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Rare owl draws bird watchers to Schomberg

By Mark Pavilons

A rare bird sighting in Schomberg is drawing quite a bit of attention last week, as word got out.

A Northern Hawk-Owl has been seen around the village for a few weeks now, but once word got out, birders from far and wide visited the area near the Dufferin Marsh, catching a rare glimpse of the owl.

Local residents were trying to avoid wide-spread awareness to protect the bird and the local habitat. Residents urge visitors to respect the bird and the Dufferin Marsh.

A throng of birders and photographers lined Dr. Kay Drive last week snapping photos of the owl.

It's rare to see this bird so far south. It is one of the few owls that is neither nocturnal nor crepuscular, being active only during the day. One resident reported it's behaving normally by hunting and it's also been seen preening itself, an indication that it's not stressed. It also appears quite healthy.

The northern hawk-owl resembles a hawk in appearance and in behavior. It's one of the least studied and poorly understood birds in North America.

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, January 13, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 27, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

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

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The municipal offices at 2585 King Road will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 23, 2019 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Thurs., Jan. 2, 2020.

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Christmas trees will be picked up on **Mon., Jan. 13** only. Please remove all decorations, nails, tree stands and plastic tree bags. Crews will not dig out a tree or climb a snowbank to retrieve one and trees over six feet tall in height must be cut into pieces.



Please recycle this holiday season!

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Season's Greetings

On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council we wish all of our residents and their families warm wishes for this Holiday Season.



PUBLIC NOTICES



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NOTICE OF MEETINGS - REVISED

2020 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES and BY-LAW, DRAFT 2020-2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers located at: King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City, ON

RE: Presentation of 2020 Water & Wastewater Rates: **Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 13th, 2020)

The Township of King 2020 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 13th, 2020 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: Council Working Session: **Monday, December 2, 2019 DEFERRED to January 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**
Presentation of Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan
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 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plans will be discussed at a Working Session on Monday, January 13, 2020. Interested parties are invited to attend to listen in on discussions relating to the DRAFT 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, December 2, 2019 DEFERRED to January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Draft – 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King's Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the January 13, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 9, 2020.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, January 13, 2020 DEFERRED to January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2020 Operating Budget & Business Plan and 2020-2022 Amended Capital Budgets, will be tabled at the January 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 23, 2020.

For further information regarding the 2020-2022 Budget & Business Plan, 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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2020 Waste Calendar

King Township's 2020 waste calendar was scheduled to be delivered this month by Canada Post. Please note, if you are on Canada Post's 'no flyers' list, you will need to pick up a copy at the Municipal Centre, King Township library branches or any one of King's arenas. Or you can access it at www.king.ca.



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Applications set the stage for Nobleton development

By Mark Pavilons

The groundwork is being laid for a large development north of Nobleton.

King council heard from representatives regarding two parcels of land in the vicinity of Highway 27 and Concession 9.

Crisdan Holdings and TG Nobleton LP hope to one day develop the north-west quadrant of Nobleton. Staff will continue to review the applications in a coordinated manner and move them forward in a joint manner.

The applications include zoning amendments and a draft plan of subdivision for this property, to permit 395 detached homes. Also in the plans are a neighbourhood park, open spaces and some parcels left vacant for future use. The new development will connect to the existing neighbourhood to the south, at Holden Drive and McCutcheon Avenue.

The two parcels are being developed together. Crisdan plans 188 lots while TG Nobleton is aiming for 208.

The lands are on the west side of Highway 27, between Mactaggart Drive and the 15th Sideroad.

The plans were introduced to the public back in October at a public meeting. So far, there have been few comments for staff.

The lands are partially within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan area but are designed as settlement area, where residential development is permitted.

Located within the Nobleton Urban Area boundary, the properties allow for a mix of lot sizes and housing types. The plan is to transition the new and existing areas.

Staff are concerned about the density planned for the site, which works out to 11.6 units per hectare or more. King's new Official Plan has not yet received final approval and is not fully in force at this time. The new neighbourhood des-

ignation permits seven to 12 units per hectare.

Staff would like to see a wide buffer adjacent of natural heritage features and a "reasonable transition in lot sizes" adjacent to the existing subdivisions to the south.

At this point, the water and sanitary services in the Nobleton treatment plant is at full capacity, and can't accommodate the new development at this time. York is reviewing the servicing capacity and the process for an environmental assessment and building the preferred option is expected to take "a considerable amount of time."

One unique aspect of the proposal is to locate stormwater management facilities underground, beneath the park.

A representative of Humphries Planning Group, representing the proponents, noted said these plans date back to 2015 and they will provide appropriate buffers and wetland protection. They are assessing input from the public.

The rectangular parcel consists of just over 100 acres and are currently used for agriculture.

An open house was held Oct. 30 and roughly 12 residents attended. They submitted comments ranging from engineering and traffic to the design of the parks. Some would like to see an existing pathway connection between the new and existing developments.

Councillor Avia Eek is excited about the concept for the stormwater management and the associated new technology.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer would like to see some semis or townhouses included in the plans.

Bruce Craig, of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) said he's also concerned about the density proposed.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said transition is a concern and hopes are the new subdivision will be properly blended into the landscape.

Job action is about salaries, Lecce says

Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, issued the following statement in response to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) announcement of continued job action:

"OSSTF union leadership have made clear that they will continue to take job action – which hurts students most – unless taxpayers accept their demand of \$7 billion in enhancements to salaries, benefits, and other entitlements.

"If there were any question that this wasn't about salary, those doubts were put to bed when the four teacher unions launched their challenge to legislation that deals with compensation increases for the public service.

"We have made a reasonable offer on compensation – a \$750 million increase in compensation for the second highest paid educators in the country.

"We are calling on OSSTF to cease from continued job action, accept our offer of private mediation, stay at the table, and focus on improving learning in the classroom, not enhancing compensation for their members."

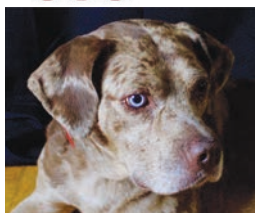


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- Michael Connelly

Canadians not taking needed vacation time

"The ant is knowing and wise, but he doesn't know enough to take a vacation."
- Clarence Day



Mark Pavilons

Canadians are a proud bunch. We're decent folks and yet we just don't understand how important it is to take time off.

According to a study commissioned by travel company Skyscanner, 96 per cent of Canadians say it's important for them to take time off work, but only 66 per cent take all of the time they're owed. This has given rise to a new term - "vacation shaming."

Most prevalent among millennials, nearly two-thirds (62 per cent) say they've encountered "vacation shaming in the workplace."

The study of 1,000 Canadians and 500 Americans, conducted by research firm Maru/Blue, showed that 50 per cent of Canadians have experienced vacation shaming, where co-workers or bosses use guilt or peer pressure to discourage employees from using their vacation time.

Trends differ south of the border, too, with only 57 per cent of Americans taking all their vacation time, and 58 per cent saying they've experienced vacation shaming, an increase of eight per cent over Canadians.

"Many of us assume that taking time off will negatively impact our career trajectory, but evidence suggests employees that take their vacation have increased productivity, creativity, and decreased stress and risk of burnout, making them more likely to get promotions and raises," said Dr. Lisa Bélanger, a behaviour change expert who specializes in helping employees maximize their mental and physical well-being. "Ultimately, the payoffs are significant for both the employer and the employee."

Affordability and busy work schedules are among top vacation concerns.

Millennials across Canada are most likely to feel nervous, stressed, worried, guilty or ashamed when asking for time off work (33 per cent), compared to Gen Xers at 17 per cent and Boomers at 12 per cent. They were also least likely to say they use all their vacation time, with only 60 per cent taking all the time they've earned.

When asked why they don't use all their vacation time, Canadians cited several concerns, including being too busy at work (22 per cent), being unable to afford to take a vacation (17 per cent), and not wanting to have more work waiting for them when they get back (8 per cent).

Guilt is charged. For me, it's not so much a lack of desire, but it's more of a necessity. I am pretty much a one-man operation and the paper would face

some serious challenges if I took a week or two away.

My wife works for the Peel District School Board as a TA and she has her summer free. However, she's not paid for those two months so again, she must find work during the summer.

I'm not sure, but our plight can't be uncommon among average working Canadians.

The time we have away is cherished dearly. The last time away was the long Labour Day weekend, where we grabbed some R&R at a lake-front home in Prince Edward County. We crammed as much as we could into those two and a half days!

The last time I was out of the country, was a trip to Mexico with my mom, which turned out to be her last. She enjoyed it thoroughly.

There are things you notice when travelling, and one is the number of Germans who flock to the beaches. Germans take their holiday time seriously, and it seems like the entire country shuts down.

By law, every country in the European Union gives workers at least four work weeks of paid vacation. Austria has a legal minimum of 22 paid vacation days and 13 paid holidays each year. One in four Americans does not have a single paid day off.

I am also reminded of the beautiful word "siesta," Spanish for nap. Who

doesn't love the luxury of taking a short nap in the afternoon, after the mid-day meal?

It's not only tradition, but almost mandatory in some countries.

The health benefits have been proven, and the siesta habit is associated with a 37 per cent reduction in coronary mortality, possibly due to reduced cardiovascular stress mediated by daytime sleep.

Siesta is also common in Italy, where many museums, churches and shops close during midday (from 12 to 1:30 or 2:30 to 4) so proprietors can go home for lunch and sometimes a nap during the day's hottest hours.

For anyone who's been away to Caribbean or such European countries, they quickly see the much slower pace. Our counterparts understand the need for eliminating stress and simply taking it easy. Kim and I always loved being "on island time."

It's not that things don't get done, they just take a bit longer. It's a win-win situation that North Americans have yet to embrace.

Perhaps we never will. I urge everyone to sit back, relax and smell the freshly-baked goodies this holiday season. Recharge and rekindle some flames.

The new year will be here soon enough. There's no sense worrying over it just yet.

All the best this holiday season!

Letter to the Editor

Watt's books a must-read

It is with sadness that I learned of King's own Gavin Watt's possible retirement from the intensive process of writing his series on 18th century history of Canada/Upper United States, which have enthralled readers for some time. We look forward to reading his new book, "No Despicable Enemy: 1779" with bated breath!

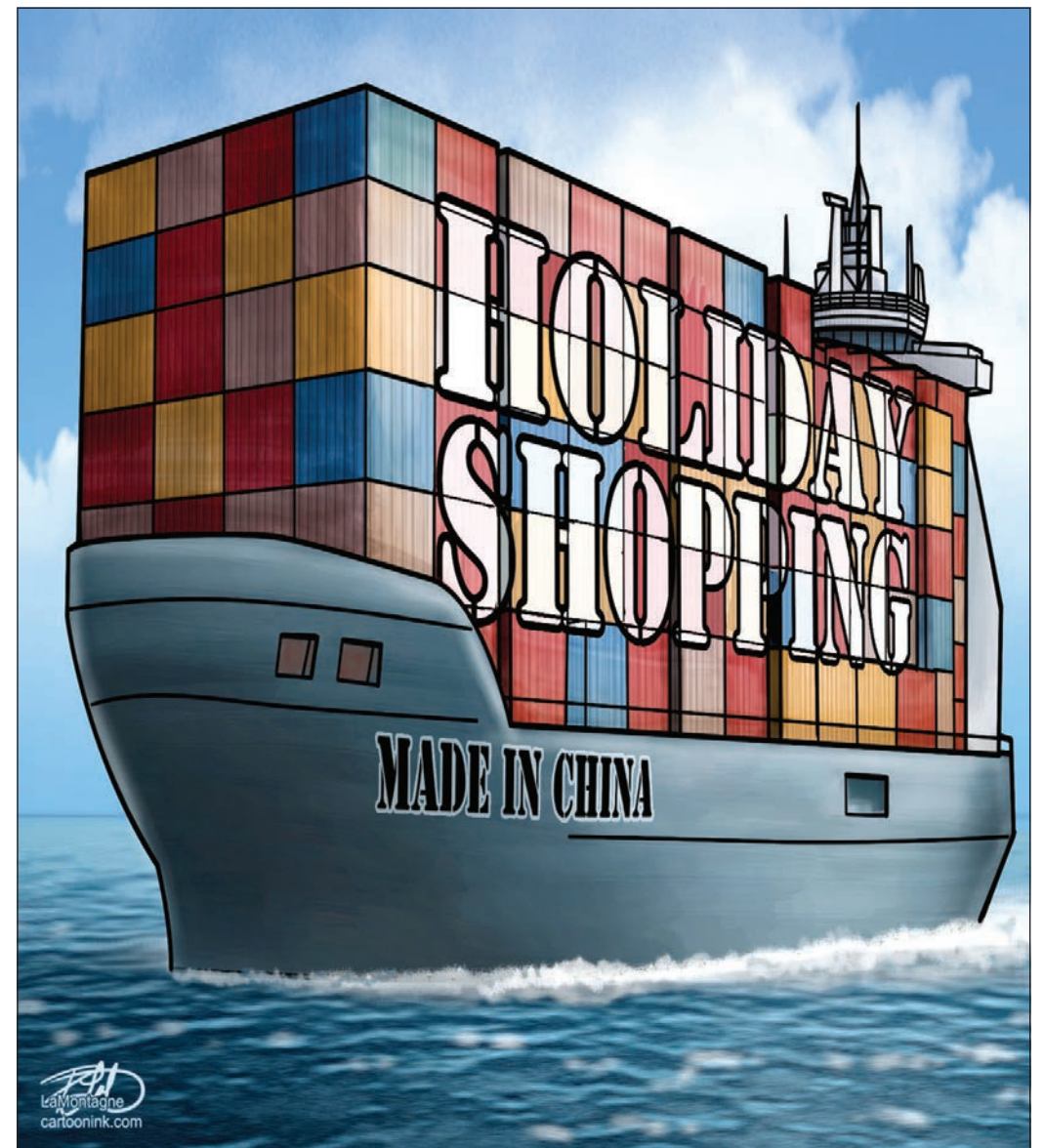
As an archaeologist and historian myself, I cannot recommend strongly enough that his books be read by Canadians old and new, parents and teachers and anyone interested in how this continent was convulsed in a searing struggle for survival of peoples and cultures in that century.

The conflict, in its way, was a precursor of the later world wars for ferocity, world sweep and significance. Anyone wishing to learn how this country was formed and what shaped its attitudes can do no better than read all of Gavin's books. You will probably find the contents more wrenching and awe-inspiring than any Game of Thrones, particularly as the characters existed and did these amazing and terrifying deeds.

It was through one of Gavin's earlier books that I found a Loyalist ancestor of mine, whom we had heard about, and learned of his flight to Niagara after the American Revolution, his fight to help regain his lands lost to the Americans and his joining a Loyalist regiment who fought alongside the Iroquois. Any doubts you may have about who you are settle quickly when you know how strong your ancestors were. I was blown away, and you will be too if you read the series.

Thank you Gavin for all you have done for King and for Canada in your wonderful books!

Kathleen Adamson
Lloydtown



Thought of the Week



Skunks always turn the other cheek!

A skunk won't use its natural defence on one of its own kind - it will not spray another skunk. We could learn from this!

King Township Trivia

Henry Pellat (known for building Casa Loma in Toronto) began constructing the gateway to his summer house on the 15th Sideroad and Keele Street in 1911. His estate is known as Lake Marie, named after his wife.

<p>KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL www.kingsentinel.com</p> <p>Results from last week's poll: Should the government give in to teachers' demands?</p> <p>a) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 31%</p> <p>b) No <input type="checkbox"/> 69%</p> <p><small>The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.</small></p>	<p>THIS WEEK'S QUESTION</p> <p>How much did you spend this holiday season?</p> <p>a) More than last year b) Less than last year c) About the same</p> <p>Go to our website and cast a vote!</p>
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Fresh from the Farm promotes produce, helps schools

By Stephen Lecce
King-Vaughan MPP
Minister of Education

I'm reminded that the 2019 Fresh from the Farm campaign recently concluded. If you aren't familiar with this program that benefits farmers, students, and Ontario's economy, let me tell you more about it.

Fresh from the Farm is a collaborative initiative between the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association (OFVGA) and the government that provides publicly-funded schools with opportunities to fundraise by selling \$15 bundles of Ontario-grown Empire apples, or \$14 bundles of Ontario-grown potatoes, carrots, onions and sweet potatoes.

Speaking of apples, some of the best apples in Ontario are grown right here in King-Vaughan. In fact, last month when Pam Romeril invited me to speak at a Small Business Week event at her family-owned Pine Farm Orchards in King City, I had an opportunity to inspect this year's incredible harvest.

We have much to celebrate in King, especially our growing and dynamic farm sector, including the jewel of our region, the Holland Marsh, and our many dairy, equestrian and other farms that demonstrate Canadian products are truly the best in the world.

Each participating school keeps 40 per cent of its total sales and the money can be used to fund extracurricular activities such as schoolyard improvements and educational class trips. Based on history, the average school raises about \$1,200, and sells an average of 150 vegetable bundles and 60 apple bundles, although one school made a profit of nearly \$10,000 in 2017.

Since Fresh from the Farm started in 2013, nearly 2,200 schools have participated by selling over 4.3 million pounds of fresh, local fruits and vegetables to Ontario families and generating nearly \$5 million in local food sales across the province. This year, 471 schools took part, and raised over \$862,355.

There are many good reasons to love Fresh from the Farm: it supports farm families, stimulates the rural economy

and provides valuable discretionary money for local schools. It also instills pride in young people about the good things that are grown in our community and throughout the province, and teaches them three valuable life lessons:

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- 3) Ontario farmers feed Ontario communities, so it makes sense to support them by buying locally-harvested fruits and vegetables.

As Minister of Education, I thank farmers and the leadership of OFVGA for providing schools with this unique fundraising opportunity, as well as participating students and educators for all of their hard work. If you want your school or your farm to participate in the Fresh from the Farm program, I encourage you to get started by visiting www.freshfromfarm.ca.

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Church says farewell to using polystyrene

By Janet McLeod Wortel

Plastic forks and polystyrene plates could soon be off the menu at buffet lunches held by King Bible Church in King City. Members of the church are concerned about the amount of garbage generated by their community meals. And they recently held their first trial luncheon using 100% compostable dinnerware.

Several times each year, the church hosts meals for 50 to 200 people. But the disposable polystyrene plates previously used at the events made for a lot of waste.

King Township's contract with GFL waste management does not include polystyrene recycling or plastic cutlery recycling, and the products do not decompose for hundreds of years. Church members felt the bags of garbage generated at each meal did not reflect the intent of the church to create a positive lasting legacy in the community.

"We wanted to reduce our waste footprint. That was our focus," said Bruce

Craig of the church's Creation Care team. "Today was very encouraging. It actually simplified things for everyone, having just the composting bins out for all waste."

The church also used their existing metal cutlery. Volunteers washed the utensils afterwards according to health regulations.

Historically, churches reused porcelain plates for their meals. But modern health regulations require installing special dishwashers or air drying all hand-washed, sterilized dishes. Paired with fewer volunteers in the kitchen, organizations today often choose disposable polystyrene and plastic dinnerware.

The push at King Bible Church to kick the polystyrene habit got some extra momentum from King Township's Environmental Stewardship program. Community groups qualify for a 25% discount on Green Shift products including plates, bowls, clamshell containers, cutlery and beverage cups, which are all 100% compostable.

"We have about 10 community groups




Stephen Heise, volunteer kitchen coordinator, and Lesley Best of the Creation Care team at King Bible Church serve up lunch with Lesley's son David at the church's first event using fully compostable plates, bowls and cups. The Nov. 24 soup and sandwich luncheon resulted in near zero landfill waste.

who purchase Green Shift compostable food products from the Township for a variety of their events," says Laura Campbell, Supervisor, Community Engagement for King Township. "We made the decision to subsidize the purchase of compostable items to assist our residents in becoming more environmental friendly when organizing and running community events, helping to reduce our carbon footprint and divert waste from our landfills."

The Creation Care team plans to review the outcome of the luncheon to better manage both their budget and volunteer time, while reducing waste. The team is also considering other initiatives to support the community and the environment such as a community vegetable garden.





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PUZZLE NO. 445

1. Tenth

6. Miffed

10. Molding curve

14. Spam source

15. Rejuvenate

17. Hog

18. ____-ski

19. Coed

20. Draw a salary

21. Royal fur

23. Turn sour

25. Apportion

29. English horn

30. Pedro's dough

31. Nudge

32. Active hostility

33. "____ in Blue"

37. Grumble

39. Switch

40. Deviate from course

41. Soft-drink flavor

43. Gala

45. Malt beverage

46. Withered

49. Green, glassy mineral

51. Theater guide

53. Conscious being

54. Corpuscle's passage-way

56. Knitter's material

58. Benefit

59. Agreement

60. Paradise

64. Flowering shrub

67. Michael Jackson album

69. Orange covering

70. Marathon segment

71. Creche figures

72. Mind

73. Wimpy

76. Succeed

78. Kind of admiral

79. Soup ingredient, possibly

81. Pale

86. Chanted

87. Harassment

88. Tenant's document

89. Trim

90. Pinochle term

91. Expire

3. Popeye is one

4. Go hastily

5. Different

6. Final year student

7. Sheepish

8. ____ and shine!

9. Holiday night

10. Actress Merle ____

11. Spur

12. Nobleman

13. Coastal bird

15. Cuban music

16. Passage from a book

22. Spur wheel

24. Operate

25. Car info

26. Go astray

27. Likewise

28. Elicit

30. Heaven's ____ Gates

33. Rock back and forth

34. Indian nursemaid

35. Wide valley

36. Decorative jug

38. Fizzy beverage

39. Herring

42. Scuff

44. Mongolian dwelling

46. Sport

47. Money exchange fee

48. Silent okays

50. Inscribe

52. Express derision

55. Posh

57. Television sound

61. Mom and apple ____

62. Tourist lodging

63. Sum up

65. Develop

66. Nipped

67. Narrative poem

68. Shoelace tip

71. Miniature

73. Old Gaelic

74. Quarrel

75. Tusk

76. Nicklaus's cry

77. "____ Street" (film)

80. Unit of resistance

82. Adriatic, e.g.

83. Luck

84. Hook shape

85. Formerly named

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Solution on page 23

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Throne Speech responds to mandate from Canadians

By Mark Pavilons

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in issuing the Speech from the Throne, echoed sentiments by Canadians on the need to work together on important issues.

“This fall, Canadians sent a clear message: they want their Parliamentarians to work together on the issues that matter most to them. We have a mandate from Canadians to fight climate change, strengthen the middle class, walk the road of reconciliation, keep people safe and healthy, and position our country for success in an uncertain world. Canadians have chosen to keep moving forward, and this is our plan to do just that.

“Our children and grandchildren will judge us by how we confront the defining challenge of our time – climate change. We must act now to protect the environment, while growing the economy and making life more affordable. This government will continue to lead with a price on pollution, and set an ambitious target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. We will also support cleaner, more efficient communities and homes, and protect more of our land and oceans. At the same time, we will work to get Canadian resources to new markets, and provide unwavering support to the hardworking Canadians in our natural resources sectors.

“All Canadians should benefit from our country’s economic success. This government’s first act will be to cut taxes for all but the wealthiest, giving more money to middle class families and those who need it most. We will also make it easier for people to get an education, buy their first home, and find care for their kids. In the last mandate, we reduced poverty across the country, and we will continue crucial investments in areas like affordable housing. For workers, we will help people enter the workforce, grow their skills, and transition between jobs. This is part of our responsible plan to build a strong and growing

modern economy.

“In 2015, we promised a new relationship with Indigenous peoples – one that would help deliver a better quality of life for their families and communities. While we have made important progress, there is still much to do. We will continue to move forward in partnership to deliver on the distinct priorities of Indigenous peoples. This will include, among other things, action in the next year to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

“We will work with the provinces and territories to ensure that people can access quality health care, including drug coverage.

“We will take action to prevent the devastating effects of gun violence by banning military-style assault rifles, and allowing municipalities to ban handguns. In addition, we will take further steps to address gender-based violence in Canada.

“Importantly, we will also continue to recognize our solemn duty to those who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces, and invest to improve mental health care supports and housing for veterans.”

King-Vaughan MP and Minister for Seniors Deb Schulte said the speech was a good summary of the initiatives spelled out in the Liberal platform – fighting climate change, strengthening the middle class, walking the road to reconciliation, keeping Canadians safe and healthy, and positioning Canada for success in an uncertain world.

“I was pleased to see the government also signaling that it is open to ideas from all Parliamentarians, stakeholders, and Canadians, including exploring ideas like universal dental care, that other parties have been championing. I was also happy to see the emphasis on co-operation and unity in the pursuit of common goals to help improve the lives of Canadians.”

This document is also available at <https://pm.gc.ca>





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New Southlake health team to provide connected care

Ontario is delivering on its commitment to end hallway health care and build a connected and sustainable health care system centred around the needs of patients. The province is introducing Ontario Health Teams, a new model of care that brings together health care providers to work as one team.

Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, was at the York Region Paramedic Services Headquarters to announce the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team as one of the first 24 teams in the province to implement a new model of organizing and delivering health care that better connects patients and providers in their communities to improve patient outcomes. Through an Ontario Health Team, patients will experience easier transitions from one provider to another, including, for example, between hospitals and home care providers, with one patient story, one patient record and one care plan.

"This is an exciting time for health care in Ontario as we finally break down the long-standing barriers that have prevented care providers from working directly with each other to support patients throughout their health care journey," said Elliott. "Together with our health care partners, the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team will play an essential role in delivering on our commitment to end hallway health care and building a connected and sustainable public health care system centred around the needs of patients."

The Southlake Community Ontario Health Team will create a local health

care system that provides coordinated care for patients, reduces wait times, and leads to better health outcomes for patients. The team will take the guess work out of navigating the health care system and will also improve access to secure digital health tools, including online health records and virtual care options. It will also work to reduce clinician burnout and lay the foundation for a sustainable future.

"With our new Southlake Community Ontario Health Team, patients will benefit from better integrated health care, with a seamless experience when moving between different health care services, providers and settings," said Elliott. "I would like to thank all the health care providers and organizations that helped plan the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team; there is lots of work to be done, but with their dedication and hard work, we will continue to improve health care in our communities and ensure Ontarians get the care they deserve."

As it continues its work to integrate care, the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team will put in place 24/7 navigation and care coordination services for patients and families. Patients will receive these services through their integrated primary care teams and the broader Ontario Health Team partners. This work will be implemented in phases and over time will provide care for everyone within Southlake Community Ontario Health Team's population. In the first year, the focus will be on supporting older adults with complex health care needs and adults with mental health and addictions challenges.

"The transformation of the province's health care system from one of siloes to integrated local Ontario Health Teams represents the most promising opportunity we've seen in decades to improve care for patients and families," said Arden Krystal, co-chair of the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team Planning Committee and the President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre. "In addition to improved outcomes for patients, our Ontario Health Team will enhance patient experience, improve provider satisfaction, and increase value and efficiency in the system. We are thrilled to be moving forward as one of the first Ontario Health Teams."

"We know from other jurisdictions that rooting care coordination and navigation supports for patients within primary care can lead to dramatic improvements," said Dr. David Makary, the primary care lead on the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team Planning Committee. "We are excited to continue collaborating with dedicated primary care providers, along with patients, families and caregivers, to design and implement our Ontario Health Team and bring connected care to the communities we collectively serve."

The Southlake Community Ontario Health Team will begin implementing some of their proposed programs and services in 2020 and will communicate with patients and families about the changes and improvements they can expect in their community.

Ontario has a comprehensive plan to end hallway health care, which includes making investments and ad-

vancing new initiatives across four pillars:

Prevention and health promotion: keeping patients as healthy as possible in their communities and out of hospitals.

Providing the right care in the right place: when patients need care, ensure that they receive it in the most appropriate setting, not always the hospital.

Integration and improved patient flow: better integrate care providers to ensure patients spend less time waiting in hospitals when they are ready to be discharged. Ontario Health Teams will play a critical role in connecting care providers and, in doing so, helping to end hallway health care.

Building capacity: build new hospital and long-term care beds while increasing community-based services across Ontario.

An Ontario Health Team will be responsible for delivering care for their patients, understanding their health care history, directly connecting them to the different types of care they need, and providing 24/7 help in navigating the health care system.

Ontarians can be confident that they can continue to contact their health care providers as they always have to access the health care they need.

The first wave of Ontario Health Teams is being approved after an extensive readiness assessment process, which involved significant time, collaboration, research and effort from partners across the health care sector.

The government will continue working with its partners to review their applications to become an Ontario Health Team.

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"Each and every one of our recipients is making a positive difference in our watershed. Their passion and dedication is inspiring. Tonight, we thank them, we honour them and we share their stories as they are an inspiration for others."

Emceed by Jennifer Anderson of Rogers TV's The Parenting Show, the ceremony took place at Madsen's Greenhouse in Newmarket. Jennifer shared winning entry highlights touching on the passion of the people behind the projects.

Accolades went out to this year's recipients, including two King Township residents.

David Barton of King was honoured for planting 3,000 trees and shrubs on his property.

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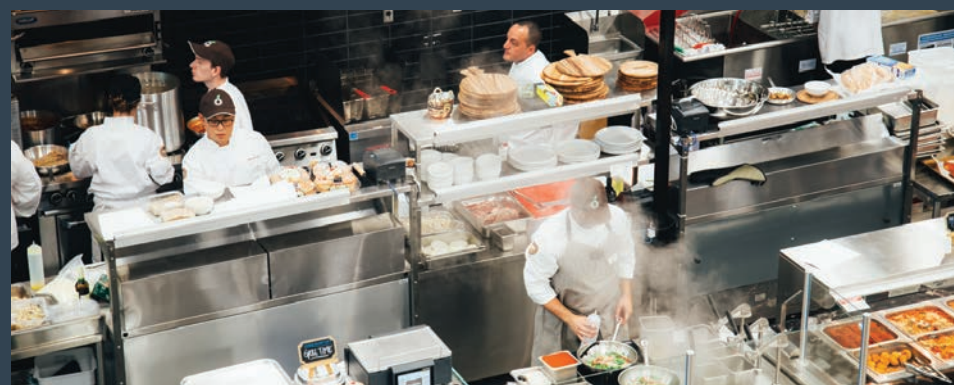
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Arts & Entertainment

King's Diva helps the community celebrate Christmas

Christmas Comedy and Carols, presented by King's own Diva in the Rough Catherine Hughes, was a huge success.

The performances, spread out over two days, were well attended, with opening night a sell out.

Proceeds went to the Kettleby Village Association through tickets, the silent auction and the hot chocolate bar.

The show was regularly "interrupted" by a narrator (Shelagh Carlini who was portraying the voice of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"). She was accompanied each time by a ghost or "spirit" played by actor David Mackett. Each description directly from the nov-

el of the Ghost of Christmas past, present and future was inaccurate and often had the narrator frustrated and leaving the stage yelling things such as "tell wardrobe and casting they're fired!"

Hughes swung through a repertoire of fun Christmas songs such as "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" and "Cool Yule" but had moments of contemplation with Gordon Lightfoot's "A winter's night" which was a crowd favourite.

The Dames, Hughes's female supportive friends and cheerleaders of sort, opened the show dressed in full Victorian costume with Joanne Duclos



stealing the show as a disgruntled Tiny Tim.

The Ghost of Christmas Past had David Mackett dressed and posing as Charles Dickens himself warning the Diva of the dangers of straying and ignoring the old fashioned carol. Through stories and other visits from two spirits the Diva learns the true message of The Christmas Carol through a gift given by Dickens, "The Oxford book of carols."

Hughes sings very old medieval carols a cappella while deciding to rewrite the words. Her tribute to Mary brought the house down. Hughes decided it shouldn't just be "Merry Christmas" but also "Merry Marymas" and continued to paint Mary in the picture of a tough mom who was the first to utter the words "Jesus Christ, clean your room!"

A very moving piece near the end, once the message of the carol and his-

tory were in place was "Christmas in the Trenches" which tells the story of the first Christmas of WWI at the front lines and how there was a cease fire due to soldiers singing "Silent Night."

Hughes sang three versus while actors Shelagh Carlini and David Mackett spoke their lines adding more drama to the piece that ended with Hughes singing a verse of Silent Night in German and a verse in English. The audience joined in and one could see that Hughes shows, although full of comedy have great moments of poignancy and elevation.

A sing a long of "the heavy metal carol of all carols "O Come All ye Faithful" left everyone smiling from ear to ear.

Once again the Diva has warmed the hearts of King dwellers.

The event was sponsored by Motive Media and the KVA as well as all those who donated to the silent auction.

Annual holiday bird count is on

Bird lovers of all ages and skill levels are invited to celebrate the Christmas Bird Count's 120th anniversary by joining one of the many counts happening across Ontario this holiday season. It's a great way to explore nature while helping collect important data on our feathered friends. Consider making the Christmas Bird Count a part of your family holiday tradition this year.

The Christmas Bird Count began in 1900, and today it is North America's longest-running wildlife census. Many local counts are organized by birding and nature clubs, and everyone is welcome to attend free of charge.

This year's Christmas Bird Count will run through Jan. 5, 2020. Ontario Nature member groups are organizing nearly 80 counts in the province this season. Visit the Ontario Nature website (ontariounature.org/cbc) to find a count near you. For a comprehensive list of counts happening in Canada, visit the Birds Canada website (bsc-eoc.org/volunteer/cbc).

Always fun, even when the weather is chilly, every volunteer who braves the elements to take part in a count contributes to the study and conservation of birds. Scientists use the data collected to monitor the health and status of resident and migratory birds over time, and to develop conservation strategies for species in decline and their habitats. The Christmas Bird Count also teaches citizen scientists about the myriad bird species that live in and migrate through their communities.

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Saunders thrills crowd

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Local dignitaries helped launch the Trees and Treats event, held at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. St. Nick joined Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillors Debbie Schaefer and Jakob Schneider, MP Deb Schulte and sponsor Anna Raeli of Desjardins. Trees & Treats also provides the opportunity to give back to the community, with the opening of the annual Trees of Giving display in support of Hope House Hospice. All funds raised this year will be donated to Hope House Hospice.

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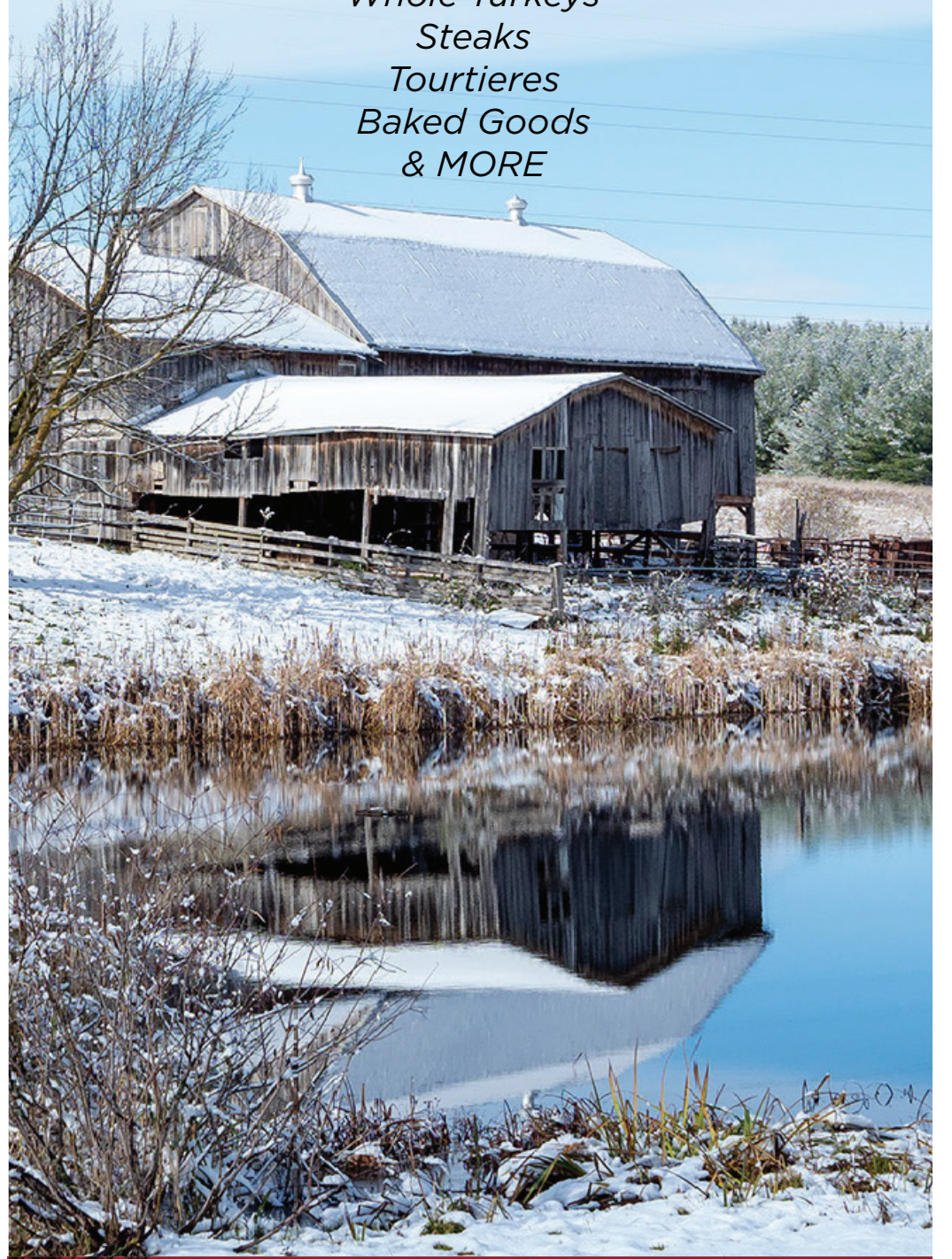
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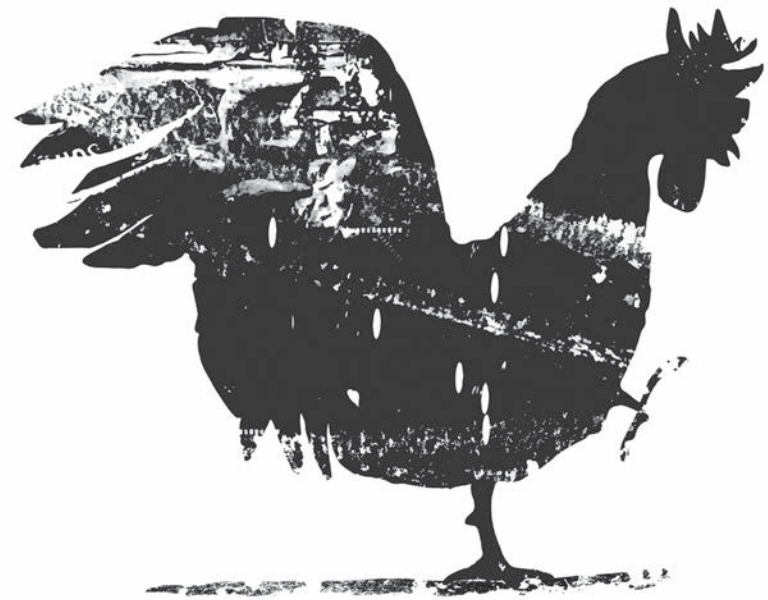
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Hasbro toys make the holidays special

By Mark Pavilons

In a world dominated by snaps and memes, it's good to know that children still get excited over toys for the holidays.

Venerable toymaker Hasbro has a great lineup for 2019 to make the yuletide season for gift-giving adults, and of course the wide-eyed children on the receiving end.

So put away those smart devices and get down on the floor and just play!

Older kids, and parents too, enjoy the series of Nerf blasters. The Fortnite RL Blaster is one of the newest and a great addition to the arsenal. It combines shooting fun with the popular video game Fortnite.

The popularity of the Transformers hasn't waned in literally decades. This year's hot item is the Transformers Ark Power Optimus Prime, a 12-inch converting wonder.

The furReal Walkalots are toy pets so you can literally take them for a walk, either around the house or outside. They move and make sounds, which kids will love.

Star Wars always grabs attention, and it's hotter than ever, especially with a new movie coming out. For the fan in your household, consider the remote control D-O a droid that rolls, spins and makes noises.

Toys form the biggest movie on the planet right now, Frozen II, are on everyone's wish list. Disney offers many dolls from the film, including collectible fashion dolls to talk and glow Olaf and Elsa. Grab one soon.

Ariel is timeless and Disney fans



will want to grab an Ariel doll from the Little Mermaid, which marks its 30th anniversary this year.

Marvel super heroes are a mainstay under any tree. Playskool offers the Super Hero Adventures Spider-Man Jetquarters. It's a great model, complete with a five-inch action figure.

These are just some recommendations if you're stuck for an idea this Christmas.

Hasbro also offers Play-Doh, My Little Pony, FurReal Friends, BeyBlade, Monopoly games, collectibles and other family games.

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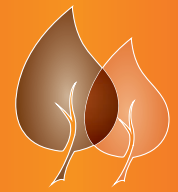


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Nobleton Public School celebrates 50th anniversary

By Julia Galt

Walk into this school with a positive attitude and leave with the greatest gift of all ... knowledge.

This was Nobleton Public School's motto for the past 50 years and, fittingly, there were plenty of positive attitudes as the school held its 50th anniversary reunion celebration Nov. 28.

Opening its doors to current and former staff, students, parents, and volunteers, the evening was a salute to times past, memories made, and those who have made Nobleton Public School the school it is today.

It was a nostalgic evening for many. Visitors were encouraged to tour the halls, taking in a school that has undergone quite a few changes since 2012's renovations and expansions. Displays in the gymnasium exhibited items from each decade of the school's operation, from school trophies, yearbooks, and textbooks, to special cultural artifacts and events that defined each era of schooling. Student volunteers could also be found milling through the crowds, dressed up as each decade of the school's operation and offering finger foods that represented the periods.

In addition to the many current and former staff who were present, the event was also attended by special

guests Mary Storey, John Loughlin, Jim Eves, John Mullings, and John Martins, the school's first vice principal, who all taught at Nobleton Public School when it first opened in 1969. Mayor Steve Pellegrini, MP Deb Schulte, YRDSB Superintendent Neil Gunathunge, and School Trustee Bob Roberts were also on hand to celebrate the occasion. Councillor David Boyd, Councillor Jakob Schneider, and Nobleton Lions Club President Rick Evans, all of whom attended Nobleton Public School themselves, spoke of the impact the school had both personally and for the community. Current NPS principal Mark Breadner was the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Alumnus Cynthia Tauro, a King native and Toronto-based jazz vocalist, was on hand to sing the National Anthem.

"It gives me great pleasure to look ahead and look back, and to remember those days, and the teachers that worked so faithfully in starting out a new venture," said Mullings, one of the school's first teachers, and member of the NPS 50th anniversary planning committee.

The Nobleton Public School, formerly called the Nobleton Senior Public School, first opened its doors on Sept. 2, 1969.

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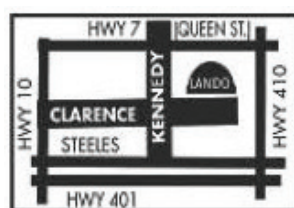
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School's humble beginnings

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Up until September of 2012, the school was half of a two-campus school alongside the Nobleton Junior Public School, and hosted Grades 4 to 8. Following the completion of renovations and expansions at the Senior School to accommodate community growth in 2012, the Nobleton Junior Public School was formally closed and its JK to Grade 3 students were relocated to the now named Nobleton Public School.

"One thing that many people won't know is that on September 2, 50 years ago, when we first opened this school with a few hundred students, we had not one chair, not one table, and not one desk," said Storey, reminiscing. "I think the tables and chairs arrived sometime later in the week. It was an interesting time with all those students, in this gym, trying to keep order with nothing to write on, and not even a desk or a chair."

The night's speakers gave special thanks to the Nobleton Lions Club and Sustainability King, whose generous donations allowed the event to take place, as well as the NPS 50th anniversary planning committee, whose dedicated work brought the entire night together.

"The Nobleton Public School 50th anniversary celebration was truly a wonderful event," stated Ward 2 Councillor David Boyd. "Principal Breadner

was a gracious host. Many great stories were shared, and memories revisited. The volunteer team spearheaded by Michele McNally did an amazing job setting the stage for a successful reunion, and Mr. Mullings also played a key role bringing everyone together to make it an evening that will be cherished for years to come."



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King City Lions defeat Black Bears foes 6-5

By Robert Belardi

King City Lions continue their hot start to the season defeating the St. Jean de Brebeuf Black Bears 6-5 in a pulsating hockey game at Nobleton Arena last Thursday.

Prior to puck drop, head coach of the

King City Lions, Bradley Matwijec, shed light on his team's offence.

"I think part of it is, we've had some guys that have been here since grade nine. We've got, what you'd say, are some experienced players that are able to push the puck to each other."

"Quite frankly, we got three or four



Holy Name Huskies win the 2019 board volleyball title

The York Catholic District School Board continues to grow with over 80 elementary schools, and so has Holy Name as its population has doubled over the last 20 years.

Winning a sports championship has never been more difficult with such gifted athletes, rep teams, clinics, and available extra training that so many athletes have access to.

Holy Name's boys volleyball team proved that with hard work, time and dedication anything is possible. This group of boys have been working since their junior years to have this very opportunity. They dedicated many morning to attend practices before school and put in 2 hours of their time and hard work every Tuesday and Thursday night practices.

This year the boys' volleyball team's main focus was on passing, control and trust in your teammates.

At the board tournament on Dec. 9, all three of these characteristics came into play. The boys lost their first 2 games of the tournament and were clearly deflated and upset. But they had the mental toughness to put that aside as they knew they had the capability to play better. They did just that as they went undefeated during the rest of the round-robin.

In the semi-finals they easily won both games as they dove for every ball, made perfect passes, sets and smashing hits that shocked even some of the high school students!

During the finals they easily won the first game but fell behind early during the second game. The boys never quit and continued to trust in each other and played like a team. Your Holy Name Huskies came back and managed to win the board tournament in straight sets.

They became the best team in the York Catholic District School Board. During this season, the boys proved that when you work as a team, you win as a team. All the boys worked hard all season long, they believed in each other, and they supported each other. Because of this, they won the championship. It's not often that a team can say they are the best, but thanks to the boys volleyball team, Holy Name Catholic School IS the best volleyball team in 2019!

Congratulations goes out to all the players: Michael A, Anthony C, Adriano C, Adrian D, Christian L, Daniel M, Luca M, Gianluca N, Daniel N, Andrew V, Remy B, Julian L, Gianmichael N, and Giuliano S. for getting us to the finals and for making us board champions. Thank you for your hard work, determination, perseverance, positive attitude, poise and great sportsmanship.



guys that are top goal scorers. They're not only top goal scorers in the high school loop, they're also top goal scorers on their own teams."

Two of those are senior players. Captain Carter Diceman and defenceman Evan Roccatani play for the Toronto Nationals in the GTHL.

The King City Lions is a double-A hockey club going up against a competitive triple-A team, the Black Bears. School teams are classified by their population.

"Us being a double-A team in terms of our size, like, our school is only 950 kids. Most teams we're playing and I think the team today, are triple-A schools. Meaning, they are plus 1,500 kids," Matwijec explained.

"It is a bit of an anomaly for us, to be as strong a team as we are."

In this heavyweight tilt, the game was off to a quick start.

In the first period, a poacher's effort by Michael Termini trickled, past goaltender Anthony Maraschiello to open the scoring.

Yet, it was in the second period personalities lightened up the game. Multiple scrums in the middle of the ice insinuated and open ice hits became a regularity.

Lions player Lucas Ceccarelli and Black Bears player Christopher Dirrocolo served 10-minute misconduct penalties. Both teams spent an ample amount

of time from here on out, in the sin bin. But despite the penalties, the tension rose even higher, resulting in the floodgates opening up.

Black Bears forward Peter Lamarra skated right past the defence and edged the puck past Lions grade nine netminder Caleb Kokelj to tie it up.

That score line did not last long. Roccatani fired home a power play goal and an even strength wrist shot that gave the Lions the upper hand.

Late in the 2nd, Black Bears forward Daniel Itri made it 3-2. Alexander Dimiatrias gave the Lions a 4-2 and moments later, Marcus Paluzzi cut the advantage down to one, heading into intermission sitting at 4-3.

Right at the beginning of the third period the Black Bears came firing out of the gate. Paluzzi quickly evened the game at four-all and could have sealed his hat trick if it was not for an acrobatic save on the breakaway by Kokelj.

With another teeter-totter period set for both teams, Roccatani sealed his hat trick with a nice feed in the slot beating Maraschiello glove side for the second time.

Lamarra made it five-all, until a blunder by Maraschiello left Lions player Anthony Macedo with an open net to seal the game.

The Lions move on to 4-0 in the division while the Black Bears sit at 2-3.

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Youth curling is off to a roaring start in King

By Shellee Morning

The King Curling Club is proud to once again have the King Cobras participating in the Toronto Curling Assoc., Youth Interclub.

The league was formed in 1980 providing young curlers the opportunity to experience competitive curling. King Cobras team consists of Skip Kayla Emmerton, Erik Mumford as Vice, Rachel Fenning as 2nd and Matthew Dallaire as Lead. King is part of Interclub West with clubs from Brampton, Oakville, High Park, Chinguacousy, and Dixie.

The Cobras took control of the rings in their first game against High Park that resulted in a 7-4 win. Cobras' second game was played at home against Dixie. Another, rock-hard performance by the Cobras, who took a commanding lead right from the start and never looked back. Mumford, Fenning and Dallaire all contributed to the high energy well-played game while Skip Emmerton called and played brilliantly rarely missing her called shot. The full team effort is credited for their astounding 11-1 win.

King's youth program for kids also includes The Little Rocks aged 7-11

years and Bantam aged 12-16 who are working diligently on their skills every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The Little Rockers are honing their skills for the upcoming Hit, Draw, & Tap contest for kids age 6-13 through Curling Canada and presented by CurlOn. The contest groups the kids into 3 different age categories and will perform 3 different shots; a Hit, a Draw to the button, and a Tap. The difficulty of the skill will be modified based on the age of the child.

To qualify each club in Ontario will host their own HDT club championship and submit each participants pre-determined points per shot. The top 10 overall will advance and represent their club at the Provincial championship in Cornwall on Feb. 1, 2020. Super exciting for these future stars since their competition will be (on the same ice) during the Men's Ontario Provincial Tankard (men's provincial championship to see who represents Ontario at The Brier).

Winners of the Hit Tap Draw will be declared at The Brier March 8, 2020 in Kingston. King has been well represented in the past at this prestigious event where the kids receive certificates, rib-



Here, 11-year-old Olivia Smith delivers during her practice at the King Curling Club's Little Rock program. Below, Ty Tomlinson delivers his rock.

Photos by Shellee Morning

bons, medals and a chance to have their name on the biggest trophy they've ever seen. Practice hard, hurry hard.

King Curling's youth program is accepting new registrations for the new year with the program continuing Jan. to March, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Kids 11 and under are \$75 +hst. Kids 12-18 are \$85 +hst. A great way for the kids to get some physical activity and make new friends along the way. Anyone interested in joining can visit the website at kingcurling.com

Social Leagues

The Roar to the Rings have found their way into the club's Social Leagues as they are in full gear of their first half playoff schedules. With all the strategies in place and each team member knowing what they have to do to win, comes down to the final game.

Wednesday Social completed their 2-week round robin determining who will play for the top spot. The format connects teams finishing in first and second place that will go broom for broom to declare the first half champions. 3rd and 4th will pair up, 5th and 6th place, and so on will conclude the

final game match-ups for the championship placings.

Friday Social league champions were decided after a thrilling end for end game between Teams Wasylik and Robertson. Superior sweeping and shot making between the two teams produced a 5-5 tie after 6 ends. The championship title came down to a dramatic tie-breaker draw to the button by Skip Rob Roberston for the win. Congratulations to Rob Robertson, Karel Span, Ingrid Dick and Brian Musker as Champions and Peter Wasylik, Claude LaLonde, Tannis Sherwood and Liz Mitchell as Runner-up.

The rest of the winning rinks included Teams Fraser, S. McKenzie, and A McKenzie.



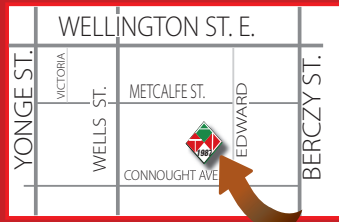
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8 TIPS TO SUPPORT A GRIEVING FRIEND THIS HOLIDAY

Knowing how to support a friend who is grieving is never easy. Though one size doesn't fit all, here are a few tips to get you started.

by WhatsYourGrief.com

SUPPORT THEIR HOLIDAY CHOICES

You may not love their decision to skip certain holiday events, drop or change traditions, fly to Bali, or whatever else they have decided to do to cope. Keep in mind the holidays are incredibly difficult in grief, so respect and support their coping choices.

INVITE THEM TO HOLIDAY EVENTS, BUT DON'T PUSH

Extend holiday invitations, but make it clear that you absolutely understand if they aren't up for it. Even if they have said no the last few years, still extend invitations while making clear you won't be offended if they don't make it.

BE PREPARED THAT PLANS MIGHT CHANGE

Whether it is a last minute bail on a holiday party, or a last minute decision to accept the holiday dinner invitation you extended that they initially declined, try to be flexible and understanding.

SEND A THOUGHTFUL HOLIDAY CARD

It can sometimes be hard to see all the smiling, happy families without feeling a tinge of pain about their now incomplete family. Instead of the standard photo-card, send a thoughtful handwritten note acknowledging how tough the holidays must be and sharing a memory.

CONSIDER A MEMORIAL GIFT OR DONATION

If you exchange gifts with your friend, there are many beautiful memorial gifts out there that may be a good option. You can also acknowledge their grief this holiday by making a donation in their loved one's name/memory to a charity that is important to them or that was important to their loved one.

OFFER PRACTICAL HELP AND SUPPORT

Try to offer something specific rather than vague. Some things that might be helpful are offering to help them with decorating (if they plan to decorate), help with holiday shopping, gift wrapping, watching their kids so they can go shopping, offer to take their kids to holiday events they might not be up for, cleaning, preparing for a holiday meal, etc.

LISTEN WITHOUT MINIMIZING, JUDGING, OR GIVING ADVICE

If your friend just needs to vent, complain, and emot about their misery trying to make it through the holidays, just listen and support them. Don't try to find a silver lining, don't tell them they should be over it, don't tell them what they 'should' or 'shouldn't' do. Just be there!

REMEMBER, GRIEF DOESN'T ONLY IMPACT THE FIRST HOLIDAY SEASON!!

After the death of a loved one, grief just kind of becomes a part of a person's holiday season. Many people will probably make your friend feel like they should be "over it" by the second or third holiday season. Make sure you provide them with the same kindness, support, and consideration that you did in the first year.

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, Dec 22 is the fourth Sunday of Advent where we will celebrate love, remembering God's promise to be with us and to love us now and always. Please join us for the 10 a.m. worship.

Christmas Eve Service will be on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. and the folks at King City United Church would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and pray that your travels are safe and that you enjoy good health through the holidays.

Sermons are available on our website kcuc.net

Thank to all who helped with Lunch With Santa last Saturday. Although the weather was a challenge a great time was had by all who attended.

The women's prayer group, which meets at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd., gathers on Tuesday mornings. The condo community is on the south side of King Road and meetings are in the small dining room on the main floor. Departure time is optional but please try to arrive just before 9 so as to be let in.

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 905-833-5375.

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 at 905-833-5181. Website at kcuc.net. Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

King Bible Church

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Dec. 22 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "God With Us" with "Peace."

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 chil-

dren in kindergarten can go directly to their class at the start of the service.

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Our adults will meet upstairs. Our program runs from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Please join us for our Annual Family Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, Dec. 24. We will begin with Refreshments at 6 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30.

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

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

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

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

Our worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School for school-aged children up to age 12. All are welcome.

For the third Sunday in Advent, the Rev. Connie Vissers spoke on Joy, a deep and lasting gift from God. She gave us the example of the joy Elizabeth felt when her cousin Mary visited her, knowing that Mary was chosen to bring Jesus into the world. Later in Luke 2 we read, "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people... a Saviour has been born."

The service for the last Sunday in Advent will be led by Lynn Vissers. The theme is Love.

The Women's Prayer Circle meets at 80 Burns Blvd., Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m.

What a wonderful way to start your day! (Philippians 4: 6 & 7) Need more information? Contact Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391.

The last Youth Group before Christmas Break is this Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. Call Lynn for more information.

The last Messy Church this year is Sunday, Dec. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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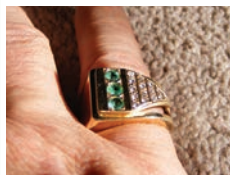
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Sunday evenings Pastor Niyazi Bilgen with The Greater Grace Fellowship leads a Bible Study starting at 5 p.m. in the lounge. Refreshments follow and all are welcome. Call 416-878-8499.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas in King, King City Lodge, and the Tree of Warmth donations for Evangel Hall (Toronto), making this Christmas more joyous for many.

The St. Andrew's Christmas Potluck took place despite the inclement weather last Saturday and was very enjoyable. Following a wonderful meal and lively Christmas Carol singing, Lynn Vissers told us about Angela's Christmas - a little girl, innocently stealing the "Baby Jesus" from her church's outdoor creche to ensure that He too was safe and warm.

We hope you can join us Christmas Eve and experience our Family Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Remember the coming of the Prince of Peace. What better way to remember the true meaning of Christmas than to

come to All Saints for special services Christmas eve. All are welcome at 5 p.m. or at our Eucharist at 9 p.m. Come and celebrate this holy night with us.

Or, attend a more intimate service in our chapel on Christmas day at 10 a.m. Peace and love are the watchwords of this season.

Last Sunday we had the pleasure of a special presentation by our youth group. We welcomed the third Sunday in Advent with their very polished performance of the nativity. Appropriately dressed Shepherds, an innkeeper, and Joseph and Mary acted their parts with quiet relish. Two narrators carried the narrative. Twelve-year-old Annika Karunaratne as the angel, complete with halo, who announced the birth to the shepherds had the best lines.

Kingscrafts Raffle Winners

Kingscrafts wishes to thank everyone who attended our Studio Sale this fall. Here are the winners of our raffle: Judy Walker, Mount Albert, won the bead necklace and bracelet; Mary Bastedo, Aurora, won the wire turtle planted with succulents; Cathy Richards, Schomberg, won the woven baby blanket.





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709 IN MEMORIAM

Angela Giansante July 30, 2018
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708 OBITUARIES



*Smithyes,
John Murray*

John Murray Smithyes, 92, died peacefully at home in Bracebridge, Ontario on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, his children Susan Benson (Mark), John (Aileen), Robert (Jennifer) and Mark (Cathy Douglas) and 10 grandchildren, Samuel, Ezra, Andrea, Fiona, Iain, Kevin, Peter, Katherine, Graydon and Piers. John was predeceased by his sister Mary Sprake. John was born in Purley, Surrey, England on October 2, 1927. He attended Berkhamsted School for Boys and went on to attend Oaklands College focussed on agriculture followed by time spent in Denmark and Holland studying agricultural techniques. He moved to Canada in 1956 and in December of that year he met Margaret Gent. They were married a year later at St. Andrews Church in Ferring by Sea, Sussex, England. He enjoyed a long career in the agricultural sector working at the Shur-Gain Research Farm, Niagara Chemicals, FMC and N. M. Barlett. His knowledge and experience were well known and greatly respected. In 1961, John became a charter member of the Ontario Institute of Professional Agrologists. John and Margaret built a home in King Township and lived there for almost 40 years. In 1974, while still working as a full time Agrologist, he and Margaret took over Pine Farms Orchard and turned it into a vibrant pick-your-own apple business. They also travelled extensively internationally and throughout Canada. They moved to Bracebridge in 2004 and enjoyed visits from friends and family, watching their grandchildren grow in size and number, tea on the front porch and, if you caught them at the right time of day, a nice single malt scotch. He was John Smithyes to the end; smart, funny, independent, self-reliant, grateful for an amazing life and proud of his family and of a most remarkable woman, one he adored for 63 years to his last breath. Thank you for being such an important part of our lives. We will miss you John. The family have received friends on Monday, December 16, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for a visitation, at Reynolds Funeral Home in Bracebridge. A celebration of life will be held in the Spring. Memorial contributions to Christ Church, Windermere, or to a charity of your choice, would be appreciated by the family. Messages of condolence may be left at www.reynoldsfuneral.com

708 OBITUARIES

DiCarlo, John Anthony
June 23, 1948 - December 17, 2019
It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of John DiCarlo at the age of 71, on Tuesday December 17, 2019 at Etobicoke General Hospital. Beloved husband of 49 years to Michelina. Devoted father to Corey (Laurie), Jason (Kristina) and Andrea; cherished Nonno to Tyler, Aidan, Jacob, Vaun and Rebecca. He will be forever missed by his loving siblings Teresa De-Gasperis (the late Alfredo), the late Benny (Antoinette), Anna Cisco (the late Joe); and joins his parents, the late Guiseppe and Filomena. Please contact Vescio Funeral Home. 211 McNaughton Rd. East, Maple
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708 OBITUARIES

Williams: Grace Amy
Peacefully at Simcoe Manor, Beeton, on Thursday December 12th, 2019. Grace (Barton), in her 87th year, beloved wife of the late Lorne Williams. Loving mother of Glenn (Joanne), Marcia (Guye) Breedon and Garry (Ronda). Sadly missed by her grandchildren Luke, Rebecca, Ryan (Wendy), Shaun (Rachel), Sterling, Paige, Callie (Mitch), Colton (Karen) and her great grandchildren Mieke, Grace, Elijah, Faith, Elwyn and Aldyn. Dear sister of Eunice (late Stan) Spurr and the late Lois (Ross) Armstrong. Predeceased by her parents Reg and Ivy Barton. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews and long time friends. The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 for a Celebration of Grace's life, on Thursday December 19, 2019 from 11:00 am until time of service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Simcoe Manor Activation Program would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

709 IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY of Bill, Beryl and Jim Fleming
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Nobleton Notes

By **Angie Maccarone**
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Christmas services will take place on Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. (for kids) and 8 p.m., and on Dec. 25 at 10 a.m., when we'll share Communion together in a more intimate celebration of the birth of Jesus. Each service is different, and you are welcome at any or all of them.

This Sunday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m., Jeff will continue focusing on the Advent Season, with his message entitled "Change of Plans." Advent in the dictionary is described as "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event."

As the stores are full to the brim of items to celebrate the coming of Christmas, so we too celebrate the coming of our risen Christ by preparing our hearts for the upcoming festivities – focusing on what Christmas really means. Don't hesitate to bring your kids; we're

geared for younger ones, with opportunities for children aged 0 to 11 during worship (everybody else can enjoy the service!). Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

The Community Youth Group meets the second and fourth Friday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. The youth group focuses on Grades 7 to 12. This program is aimed at providing a safe and caring environment where teens can have fun and learn about God. Our focus is on fun and developing a sense of camaraderie and care for each member of the group, while at the same time devoting some time each week to a Bible lesson or Bible life application.

We have a laser tag evening as well as a baking evening coming up. Regardless of the activity you are sure to find a welcoming community focused on living out our relationship with Jesus. Bring your friends along. Follow our Instagram account, "4:12.youth.group," to stay up to date on current events.

A2J (All to Jesus), our program for kids in Grades 3 to 6, meets the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m. If you have a child in this age group, come on and bring them out to hear the Bible stories, join in with songs, games, crafts and have lots of fun!

We have LifeConnect Groups (smaller groups meeting to encourage and deepen our faith in each one's life journey). A Men's LifeConnect Group meets on Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the church in Room 3. If you are available on a Thursday morning, why not consider joining our study? We will be covering a wide variety of topics. A Women's LifeConnect Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Palgrave.

The first and third Tuesday of the month we have a group of men and women that get together at 1 p.m. to do quilting. The second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the focus is on knitting. All handcrafted items are donated to various mission projects. Please join in if you enjoy handcrafts, or even would like to learn how!

We are blessed at St. Paul's to have diligent librarians that have worked for years on creating an amazing library, one that keeps expanding with new books, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as DVDs based on true life stories, and more. It is said that what goes into a mind comes out in a life. What you read, watch and listen to really matters! Please feel free to borrow from our church library which will certainly help stretch, grow and encourage you.

Jeff's messages are posted at www.passionatelyhis.com each week. They are also available for viewing on Facebook Live, on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) and its YouTube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), and our website, stpaulsnobleton.ca.

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Nobleton United Church
By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

You've seen the signs, "Put the Christ back into Christmas," so what does that mean to me, the minister of Nobleton/Schomberg United? It is recognizing that all of humanity are the beloved children of God and demonstrating that love through actions of service and social justice. It is working toward a future where no-one is marginalized. It is welcoming and including everyone, just as they are; no strings, no exceptions.

This Sunday, and on Christmas Eve, our Affirm Committee will have rainbow ribbons available to anyone who would like to wear one. It is a simple act to let the LGBT+ community and their allies know they are loved unconditionally.

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in Breakfast with Santa we raised \$667.25 to be donated to Christmas in King.

Please join us on Christmas Eve for refreshments at 3:30 p.m. with our family friendly service following at 4 p.m. This year we will tell the Christmas story with chocolate surprises. Sandra Kirby will join us again to lead the music and sing 2 solos. We are also pleased to be having a solo sung by our own Kara Winter.

If you are interested in a more traditional service, Schomberg United will have a Communion and Candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Check out Schomberg Should Know for details.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By **Carol Kanitz**

Reminder: The King City Seniors Centre, as well as the travel coaches, are "No Scent Zones."

King City Seniors, have you and your guests reserved tickets for New Year's Eve yet? Time is running out to sign up for dinner and dancing to ring in the new year. This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call Carol at 905-833-3324 or Toni at 905-833-6379.

Looking ahead to the new year, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Friday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. Our guests will be Ward 1 and Ward 5 councillors, Jordan Cescolini and Debbie Schaefer, who will update us on activities that concern us.

Merry Christmas to all Senior Centre members. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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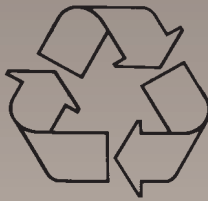
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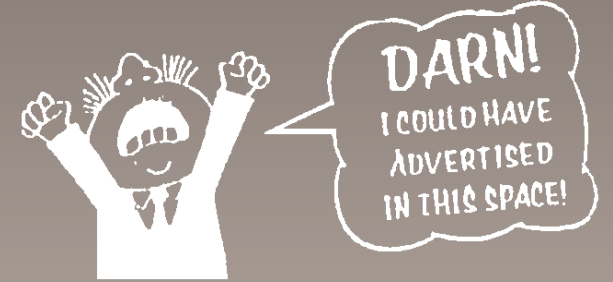
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From Page 24

On Sunday, Dec 29, we will be joining Schomberg United and the Anglicans at St. Mary Magdalene, 116 Church Street, Schomberg at 11:15 a.m.

Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Happy Holidays, whoever you are, whatever you celebrate this time of year, may you experience, peace, love and joy this season.

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 (gender neutral) washrooms. We warmly welcome everyone, old and young, tattooed or not, dressed up or not.

**Anglican Parish
By John Arnott**

This coming Sunday morning, Dec. 22, there will be an 11:15 a.m. combined parish Holy Communion service in St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg with the lighting of the Advent Wreath's third blue/purple candle, the Angel Candle symbolizing peace

Christmas Eve services Dec. 24 in the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown will be Midnight Mass at 8 p.m. in Christ Church, Kettleby on Kettleby Rd. midway between Jane and Keele Sts. and at 10:30 p.m. in St. Mary Magdalene's, 116 Church St. Schomberg. At this service

the white Christ Candle, final candle on the Advent Wreath, will be lighted symbolizing Christ's return. Now all 5 of the Advent Wreaths candles will be lighted.

Christus venit. Deus homo fit. Christ comes. God is man.

Gaudeamus igitur! So let us rejoice!

On Sunday morning Dec. 29 there will be an 11:15 a.m. combined parish Holy Communion service in St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg.

Holy Communion services in January 2020 switch back to Christ Church, Kettleby beginning on Sunday morning Jan. 5, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with a tea/coffee hour to follow in the adjacent church hall for those wishing to stay.

All are warmly welcome to attend any of these services.

Parishioners of the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown (the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, Christ Church, Kettleby and St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg) wish everyone the joy and blessings of Christmas and Hanukkah.

Schomberg Should Know

**By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Schomberg Skating Club

Winter skating starts Jan. 7 and registration is now available on our website www.schombergskatingclub.ca

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York Pines United Church

This year we would like to thank you for all the years of opening your doors to us, so we invite you and your family to join us for a Community Carol Sing, at the church, on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 2 to 3 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming you and singing with you, and enjoying some cider and cookies.

All welcome to attend Christmas Eve Family Service, Tuesday Dec. at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 3150 Lloydtown Aurora Road, Kettleby. 905-727-8118. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m.

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On Christmas Eve at 10 a.m., we will be having a simple service of Readings and Carols at Kitchen-Breedon Manor in the Upstairs Lounge, followed by cookies and hot chocolate. A special thanks to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan who has offered to play the piano.

At 7:30 p.m we will have a Candlelight and Communion service. Stefani Piett-Harris will be singing 2 solos.

If you are looking for a less formal, children-oriented service, Nobleton United is having refreshments at 3:30 with service at 4 p.m. See Nobleton Notes for details.

On Sunday, Dec. 29, we will be joining the members of St. Mary Magdalene at 11:15 a.m.

Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Happy Holidays, whoever you are, whatever you celebrate this time of year, may you experience, peace, love and joy this season.

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.

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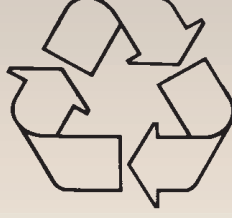
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