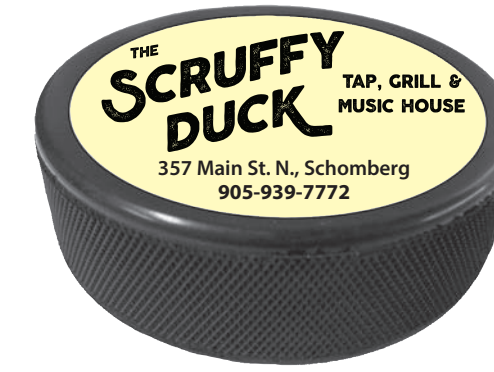
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Arts & Entertainment

Shepards to attend CDS play, 'The Laramie Project'

Twenty years ago this past fall, on the evening of Oct 6, 1998, openly gay university student Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, viciously beaten and left to die, tied to a fence on the starry outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming.

In the aftermath of what became known as one of the most infamous hate crimes in modern American history, the close-knit citizens of Laramie were left to confront and investigate the brutality of the crime, its roots in hate and intolerance, and the possibility of the community's own culpability under intense and unsparing national and international media scrutiny.

Over the course of 18 months following Matthew Shepard's murder, members of the Tectonic Theatre Project would travel to Laramie and conduct more than 200 interviews with its residents in an attempt to construct a complex and deeply moving theatrical account of a community's attempt to make sense of the unthinkable and reconcile the unimaginable.

The result was The Laramie Project, a landmark theatrical work hailed by The New York Times as one of the "25 Best Plays Since 'Angels in America.'" In it, an ensemble of actors brings to life over 60 different residents of Laramie who, in words painstakingly culled from interviews, transcripts and journal entries, recount their heart-breaking journey.

Always topical, The Laramie Project's call, not just to tolerance, but to acceptance, seems more compelling than ever in a world beset by cruelty, indifference, obstinate prejudice. As audience members travel with the ac-

tors over the course of the production, it becomes clear that the community they begin to recognize is their own, and in that recognition comes the realization that the time for positive change is the urgent responsibility of all.

The Country Day School and its senior acting ensemble have the unparalleled honour of hosting Matthew's parents, Dennis and Judy, during the run of the production. It also has the great pleasure of inviting the surrounding community to share in a once in a lifetime experience by attending a performance and post-production talk back during which Dennis and Judy will reflect on Matthew, the meaning of his death and life and the more accepting world we all hope to build.

The special closing gala performance in Dennis, Judy and Matthew's honour will take place on Saturday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Matthew Shepard Foundation in support of its mission to "Erase Hate."

Please come and join us to engage, reflect and be inspired in the company of Dennis and Judy, and in the spirit of their son, Matt, whose short life, though lost, has helped others find their voice.

Performances are Thursday, Feb. 28 and Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m. with a special gala performance raising funds for the Matthew Shepard Foundation and talk back with Dennis and Judy Shepard on Saturday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Country Day School's Performing Arts Centre Theatre, 13415 Dufferin Street, King. Tickets are \$15 and available at www.cds.on.ca/events.



Dennis and Judy Shepard, parents of the late Matthew Shepard, will be on hand at The Country Day School for a landmark performance of the critically acclaimed play, "The Laramie Project."

Make Your Pitch competition returns

Presented by Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) and the Government of Ontario, the Young Entrepreneurs, Make Your Pitch competition is returning for another year. This competition invites high school students in Ontario to pitch their business ideas in a two-minute video. The videos are then judged through online public voting and expert judges' scores.

In 2018, over 200 students entered the Young Entrepreneurs, Make Your Pitch competition. The video submission period for this year's competition is currently open and all high school students in Ontario are encouraged to participate. The video submission period closes on March 22.

Twenty finalists will be chosen and awarded a trip to OCE's award-winning Discovery innovation conference and trade show taking place in Toronto on May 13-14. Finalists will attend a one-day entrepreneurship boot camp at OCE's offices to hone their skills and prepare their pitch. They will then pitch their ideas at the conference in front of a live audience and a panel of judges from the innovation and entrepreneurship community.

The judges will select six winners, with each being awarded entry into Ontario's Summer Company program to help them develop and grow their business ideas, along with additional awards.

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Beric (12, left) and Raffaele Dengler (15) gave up their birthday gifts this year, opting to help the King Township Food Bank.

Brothers help King Food Bank

By Mark Pavilons

Two King brothers are paying in forward, literally.

Raffaele and Beric Denlger celebrated their birthdays in January. Instead of receiving presents, they chose to request donations to the King Township Food Bank with a special on line donation page on the KTFB website. Through the donation service, Canada Helps, upwards of \$1,000 has been raised for the Food Bank.

Kudos to Beric and Raffaele for their generous initiative to help those struggling with difficult times.

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Simpson joins board of King Township Food Bank

By Mark Pavilons

A celebrated volunteer has joined the board of the King Township Food Bank.

Geoff Simpson, having volunteered for the Food Bank in an administrative capacity, is now a director. For the past two years, Geoff has been of enormous service to the Food Bank, revamping the website and taking on the task of webmaster, making regular posts and also suggesting and implementing improvements to all aspects of web interface.

"We are delighted that Geoff is making time to become a director," said Carol Ann Trabert, president. "He brings to the board important professional expertise that will help in decision

making. In addition, the Food Bank is fortunate to have such a distinguished volunteer among its directors."

Geoff's services include digital marketing, including website design and development, and helping people use their available technology more effectively through patient and helpful personal troubleshooting, support and training. For more information visit econfidence.net, or call 416-997-3159. Geoff welcomes the opportunity to work with more local businesses and individuals to help them use technology more effectively to achieve their goals.

Simpson has volunteered with Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) and Arts Society King (ASK) in leadership roles over many years,

continuing a life-long commitment to volunteering that stretches back to the years before he moved to King. He received the prestigious Governor General of Canada's Sovereign Medal for Volunteers in 2018 in recognition of his 14+ years of volunteer service to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg. Simpson has served in many capacities, including fundraising and public engagement for the renowned gallery.

In addition, Geoff Simpson's sense of community engagement led him to run for the Ward 3 council seat in last fall's municipal election.

The King Township Food Bank is a totally volunteer organization that assists with food needs for about 200 residents of King Township by offering a week of non-perishable groceries, cards, fresh produce and pet kibble on the third Saturday of every month. It exists only because of the generosity of the community of donors, sponsors and volunteers who have been making it happen since 2005. visit www.ktffb.ca for more information.



Award-winning artist at Gallery

Meet Josephine Sherman.

Josephine is one of the 8 artists who have unique art work on display at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe on Main Street in Schomberg.

Josephine Sherman is an award-winning artist and art teacher. Her favourite medium to paint with is watercolour because of the way it reflects light and the way that the colours flow into each other when painting on wet paper. The beginning stages of a watercolour painting are exciting as that is when the watercolour literally "paints itself."

Josephine enjoys painting "en plein air." Plein air painting is about leaving the four walls of your studio behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the landscape. Josephine is inspired by the natural beauty of nature. Her artist statement reflects this strong connection: "My inspiration comes from nature and from being a part of the natural world; just as the tree stands and sways in the breeze, so do I. Feeling the force of nature, sometimes gentle, other times strong and powerful, I am aware of being a part of something bigger and beyond."

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. Enjoy shopping locally and shop at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe on Main Street in Schomberg. You will discover one of a kind pieces of art including jewellery, paintings, scarves, greeting cards, wood turned bowls and vases as well as small tables and stools. The Olde Mill Gallery & Shoppe values and supports our local artists. Do come in and enjoy the beauty on the walls and the displays in the Gallery at 357 Main Street. It's open Thursdays to Sundays 12 to 6 p.m.

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Minister Mary Ng meets with small business owners

By Anna Cianni

Small and medium-sized businesses are the focus of the government's latest tax cut to increase Canada's economy. MP Deb Schulte invited MP Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business and Export Promotion, to Vaughan City Hall to explain the Government of Canada's plans for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs).

The Canadian government recently launched some money-saving initiatives that should allow SMEs across the country to become more productive and competitive. MP Mary Ng represents the Markham-Thornhill area and is also the minister of small business and export promotion. On Jan. 25, she answered questions at the town hall meeting from local business representatives about tax cuts, trade deals, and how SMEs will be able to be more competitive than ever before on a global scale.

According to Ng, SMEs account for the vast majority of businesses in Canada – 99.8%. That would mean these 1.1 million SMEs employ 90% of the private sector workforce (10.7 million Canadians), and are responsible for 52% of Canadian GDP generated by private sector businesses. Investing in SMEs would mean investing in hardworking Canadians.

On Jan. 1, the government lowered the small business tax rate to nine per cent, down from 10 per cent in January 2018. This tax cut could potentially put \$7,500 back into Canadian small business owners' pockets annually, and is the lowest small business tax rate of all G7 countries.

In addition, the government is also working to help small businesses start up, scale up, and access new markets

globally. Ng said the government plans to help SMEs expand into new markets abroad – reaching over 1 billion new customers – by promoting export through the negotiation and implementation of free trade agreements such as the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Ng not only explained how these new changes will help local businesses, but also promoted a variety of resources where small business owners can go to for help in taking full advantage of these changes. To help SMEs find funding, advice, and information, the government launched a program called, Innovation Canada. Innovation Canada is an online fill-in-the-blank tool that helps business owners find programs and services for their specific needs.

Tom Allen, president of King Chamber of Commerce, brought up a concern about struggling to access to high speed internet in many areas of King Township. Allen said the success of many small businesses is hindered by lack of reliable, fast internet access. Ng thanked him for bringing up the issue and replied: "This is why we have these meetings, so we can learn what the issues are and what needs to be improved."

"It is great to see the Minister listening to the needs of a small rural community," said Allen. "By combining with the larger Vaughan community, the Minister will see many issues are common between an urban and rural setting, however a few significant ones differ."

Ng said the government is also un-



Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business and Export Promotion, recently addressed small business owners at a "town hall" discussion. The event was put together by King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte.

dertaking steps to reduce red tape through the Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act (Bill 66). This would make it easier for small businesses to purchase land, but could also have a negative environmental impact.

Just a few weeks ago, Vaughan's council said it does not support Ontario's current draft of Bill 66 due to environmental concerns about protecting clean water. Bill 66 would make sweeping changes to legislation that the government says will reduce bureaucracy and red tape, which could allow businesses to buy and use land that had previously been protected. Many residents in Vaughan and the surrounding areas have voiced concerns about the potential threat of what Bill 66 could mean for the Greenbelt, the Oak Ridges Moraine, Headwaters, and other government-protected areas.

On Jan. 17, Schulte urged Vaughan councillors to "send a strong message"

and to keep a "unified" front against Bill 66. However, she still supports success for local businesses. At the town hall, Schulte said: "The small business community in King and Vaughan is the backbone of our local economy, and this town hall provided an excellent opportunity for small business leaders to share their concerns and hear how the Government of Canada can be a strong partner in their success."

This town hall was hosted in conjunction with the King and Vaughan Chambers of Commerce to provide an important opportunity for small business representatives to share their concerns, and for the Government of Canada to showcase its commitment to supporting local small businesses. Representing their areas at the meeting was MP Francesco Sorbara from Vaughan-Woodbridge, MP Majid Jowhari from Richmond Hill, and MP Deb Schulte from King-Vaughan.

Geurts represents PPC in York-Simcoe

By Mark Pavilonis

An accomplished lawyer wants to represent the "abandoned" in York-Simcoe. Robert Geurts, representing the recently formed People's Party of Canada, is offering voters an alternative in the upcoming byelection for the seat left vacant by retiring MP Peter Van Loan.

"Who are we? We are the abandoned, the betrayed; but through the People's Party of Canada we are no longer the expendable, disposable, taxable drones," Geurts said of the party.

Maxime Bernier created the PPC to liberate Canadians from the bottom up. "No longer will Canada be governed by dictatorial majorities, but it will be governed by the millennial genius of the people through their own creative solution revolution."

"The truth is people need to know that on the core issues. The Liberals and the Conservatives offer pretty much the same old policies: corporate welfare, support for the dairy cartel and support for mass migration. We deserve better."

The People's Party of Canada was launched by Bernier on Sept. 14, 2018, and was officially recognized by Elections Canada on Jan. 18, 2019.

Bernier, an accomplished MP, left the Conservative Party of Canada in August 2018 to sit as an independent MP and announced the launch of a new party.

"I am truly proud to represent the People's Party. Maxime Bernier has shown courage and is championing greater fairness for all. He is defending the middle class as we fight the decline of the average Canadian's buying power. His leadership should inspire all Canadians," added Geurts.

"The people of York-Simcoe never saw the benefits of real reform from Peter Van Loan or from the Conservative and Liberals governments during the past 14 years. Both were more interested in distributing corporate welfare and serving special interest groups such as the dairy cartel instead of the moms and dads in York-Simcoe."

Geurts began his long and distinguished legal career as a senior criminal prosecuting attorney for the Attorney General of Ontario. Since 2001 he has been a successful trial defense lawyer within the Ontario Bar. He has put criminals behind bars as well as defended their innocence. This has given him unique perspectives into how to defend your best interests when it is you who are the accused.

Geurts is a recognized expert in his field, having lectured and taught widely on various subjects related to criminal law. During his 20-year career, he has been an instructor for the Ontario Bar Admissions Program, and a University lecturer in criminal law within the Justice Studies Program at Ryerson University.



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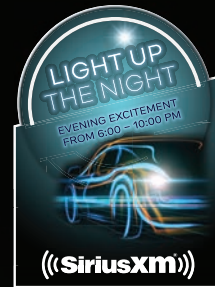


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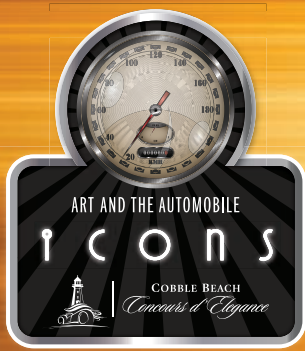


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MPP Lecce backs plan to lower tuition

Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, along with MPP Stephen Lecce, announced that for the first time in Ontario's history, students at every publicly-assisted college and university will see their tuition rates go down by 10 per cent. The tuition rate reduction is the latest step in the Ontario Government's plan to keep more money in the pockets of students and families.

"We believe that if you've got the grades, you deserve access to an affordable postsecondary education," said Minister Fullerton. "By lowering tuition across the entire province, our government is ensuring that all qualified Ontario students will have more affordable access to high quality skills, training, and education."

"For the first time in Ontario's history, our government is lowering tuition fees for all students by 10%. This means we are putting money back into the pockets of hardworking students and their families," said MPP for King-Vaughan Stephen Lecce. "Students across Vaughan and King

Township will benefit from a reduction in tuition fees ranging on average between \$330 to upwards of \$1,000 depending on their program, whether they attend Seneca College in King, commute locally to York University, or study away from home at any other publicly-assisted college and university in Ontario."

As part of its overall reform of post-secondary education affordability, Minister Fullerton also announced that the Government will be refocussing the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) to ensure it remains sustainable and viable for future students while directing a greater proportion of OSAP funding to families with the greatest financial need.

"The previous government believed in handing out OSAP money to some of Ontario's highest income earners with virtually no meaningful criteria for success," said Minister Fullerton. "It is no surprise that student enrolment has remained flat while tuition rates skyrocketed. Instead of using OSAP to indirectly subsidize future rounds of tuition hikes, we will focus our resources on the families in greatest need while challenging our partners in the post-secondary sector to deliver better value for the high tuitions they already charge."

Minister Fullerton also announced a Student Choice Initiative, giving every student in Ontario the freedom to choose which student fees they want to pay, and how that money will be allocated. Fees for essential health and safety initiatives will continue to be mandatory.

Student fees in Ontario can range as high as \$2,000 per year and, too often, force students to pay for services they do not use and for organizations they

do not support. The opt-out initiative will ensure students have transparency and freedom of choice regarding the campus services and organizations which get access to their money.

Reducing tuition and increasing the affordability of college and university is part of the government's plan to help people get the training they need to get good paying jobs.

"We are making postsecondary education more affordable in Vaughan and King Township through these historic reforms, refocussing supports to our students and families who need it most," said Lecce. "These changes will help set up the next generation for professional success without the financial burden, giving more of our students opportunities to find a job and build a career right here in Ontario."

- The government's historic tuition reduction for 2019-20 represents the first time Ontario student tuition has decreased across all funding-eligible programs.

- Average university tuition in Ontario has increased significantly since the mid-1990s and is currently the highest in any Canadian province.

- A student attending Seneca College - King Campus enrolled in a nursing degree program would see a \$680 reduction in their 2019-20 academic year tuition.

- An arts and science undergraduate student at York University would see a reduction of \$700.

The Auditor General recently tabled a report highlighting concerns with the way OSAP was administered, as well as drastic overspending. The report concluded that despite the previous government's excessive spending, OSAP did not result in proportionately higher enrolment.

Province seeking input on auto insurance

By Mark Pavilons

The Ontario government is inviting drivers and consumers to share their views on how to lower the province's auto insurance rates as part of its commitment to making life more affordable.

"The previous government's failed system of stretch goals on auto insurance is clearly broken. Auto insurance rates in Ontario are among the highest in the country, and action is needed," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance. "We want to hear directly from you on how to improve the system."

Consumers and businesses are invited to share their views by visiting <https://www.ontario.ca/form/survey-making-auto-insurance-more-accessible-and-affordable-ontario> and by providing input no later than Feb. 15.

The Putting Drivers First consultation will coincide with a review of Ontario's auto insurance rate regulation system, jointly conducted by the Ministry of Finance and the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario, as mentioned in the 2018 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. The review will examine practices in other jurisdictions and identify opportunities to achieve greater efficiencies and introduce more competition in the system.

The consultation represents the latest step to get auto insurance costs under control in Ontario. In addition to meeting with auto insurance stakeholders to get ideas on ways to modernize the system by cutting red tape, Ontario is:

- Working with the MPP for Milton, Parm Gill, on his proposed legislation that, if passed, would eliminate the unfair practice of discriminating against drivers simply based on where they live.

- Creating a regulatory framework that allows for a more modern auto insurance sector, including electronic communications, and electronic proof of auto insurance.

- Moving toward full electronic commerce, similar to what is already provided by other financial institutions today, including banks and credit unions.

"Lower auto insurance rates mean we can put more money back into the pockets of taxpayers. The Ontario government, working for the people, is keeping its promise to put drivers first by seeking their input, finding greater efficiencies and introducing more innovation in the system," Minister Fedeli added.

Drivers are required by law to have auto insurance coverage, and have the right to fair treatment by their insurer, including timely handling of claims and the ability to file a complaint if necessary.

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Ken Orr, of King-based Orr and Associates, said the government controls policy, benefits and premiums and it has been investigated many times over the last 10 years.

"It would be great if someone would follow through with improvements and corrections after they hear directly from stakeholders on how to improve the system," he said.

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Catching a glimpse of the Gemini Twins in the cosmos

By Gary Boyle
The Backyard Astronomer

Castor and Pollux are bright stars belonging to the constellation Gemini and are part of the dozen bright stars that light up the winter sky. They represent the heads of the twin which were actually half brothers as stated in mythology. Located 34 light years away, Pollux is a magnitude 1.14 orange coloured star. It has a diameter of 9 or 10 times that of our Sun with a surface temperature of 5,000 C and cooler than our Sun's 5,600 C.

This star seems to have an outer corona comparable to our Sun. The exoplanet Pollux b resides 1.6 astronomical units from the parent star and takes 1.6 years to complete a circular orbit.

To the upper right of Pollux we find Castor. This white coloured spectral class A1 star shines at magni-

tude 1.58 and is located 52 light years from us. With a surface temperate about twice that of Pollux, Castor is a collection of three pairs of stars in a very unique dance.

A telescope will show Castor's close companion with both components Castor A & B are themselves doubles and possess a mysterious third double companion. Although components A & B orbit each other in 445 years, component C orbits A & B every 14,000 years.

One of the best examples of an open cluster is M35. Found near Castor's foot, this group of 200 stars glows at magnitude 5.2 and is a fantastic object in binoculars. When viewed with a telescope, the tiny cluster NGC 2158 is now revealed. M35 is located 2,800 light years away while smaller NGC 2158 is four times farther from us.

The brilliant duo of planets Venus and Jupiter continues as Venus



(brighter and left side of the two) keeps sinking to the south-eastern horizon on its way to rounding the sun in its orbit. Venus passes the planet Saturn on the morning of the 18th. Jupiter on the other hand is steadily climbing higher and rises after 2 a.m. on February 28. Mars is still visible low in the western sky after dark moving from Aries to Taurus and is much fainter than its summer time show. It passes one degree north of the planet Uranus on Feb. 13. Clear skies.

Known as "The Backyard Astronomer," Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. He has been interviewed on more than 50 Canadian radio stations and local Ottawa TV. In recognition of his public outreach in astronomy, the International Astronomical Union has honoured him with the naming of Asteroid (22406) Garyboyle. Follow him on Twitter: @astroeducator or his website: www.wondersofastronomy.com



Lions boost Epilepsy York

Leslie Davidson, of Epilepsy York Region, described the work of the volunteers and current challenges of the Epilepsy Society of York Region at the Jan. 7 meeting of the Nobleton Lions Club. Here, she receives a donation from President Earl Groombridge to support the society's work in our area.

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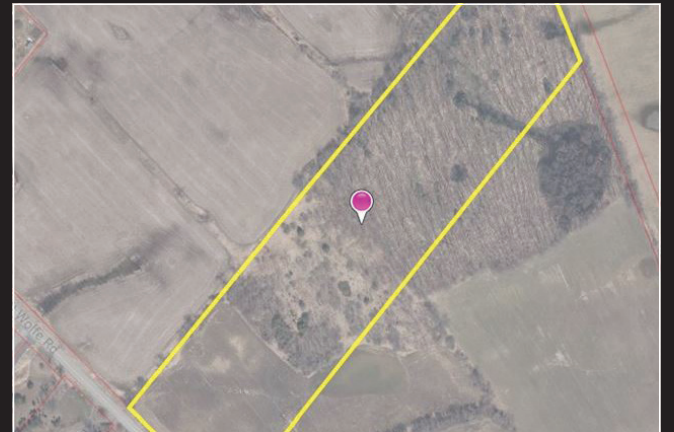
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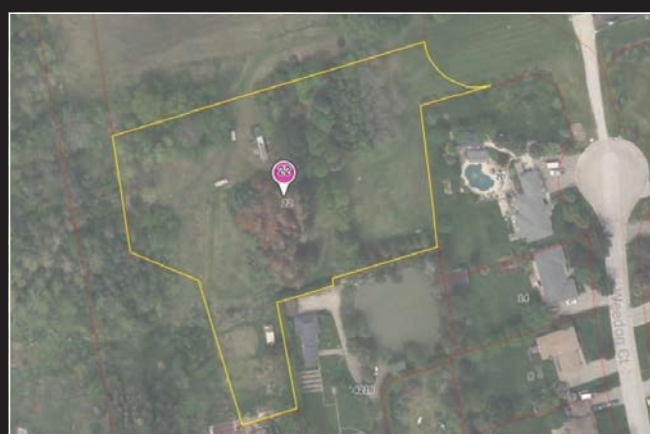
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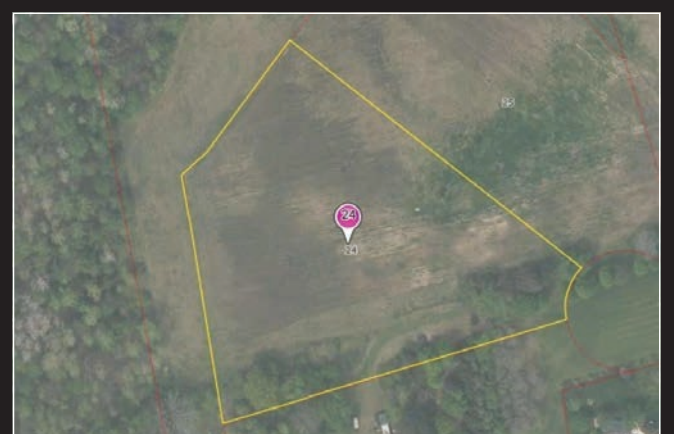
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Nobleton's novice Knights strike gold again

The celebrating from winning the Hockey Moms of Delhi tournament hasn't even settled down yet and the novice Knights were at it again. It was just a short while ago that this novice Nobleking team raised their arms in celebrations after winning gold in their first tournament of the year, and just a short 6 days later, they were headed up to the town of Wasaga, to compete in another battle.

Exhausted from the hard fought victory, bodies still sore from the physical checking, the boys had to get all their energy back in a hurry as they had to get right back at it. One short practice of preparation between games and it was on the ice for game one. The Knights round robin draws were, the town of ESSA, and the town of Muskoka, who were tagged as the number 2 favorite, behind the hometown Wasaga stars.

It was another early riser, and both team were off to a sluggish start. Lots of early whistles kept the pace down and not allowing either team to gain momentum. At the 8:34 mark of the first period the excitement began, Daniel Pathan had buried a rebound on a shot from the point to give the Knights the early lead, and the momentum started to build. Not even a minute later, Marco Tucciarone gets sent in alone with a pass from CJ Rotiroti and makes it 2-0.

Both teams exchanged goals in the 2nd, Xavier Manzerra found the score-sheet once again. With the score sitting at 3-1 for the visitors, ESSA scores, to make it a 1-goal game and setting up for an exciting finish. With time winding down, the Knights had iced the game with their 4th goal and go on to win their opening round game.

The buzz is now in the air, could this novice team from King do it again. The boys seemed to think so. They came out of the gates roaring for game 2, and exploded for 3 goals in the 1st period. Nicolas Mbermberakis, Joseph Cerqua and Luigi Gerardi give the Knights the big early lead. Muskoka, however, did not go quietly into thy night, they scored 4 unanswered goals in the 2nd to tie the game at 4. And with time winding down in the period, Muskoka had scored another, ending the 2nd period up 5-4.

The boys of NobleKing were behind for the first time, their heads hanging heavy, staring at the ground, glossy sadness in their eyes, they needed some inspiration. And that's what they got. Head coach Chris Gerardi, assistant coach Orin Delvecchio, and trainers, Carlo Manzerra and Danny Tomada, started to feed the positive energy into the boys and remind them that there is still a 3rd period to play and to make sure it isn't the last peri-



The NobleKing novice Knights struck gold for a second time, at the Wasaga tournament. The team was hot off a gold medal win at the previous Hockey Moms of Delhi tournament.

od of the tournament for them. They drew up the game plan, made their necessary changes, and told them to bring it home. Once again, with a short bench, as, Taran Steed and Stefan Niro unable to make the trip, the boys needed to find some secondary scoring if they were going to pull this one out.

They found it in a big way, with one of his best games of the year, narrowly missing 2 earlier opportunities, he made this one count. Michael Racco had tied the game at 5 mid-way through the 3rd. The boys were energized once again, with the crowd fully behind them, Julian Tomada found his winger in the slot, with the goalie out to challenge, Xavier unbelievably flipped the puck over him and into the top corner. "The Knights have the lead, the Knights have the lead," screamed out the announcer. With the cheering not even finished, the Knights scored another to win 7-5.

It was on to face the hometown boys

of Wasaga, who have a high scoring offence and strong goaltending. But so do the Knights.

With the defence, getting all the ice time they can handle, they came to shut down these scoring stars. Joshua Delvecchio, Luca Mignardi, Patrick Filippo (with his little brother David cheering them on), and Christian Volpe must have had a game plan which obviously included their star goaltender, Luke Difonzo, because together, they shut this Wasaga team down, earning Luke a shutout. The offence had a little to do with it, scoring a whopping 7 goals. One of the Knight players who wasn't able to attend their last tournament gold, wanted to make sure he contributed. And that he did, in a big way. Roman Tarantino had scored 3 of those goals, while earning him player of the game.

This NobleKing team is starting to make it look a little too easy, after capturing gold in back to back tournaments.

Cougars draw first-place Stayner in PJHL first round

By Jake Courtepatte

Break out the noisemakers: the Schomberg Cougars are headed back to the Provincial Junior Hockey League playoffs.

Schedules were officially announced on Monday for the PJHL first round, after the regular season wrapped up on Sunday around the league.

A Stayner Siskins overtime win over the Alliston Hornets on Saturday night set in motion an opening round seven-game series between the Cougars and Siskins, the top-ranked team in the eight-team Carruthers division.

Schomberg wrapped up their regular season on Friday with a 7-2 loss at the hands of the Penetang Kings, though they will be hoping to regain the momentum that brought them to an impressive 4-4 tie with the powerhouse Hornets in their penultimate game on the schedule.

Down by a score of 3-1 after the first period, the Cougars Owen Heilemann notched the only tally of the second period, while Schomberg's Graham Dynes made 11 saves in the game's middle frame.

Alliston went up 4-2 early in the third, though Schomberg bounced back with goals from Calum Bett and Jonathan Calleja to take the game to overtime, where Dynes continued his impressive play in making eight more stops to secure the tie.

The Cougars finished their season with a record of 12-23-3-4, two points back of the pace they set last season, while the Siskins finished atop the division at a record of 31-7-2-2.

The first round series will be quite the test for the Schomberg squad: Stayner got the best of them in all six matches between the two rivals this season.

It will be the first time in four seasons the Cougars will see a team that is not the Alliston Hornets in the league's first round. The last time the Cougars met the Siskins was in the 2012-13 GMOHL season, of which Stayner took the series in four games.

The rivalry is certainly not without its history: the Cougars beat the Siskins in 2002-03 to win the GMOHL championship, a series that took six games to complete.

Game one of the opening round went Tuesday evening in Stayner (after press time), and game two takes place Thursday night at Trisan Centre in Schomberg. Puck drop is set for 7:30 p.m.

Game three returns to Stayner on Sunday for an afternoon matinee, while game four will be played at Trisan on Monday.

If necessary, game five will go next Thursday in Stayner, game six next Saturday in Schomberg, and game seven next Sunday in Stayner.

Around the league, the second-place Hornets will battle with the seventh-place Huntsville Otters, the third-place Caledon Golden Hawks will tangle with the sixth-place Midland Flyers, and the fourth-place Kings will contend with the fifth-place Orillia Terriers.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.jrccougars.pointstreaksites.com.



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Ladies on 'cloud wine' at 4th annual bonspiel

By Shellee Morning

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

— Phil Jackson

It was time to "Wine Down" this past weekend at the 4th Annual Ladies League "Spiel the Wine" event. The 16-team full house spiel included some of the best wine connoisseurs and curlers to be gathered under one roof.

The King Curling club ladies league played host for visiting teams from Barrie, York, Milton, Richmond Hill, North York and King. Overall points were awarded between the 2 game format that also included a best dressed team prize. The motto "No Wine left Behind" was a true testament as the lounge echoed with laughter and great conversation from all tables on both draws. Spiel convenors Kelly Stronach and Anne Jessop collected a pedigree team of volunteers that delivered with top-notch assistance making it the

most successful spiel to date.

A very special thank you to all the men, who came to help that clearly added to a unique flavour of the day. An event of this magnitude cannot be completed without its substantial sponsors of James Morning & Sons and Delmanor Retired Living as well as the many generous donations for the prize table. Along with the action packed games down at ice level, there was cheese and wine tasting upstairs for all to experiment and appraise.

The early draw began with Team Balchen of Barrie grabbing a healthy lead for first place with King's Team Brown in 2nd. Team Selig from York played both games with consistency allowing their second game win a secured 2nd place finish overall behind Balchen who easily clinched first. All 4 sheets displayed close scoring games that resonated a buzz of captivating cheers. Multiple double take-outs were recorded for a special in-house prize that made for an extra competition.

The second draw resulted in close scoring points between Richmond Hill's Team Thorne and King's Team Morning who was just behind in second after game one. The match-up between these teams in the final game would be exhilarating and edge of the seat play making. The opening frame and without hammer Morning made it tough allowing Thorne just a single point. Lead Susan Burman and Second Diana Russo began the second end setting the house up for a multiple scoring end that led to a 3-1 lead.

The turning point of the game happened in the 4th with Morning on her last rock. Perfect weight, superior sweeping by Burman and Russo and accurate line calling by Wilson navigated the rock by a guard and take out the opposition rock in the back of the house for a 4 point end. The comfortable lead continued in the 7th after Morning's Vice Veronica Wilson executed a perfect hit and roll behind cover. Thorne missed her last shot hoping to cut the score down but left Morning with an open draw to the button to gather 3 more for the 10-4 victory and the draw's championship win. Morning credits her team for their strong sweeping and accurate weight throwing, add-



Vice Veronica Wilson, Lead Sue Burman, 2nd Diana Russo and Skip Shellee Morning captured 1st place in the 4th Annual Spiel the Wine Bonspiel hosted by the King Curling Club's Ladies League.

ing "it was a total team effort."

Congratulations to all the players who participated and to the Partners in Wine; Kelly and Anne for a very successful Spiel the Wine.

Social Sweepers

The spirited league of the Wednesday night Social league have begun their second half of the season with new teams and renewed energy. Each team hopes that their squad has what it takes to accomplish the ultimate curler's desire when playing club curling; to be League Champion. In the final 2 months of play for the 2018-19 season the games played each week will write the story for the playoffs and with the games played so far, the story is going to be one exciting tale to tell.

Teams Robinson and Sowerby lead the pack of their respected draws with both Skips Wilf Robinson and John Sowerby crediting their teams with making that last shot count. There have been many tight ends with the hammer having the final say and crucial game making shots that have kept bartender Larry Sheardown racing to

the lounge window to watch. Teams Bloom, Rhind, Sinclair, and Ross currently sit in a 4-way tie for 2nd place that is truly becoming the talk of the table. Sitting alone in 3rd place is Team Mumford and for the rest of the roster the teams are all within a point or two making it a tight race to the finish for the chance to hoist the trophy.

The Friday night Social league continues to impress with their own sheets of excitement. With back to back wins for Teams Wasyliw and Gagliardi, the two top skips sit atop of the pile in the 1-2 positions.

The club's most loved social player Rosie Kamstra has returned to the league after an amazing trip down under to Australia and sits in 3rd place by just a point after Gagliardi and a point ahead of Team Robertson. The league with a healthy 9 team roster remains to be fun focused with some pretty good shot making of their own.

Winners last week included Gagliardi, S. McKenzie, Wasyliw while A. McKenzie and Saldat settled for a tie.

The Friday night curlers road to the playoffs anticipate being thrilling both on and off the ice.

Home explosion kills Caledon resident

By Joshua Santos

One man has been pronounced dead after a house exploded in Caledon Village on Sunday, Feb. 3 at about 6:20 a.m.

Caledon Ontario Provincial Police identified the victim as Joseph Westcott, 54, of 9 Maple Grove Rd.

"This is a high order explosion," said Andrea Gaynor, fire investigator of Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. "The blast pressure wave that went through here was more than 1,000 metres per second. It's shattering everything in its path, and there's a positive pressure wave that goes out and the negative pressure comes back. Sometimes that negative pressure is as forceful as the positive one or more so."

Officers found debris of his house littered throughout the neighbourhood. Westcott's single-storey home was decimated as a silver van, in what appears to be a driveway, had wood chips around it.

OPP officers evacuated 30 to 35 people as their homes were severely damaged. "Several resources were deployed to the area to assist with the fire operation," said Darryl Bailey, chief of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services. "Upon arrival, our crews found a house that was completely on the ground with damages to several houses in the immediate area."

Bailey said there is damage to at least a half of dozens of homes, maybe more. Gaynor said some of the homes have structural damage, step fractures in the bricks and some roofs have been misaligned.

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Schomberg Should Know

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Dufferin Marsh Connection

The Dufferin Marsh folks are once again planning their annual Community Skate on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. Please enter the Dufferin Marsh near the corner of Dr Kay Drive and Main Street, in Schomberg.

There will be hot dogs, marshmallows, hot chocolate, coffee and all kinds of outdoor fun.

Any donations to the Dufferin Marsh Nature connection would be appreciated.

Please visit their web site at www.dufferinmarsh.ca

These folks are also planning a Great Backyard Bird Count on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m.

Please meet at the Bulletin Board located on Dr Kay Drive, in Schomberg.

Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

On Sunday, Feb. 10, the service will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, at 9:30 a.m.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is on Tuesday Feb. 12 at Kitchen-Breedon Manor for a Piano Concert with "Many Hands Make Light Music" (4 local pianists), featuring songs for Valentines

and other well-loved pieces. The repertoire will include traditional and modern melodies you will recognize – performed as solos, and in duets and trios. There will also be a "sing along" of old favourites, that you are sure to know and enjoy. The entertainment is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the living room, followed by a catered lunch of macaroni and cheese, sausage medley with peppers and onions, a green salad and a roll & butter. A special Valentine's dessert will follow with tea and coffee. Call Sheila at 905-939-2315 to tell her that you would like to come, as she needs to know how much food to order. A ride can be arranged through Sheila as well.

On Feb. 24, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Joint Service with Nobleton United at Schomberg. The Annual General Meeting will follow the service. All who are interested in the reports of the previous year of these churches should attend.

The Joyful Spirits will be restarting their practices on Wednesday, Mar. 20, so if you are interested in singing, please mark your calendar for 7 p.m. We are accompanied by a guitarist and a pianist. If you have another instrument that you play, we would welcome you as well. We will be preparing 'Down by the Riverside' for the Schomberg Church anniversary in late April.

Schomberg United meets at St. Mary Magdalene, 116 Church St., at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Breedon Manor usually 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.

King Township history

In December 1837, men from Lloydtown, armed with pikes, marched down Yonge Street to Montgomery's Tavern (two blocks north of Eglinton Avenue today). The rebels were defeated and Jesse fled to the United States, where he died just one year later. A cairn and plaque honouring Jesse Lloyd was built in the centre of Lloydtown in 1972.

The annual King Township Fall Fair was originally moved from town to town, in Aurora, King village, Laskay, Kettleby, Nobleton and Brownsville (Schomberg). But in 1872 the Agricultural Society acquired agricultural lands adjoining the village and the Fall Fair, now a spring Fair, has been held there ever since.

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By Sheryl Sinka**

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Save the date! The Annual Irish Dinner is back on Friday, March 15 with a delicious dinner of Irish stew, mashed potatoes and dessert. The Miller School of Irish Dancing will be performing for the enjoyment of the diners.

If you would like to connect with others who are seeking hope and so-lace through prayer, there is a women's prayer group which meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Residences of Springhill, the Condo community at 80 Burns Blvd on the south side of King Road in the small dining room on the main floor. Departure time is optional but please try to arrive just before 9. Prayer is powerful and whether it is illness, anxiety or life situations for yourself or someone else, consider adding your voice to this ministry. For

more information contact Deana at 905-833-5375 or Kathy 905-833-0391.

Tea and talk meets on Friday mornings at the Sunset Grill (1700 King Rd.) at 10 a.m. All are welcome to come out and join in a cup of coffee or tea and some conversation.

If you have any questions please contact the church office, 905-833-5181.

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the next number of weeks as we look at 12 spiritual practices and how God uses them to mold us into the likeness of his Son."

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.

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"Legacy" nights are our family Bible Study nights.

We will provide Nursery care for children 0-3. Our children (JK-Grade 5) & Junior High (Grade 6-8) classes will meet downstairs.

We meet every Tuesday from 6:45-8 p.m.

The adults will be doing the study "Gospel Shaped Mercy"

The junior highs (Grades 6-8) will be

starting a new series.

Legacy Kids having Adventures in Booga Booga Land.

You can find us at King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd. King City (at King Rd. & Dufferin), 905-833-5104, www.kingbiblechurch.com, info@kingbiblechurch.com

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's shares the love of Jesus in the community and beyond!

Join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for school-aged children up to 12 years old runs concurrently with our worship service and a nursery is available. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for coffee.

We welcomed Alvin Kim and his family last week. Alvin carried on from his previous sermon with Luke 4:22-30. Here Jesus is showing the people from his hometown Nazareth, that they did not have an edge on God's love just because He was from the same town, but that God's love is without parameters. It also was Presbyterian World Service and Development Sunday.

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King's Corners

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PWS&D is the international development and relief agency of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

This Sunday, Feb. 10, we look forward to having Robert Hayashi lead us in worship. Robert is a student in his last year at Knox College.

The Women's Prayer Circle continues Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. at 80 Burns Blvd. Please call Kathy Patterson, 905- 833-0391 for more information.

All are welcome to join Pastor Niyazi Bilgen and his wife Irada of the Greater Grace Fellowship as they lead a Bible Study on Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. in the lounge at St. Andrew's. Contact Niyazi for more information: 416 878-8499.

What a great turnout we had last Friday for Games Night! We beat those winter blahs as we as we played, enjoyed yummy snacks and birthday cake and got to know our neighbours better.

The Annual Congregational meeting is Feb. 24 after our church service. Bring your bag lunch. Tea and coffee

will be provided.

For pastoral care needs contact Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at the office 905-833-2325 or contact our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston, 705-341-7738.

We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. www.standrews-kingcity.ca

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

All Saints is kid friendly – in a big way! First we offer Sunday school. Creative learning about Jesus and his teachings is offered every Sunday during the 10:30 service led by Grace Martin, an Education student at York and a longtime All Saints parishioner. She takes the Gospel of the day and shows videos, invents crafts and participatory activities to bring out the meaning of the teaching in a “kid friendly” way. To see how she works, visit her well-illustrated Instagram page @craftiecutie101.

She will also take 4-6-year-olds who are looked after by a helper. Infants and toddlers are also welcome to come with their families. Some sit at the back of the church where there are low tables

and toys. Others sit with their parents in the church. per. All children and youth feel at home at All Saints.

Words to live by – Understanding the true love of God was the theme of rev. Dr. Elizabeth's talk on the challenging story in Luke 4 of Jesus coming home and preaching in the temple. He raised expectations that he would cure the sick, and give them hope as he had done elsewhere. He set them up for disappointment when he said: "... no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." He then enraged them by quoting two prophets Elijah and Elisha both of whom helped what were then enemies of Israel. They drove him out

and threatened him but he walked untouched out through the crowd. "We must never let the inclusive love of God be seen as an enemy," she said. "Jesus was being courageous, preaching real love." The message is that "love never ends."

Winter clothing for Pikangicum students – Six pallets over 6 feet tall of wrapped boxes of winter clothing were picked up Friday in Aurora for shipment to Red Lake. There they will be transferred to a smaller truck for the ice road delivery to the reservation. The students should get their boots, pants, parkas and mitts in 10 days or so.



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Barbour: Tegwen Krystyna "Teena"

Peacefully on Monday January 21, 2019 at Margaret Bahen Hospice Newmarket. Teena Barbour (nee: Leskiewicz) in her 74th year, beloved wife of the late Robert "Bob" Barbour. Dear step mother of Suzanne Barbour, and Chrystal Henderson (Rob). Loving grandmother of Liam, Luke, Simon, and Andrew. Loving aunt of Rebecca Roberts (and her daughter Marlowe), Justin Barbour, and Wesley Barbour. Forever in the hearts of Candice Phoenix (Michael Jackson), Brenda Rayment (Peter Goneau), Meryl Jones (of Wales), and all her extended family and friends. A private Family Funeral Service was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home Tottenham, followed by interment in Fraser Cemetery Tottenham. Donations to Margaret Bahen Hospice would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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Nobleton Notes

By **Angie Maccarone**
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St. Paul's Church

The Community Youth Group meets most Thursdays at the church from 7-9 p.m. Come join in the fun. Follow our Instagram account, "4.12.youth.group," to stay up to date on current events. Check this space for details, or contact our church office at 905-859-0843. A2J, our program for kids in Grades 3 to 6, meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m.

LifeConnect Groups are small gatherings for friendship, study and prayer. We have several other LifeConnect Groups that meet throughout the week, including a Men's Life Connect Group.

We are blessed at St. Paul's to have diligent librarians that have worked for years on creating an amazing library with new books being added weekly. This is a true gold mine if you are a reader. You're welcome to borrow from it anytime!

The first and third Tuesday of the month we have a group of people that get together at 1 p.m. to do quilting. The second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the focus is on knitting. You are welcome to join us.

This Sunday, Jeff continues his way through the book of John. This week's message is entitled "Other Sheep," taking a closer look at John 10.11-21. We offer ministry to children aged 0 to 11 during worship. Following the service we always enjoy some delicious refreshments. Come and join us!

Jeff's messages are posted at www.passionatelyhis.com each week. They

are also on Facebook Live and are available on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) and YouTube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), or stpaulsnobleton.ca for viewing.

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office or visit our new and improved website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca.

St. Mary's Church

Schedule of Events:

Feb. 16 - Altar Server training/ social at St Mary's Mission Church after Saturday night mass at 6 p.m.

Feb. 18 - Family Day.

March 2/3 - Enrolment ceremony for 2019 registered Confirmation Candidates at all masses - St. Mary's Mission/St. Patrick's Church - attend one only.

March 6 - Ash Wednesday Liturgies, 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church and 7 p.m. at St Mary's Mission Church.

March 7 - Confirmation Classes begin 7 to 8:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church.

March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, save the date!

March 30 - First Holy Communion rehearsal- 10 am to 12 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission candidates - St. Mary's Mission.

Nobleton United Church

By **Nancy Hopkinson**

Our regular Sunday services are at 11:15 a.m. Children are welcome at any of our services. On the second Sunday of the month, which is this Sunday, there is a special program organized for children to do after the children's story.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 5 to 7 p.m. and dinner is included. There is no charge for this fun time with young families. This month's theme is on "Messy Baptism." There are various optional crafts related to the theme each month. One of the crafts is always decorating cookies in the theme.

For this we will have hearts for love; candles for the light of Christ; and feet. The feet relate to the poem "Footprints" which is about two sets of footprints with one set for the person and one set for the Lord, but then during rough times in the person's life, there are only one set of footprints. Did the Lord abandon the person? No, the poem says that the Lord carried the person at that time! For more info, call Nancy @ 905-859-0761. View our Facebook photo page for Messy Church.

There will be a Joint Service in Schomberg at St. Mary's Magdalene Church at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24. The Annual General Meeting for our two churches follows the service. There will be no service in Nobleton that day.

The date of the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner is Friday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. This meal includes meatballs (Gino DiFebo's heritage Italian recipe), tomato sauce, pasta, salad, buns and dessert (canned fruit, ice cream and a special crispy Italian wafer cookie called pizzella). Tickets are \$22 per adult; \$10 for children ages 5 to 11 years old; and free for those under 5. For tickets call Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442. The meal is organized by Gino and Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. There is only one sitting, so call ASAP to reserve your seats. This is a lovely occasion. There is time to talk to your neighbours. There is also the fun of door prizes.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By **Carol Kanitz**

The Travel Club will host its annual Destinations Party on Wednesday, Feb. 13 starting at 2 p.m. Join us for tea and cake while we enjoy some light entertainment and learn about the upcoming trips for 2019.

The next trip is to Fallsview Casino on Thursday, March 28. This is a destination trip with many things to do for those who prefer to shop or explore the area. The cost is \$20 per person. Each person receives a \$10 voucher for the casino. The coach leaves the arena at 8 a.m. To reserve your seat, call Agnes at 905 841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436 or sign up at Destinations.

A reminder that the next pot luck lunch will take place on Friday, Feb. 15 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert.

Our annual pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, March 12. There will be two sittings - 4:30 and 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Obtain your tickets by calling Mary at 905-833-0448.

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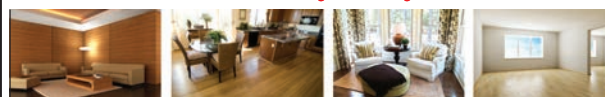
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The Joyful Spirits will be restarting their practices on Wednesday, Mar. 20, so if you are interested in singing, please mark your calendar for 7 p.m. We are accompanied by a guitarist and a pianist. If you have another instrument that you play, we would welcome you as well.

Would you like to meet Rev. Carol-Ann in an informal setting? She usually goes to Nobleton's Tim Hortons on Wednesday mornings around 10 a.m. Or you can arrange an appointment with her at her office at our church.

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

Nobleton Lions Club

The Lions are aware of a wheelchair which is available to anyone with a need, please contact Rick Zuzek at richardzuzek@yahoo.ca for details.

Watch this space for further details as the events get closer, and why not check out our website at www.nobletonlions.com

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by the Lions and those who we support, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve."

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.

Women's Volleyball

Anyone interested in playing volleyball on Thursday nights from 8 pm to 9:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic School, please call Glenda Douglas at 416-561-6016. Players are needed. Come out for a fun game of volleyball.

**Anglican Parish
By John Arnott**

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes although religion now seems to be much less important to many in Western World than it was a century ago it still plays a part in our daily secular lives often unnoticed.

The ancient Roman gods based on the even more ancient Greek gods, along with the early Norse (Viking) gods, are still very much part of our 2019 world

We "pay homage" to them daily not at altars or in temples but when we think, say or write the days of the week or the months of the year. And then of course there are our fellow planets out there.

Day is rooted in dyeus from a proto (early Indo European language) and means heaven or sky and relating to the period of time the sun. Week is from the Anglo Saxon wic(k)e, most likely based on the Indo European for order, series or succession.

The reason a week has seven days has been lost in the mists of time. This number, with no connection to any nat-

ural cycle, has been traced back to the ancient civilizations that developed in the valleys between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in Mesopotamia, considered sacred lands. In at least 2 of these civilizations, namely Sumer and Babylonia, in which are the roots of ours, after 6 sunrises and 6 sunsets the 7th was considered a holy day and this occurrence, according to some historians, gave rise to the 7-day week. Each of the sunrise/sunset units of time was seen to coincide with our planet making one complete turn on its axis, the imaginary pole through its centre. And each was named after their most important gods - the sun (on which all life depends), the moon and the 5 planets their learned astronomers could see.

Starting in 609 BC hundreds of Israelites were deported from their home country to Babylonia and it is thought that when their descendants were allowed to return to Israel nearly 200 years later they brought with them the 7 day week idea, which became enshrined in the written, probably mythical biblical account of God's creation of the universe which supposedly took place millenia before. The ancient Jewish days of the week have numbers rather than names with Saturday not called seventh day but Shabat meaning "rest" (from work) and from which we get our word sabbath.

But not all cultures had a 7-day week, in fact weeks over the ages have ranged from 3 to 16 days. The ancient Egyptians had three, 10-day weeks per month and the days, like the Jewish days, were assigned numbers rather than names. The Incas in South America had 8 days in their week while the Mayas of Central America, noted for their extraordinary astronomical skill, had 3-day

weeks eventually expanding to 9 day weeks. Pre-Christian Lithuanians also had 9-day weeks and even though now their weeks have 7 days, these days are called by numbers rather than names.

The ancient Greeks named their days after their most important gods and referred to them as Theon Hemera or Days of the Gods, with Sunday called Hemera Helios after the all powerful sun. Monday was Hemera Selene after the mysterious moon and each of the other days after the 5 god planets their astronomers could identify Hemera Ares, H. Hermes, H. Zeus, H. Aphrodite and H. Cronus.

The Romans followed the Greek idea keeping Sunday as Dies Solis and Monday as Dies Lunae, with the remainder of their diebus named after the same Greek gods but with their Latin names Dies Martis, D. Mercurii, D. Jovis or Jupiter, D. Veneris and D. Saturni.

Early in their history the Romans had an 8-day week but from the 1st century AD on the week generally consisted of 7 days and in 321 AD Constantine, the first Christian Roman emperor, had a law passed officially making a week 7 days.

Now come the Anglo Saxons and the Norsemen (Vikings), who kept the 7 day week along with the Latin names for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but honoured their most important gods by renaming the remaining 4 after them - Tiwdaeg or Tyrdaeg after Tiw or Tyr god of war, our Tuesday (although some historians claim it came from Zeus), Wodendaeg after Woden or Oden the king of the Norse gods, our Wednesday, Thorsdaeg after Thor the god of strength thunder and storms, our Thursday and Friday Freyadaeg is named for Frigg or Freya, goddess of beauty love and spring.

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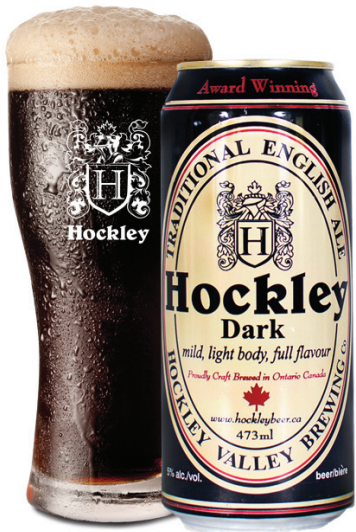
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