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King, YRP combat infractions in pilot project

By Mark Pavilons

A move by King Township and York Regional Police may just provide some deterrent to bad driving habits.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini urged YRP to place a couple of decommissioned police vehicles at strategic locations around the municipality in a pilot project.

The move is just another way to address the ongoing issues of speeding and other infractions in King communities. The mayor and councillors have long expressed the desire to get motorists to slow down and staff are working on several traffic calming measures.

"I think this is really going to work," Pellegrini said. "I am delighted that the Township and YRP have partnered to pilot 'decoy cruisers' as calming measures; we will try everything to slow people down."

The method has been used by YRP in the past but vehicles are scarce as almost all are sent to auction after they're decommissioned, as means of cost recovery.

"It is generally a good deterrent when deployed but once removed people, over time, drivers will tend to migrate back to their bad habits," said YRP Superintendent Randy Slade. He added "almost all of the offenders are all local residents."

Road safety remains one of YRP's main priorities as it relates to community safety, he pointed out.

"Speed reduction, through enforcement and education is one of our 5 pillars contained in our Road Safety Strategy. Speed plays a role in every catastrophic or fatal motor vehicle collision, although safety equipment has greatly reduced the number of both these types of collisions the human body is limited in the amount of trauma it can sustain to survive. The force applied to anyone, be it driver, passenger, cyclist, and/or pedestrian in any type of motor vehicle collision comes from speed. Road speeds are set based on many factors but are in place to allow drivers the ability to properly react in a timely manner to slow down and/or take evasive measures to avoid collisions.

"As everyone can easily deduce, significantly high speeds are dangerous regardless of the location."

Be careful out there and watch your speed is the message all drivers should take away from this

all drivers should take away from this.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road Monday, January 27, 2020 6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 10, 2020 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

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6 pm – Committee of Adjustment Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 6 pm - Sustainability Committee Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

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- Fitness Instructor Zumba closes when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT, seasonal) closes when filled
- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) closes when filled
- Summer Aquatics positions close February 14
- Summer Camp positions close February 14
- Summer Parks positions close January 24
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) closes when filled

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

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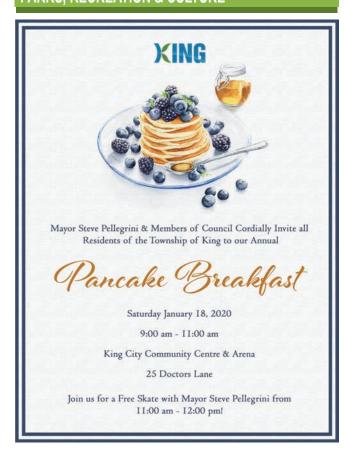
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If you have a catch basin in front of your property, please ensure it is clear of snow to allow the water to drain.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Tuesday, Feb. 11

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

Thursday, April 2

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Tuesday, April 7

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

Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors



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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

Presentation of 2020 Water & Wastewater Rates: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. RE: (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.

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.

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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King mourns with Canada

Nobleton mother, son lost in tragic crash

By Mark Pavilons

A vigil was held Monday to remember the Canadian, and York Region victims of last week's horrific downing of a Ukrainian airliner in Iran.

King Township joins communities across the country, mourning the losses from Ukraine International Flight 752. In all, 176 were killed.

A Nobleton woman and her 10-year-old son were among the victims. Shakiba Feghahati, 39, and her 10-year-old son Rosstin Moghaddam were among those killed in the crash. Father and husband Shahin Moghaddam was not on the flight.

Mother and son were in Iran to visit Ms. Feghahati's parents for the first time in eight years.

King council held a moment of silence at Monday night's meeting. There is also a book of condolences in the lobby of the municipal office for residents to sign.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, councillors and staff were deeply saddened to hear about the plane crash.

"Today Canada mourns together. On behalf of King Township, I offer our condolences, thoughts and prayers to Mr. Moghaddam and the extended Feghahati and Moghaddam families," said Mayor Pellegrini. "We also offer our sympathy to all the families of the victims, as well as the local Iranian community. To lose two members of our community in such a sudden and unpredictable way is heartbreaking. I know that the community of Nobleton will rally to offer whatever support the family needs."

The largest Canadian loss of life since the 1980s, this devastating crash claimed 57 citizens, including men, women and children.

The York Catholic District School Board, York Region District School Board, the City of Richmond Hill and York Regional Police hosted a community vigil Monday to remember and honour students killed in the plane crash in Tehran.

Students, an eye surgeon, two realtors, a York Region employee and a dentist, with ties to York, perished in the crash.

"This is a tragic loss for the entire York Region school community. On be-



half of our government, we offer our deepest condolences to the families, friends, and entire school community," said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lec-

"We join Canadians and others around the world in mourning the loss of the victims of yesterday's plane crash in Iran. We are heartbroken to learn that five of our students died in this devastating tragedy, from four of our schools: Adrienne Clarkson P.S., Beynon Fields P.S., Meadowbrook P.S. and Richmond Green S.S.," said a statement from YRDSB.

"We also know that there are staff members and families who are mourning the loss of loved ones. This is a tragedy that is being felt deeply in our community. We are all deeply saddened and our thoughts and condolences are with all those affected by this tragic event."

Flags were lowered at York Region headquarters, marking the passing of staff member Bahareh Karami.

Bahareh was a passenger on the flight.

"We are so shocked and extremely saddened by this tragedy," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Our prayers are with Bahareh's family, friends and colleagues, and for everyone that may be impacted in any way by this horrific event."

York Region staff reached out directly to Bahareh's immediate family, who live in Tehran.

Bahareh joined York Region in 2018 working as a technologist in the Capital Planning and Delivery branch within Environmental Services. She was a graduate of University of Tehran with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering, before receiving a master's degree in science from North Carolina State University.

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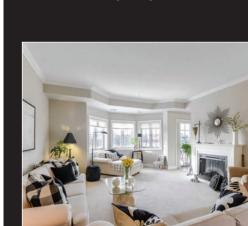
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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

~ Michael Connelly

Let's clean up our act, before the Messiah arrives

Just when did we begin to lose faith? It's no secret that Christianity has been waning, slowly slipping year after

In Pew Research Center telephone surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019, 65% of American adults describe themselves as Christians when asked about their religion, down 12 percentage points over the past decade. Meanwhile, the religiously unaffiliated share of the population, consisting of people who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular," now stands at 26%, up from 17% in 2009.

Both Protestantism and Catholicism are experiencing losses of population share. Currently, 43% of U.S. adults identify with Protestantism, down from 51% in 2009. And one-in-five adults (20%) are Catholic, down from 23% in 2009.

A declining share of Canadians identify as Christians, while an increasing share say they have no religion - similar to trends in the United States and Western Europe. The Pew survey in Canada, conducted in 2018, found that a slim majority of Canadian adults (55%) say they are Christian, including 29% who are Catholic and 18% who are Protestant. About three-in-10 Canadians say (5%) or "nothing in particular" (16%). Canadian census data indicate that the share of Canadians in this "religiously 1971 to 24% in 2011, although it is lowest in Quebec. In addition, a rising share of part to immigration. The 2018 Pew Refive groups together make up 8% of Canadian adults.

Pope is struggling with this, too.



Mark Pavilons

Again, our western arrogance and ignorance hinders our progress, as we ignore some cultural lessons staring us right in the face.

Why don't we find out why those other religions are growing and how those believers practice their faith? We may they are either atheist (8%), agnostic be surprised, and discover more about tradition, love, family and the unifying power of faith than we're aware.

Of course, the one step forward, two unaffiliated" category rose from 4% in back philosophy sometimes hinders our progress.

Quebec recently enacted a new law Canadians identify with other faiths, that bans many public employees - inincluding Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, cluding teachers, police officers and Judaism and Buddhism, due in large judges-from wearing religious symbols in the workplace. Advocates of the measearch Center survey found that these sure say it promotes the separation of church and state, but opponents already have challenged the law in court, saying There are many reasons for these sta- it targets Muslim women and erodes tistics, but those are best left to the reli- religious freedom. I don't know how I'd gious experts among us. I'm the sure the react if someone told me I couldn't wear a cross or crucifix.

France banned head scarves and othin 2004, and banned full-face veils in all era without a human figurehead. Judapublic places in 2011. A ban on face veils ism rejects this belief, pointing to our is also in force in other European coun- own history dominated by greed, power

Pew Research Center didn't ask Canabut most people across Western Europe nuclear war or by terrorism. favor at least some restrictions on Muslim women's dress.

These matters seem trivial when we prolonged calamities. consider the biggie - the end of days.

we face judgement.

Just who will come to judge us?

The word messiah in English means a savior or a "hoped-for deliverer." The man leader, of a magnitude that the we word moshiach in Hebrew actually means "anointed." In Biblical Hebrew, and leadership will inspire mankind to the title moshiach was bestowed on somebody who attained a position of nobility and greatness. For example, the Messiah, and the "end of days," include high priest is referred to as the kohen an increase in wars and conflicts; more ha-moshiach.

Moshiach, or Melech HaMoshiach (the anti-semitism. King Messiah), is reserved for the Jewish leader who will redeem Israel in the cent years, and they're increasing. End of Days.

is that one day there will arise a dynam- tainly derailed it for the time being and ic Jewish leader, a direct descendant of the Davidic dynasty, who will rebuild recent horrific incident. the Temple in Jerusalem, and gather Jews from all over the world and bring coming," perhaps we should strive to them back to the Land of Israel.

All the nations of the world will recognize Moshiach to be a world leader, get a head-start on the next phase of our and will accept his dominion. In the messianic era there will be world peace, no more wars nor famine, and, in general, a high standard of living.

Aren't these things we all long for?

Some people believe that the world er religious symbols in public schools will "evolve" by itself into a messianic and enslavement.

Others believe in Armageddon, that dians for their opinions on these laws, the world will self-destruct, either by

> Reliable prophecies from all religions predict world peace, but after large scale

Even Nostradamus predicted a Third All of our pettiness, avarice and ill World War, destruction of the Middle gotten gains will be turned to dust when East, and increasing devastation caused by global warming. This year is pivotal, scholars say. Stay on your toes, people!

Prophets speak of the arrival of a hucan only imagine. His unique example change direction.

Signs of the pending arrival of the weather incidents like earthquakes, In Talmudic literature the title floods, and famine, and an increase in

We've seen all of these things in re-

How long have we yearned for world One of the principles of Jewish faith peace? Recent actions in Iran have cerwe are seeing the fallout from this most

> As we wait, patiently, for the "second improve our society, our species and our fellow men and women. Maybe we can world by ushering in all of those ideals we all wish and pray for.

> Maybe if we make world peace and winning the battle against evil our priorities, the better off we will all be.

Letter to the Editor

Flyers dumped up at mailbox

I have been collecting my mail at a community mailbox located on Martin Street near Hambly Avenue in King City for about 35 years. On Jan. 7 I was so surprised to find a pile of flyers that had been thrown on the ground at the base of the mailboxes. This has never happened before in my experience. I picked them up and

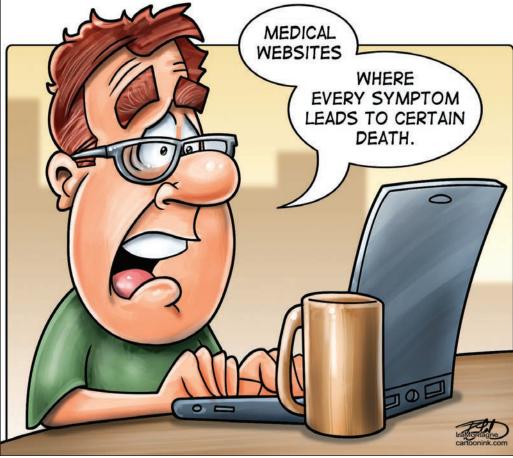
took them home so that others would not get the idea that this is acceptable behaviour.

Please, I ask that you respect the neighbourhood and the environment and either take the flyers home with you and dispose of them responsibly in your blue box, or call or drop by your post office and request that you not receive flyers any longer. You can simply tape a note saying "No Flyers Please" inside your personal mail box.

I did these and have not received a flyer in years. Please do you your part!

> Catherine Flear King City

Editor's Note: None of these flyers were distributed by the King Weekly Sen-



Thought of the Week

One day it will all be over!

But until that day comes, you have plenty of time to enjoy yourself. If you leave the world better than you found it - bravo. It's never too late to wipe the slate clean.

King Township Trivia

Isaac Dennis established his second hotel at the corner of King Sideroad and Keele Street. His daughter and her husband John Hogan were the first hosts and remained at the hotel for almost 50 years. Hogan's Inn remains an important landmark in King City today.



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Results from last week's poll:

Did you watch the gold medal game between Canada and Russia?

57% a) Yes 43% b) No The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S **QUESTION**

Do you think Iran should be forced to pay compensation to the families of the victims of Flight 752?

a) Yes b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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COP25, our thoughts and prayers go out

By Skid Crease

with a bang but a whimper."

When T.S. Eliot wrote "The Wasteland" a century ago, he probably didn't have the current climate crisis in mind. Nevertheless, the most recent global environmental conference, COP 25 could have concluded with the same lines. The Council of Parties 25 was held in Madrid, Spain in December of 2019 with a prologue of dire warnings that we were "on the point of no return" in our ability to avert a climate catastro-

But much like the thoughts and prayers that go out to the victims of violence following every horrific school shooting and mass killing, the best we could give to all of those youthful climate strikers was, "See you next year."

by accelerating climate change pushed "This is the way the world ends. Not for stronger targets for carbon pricing and emissions reduction. They were blocked every step of the way by China, India, the United States of America and Saudi Arabia. Also blocked were decisions committing to strategies covering "loss and damage" — how countries already counting the cost of the climate emergency can be compensated.

The Japan Times reported about the conference proceedings on Dec. 14, 2019 that: "The United States, which is leaving the Paris agreement, has aggressively blocked any provisions that might leave them and other developed countries on the hook for damages that could total more than \$150 billion per year by 2025, observers and diplomats have said."

And counter to our youthful teen

The nations most severely affected protesters, there is no "generational divide" about these issues. The divide is between the consumer and conserver

> I am 73, I took my class on the first Earth Day march in 1970 and I have been teaching about and lecturing on and practicing environmental literacy ever since. When I began The Periwinkle Project (education towards environmental literacy) in 1989, one of my inspirations was a young teen activist from B.C. named Severn Suzuki. Thirty years later, a young teen from Sweden carries the torch. From one generation to another, a letter to you both.

Dear Severn and Greta;

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and the generation about to inherit Earth. Like Gilgamesh and The Flood

(retold later as Noah and the Ark in biblical mythology) the warnings were given, but few heeded them. In the beginning it was simply "accelerating climate change" and global warming that led the headlines.

In 1988, the World Meteorological Association warned us that "Humankind is conducting an unintended, uncontrolled, all-pervasive experiment upon the atmosphere of Earth, the consequences of which will be second only to global nuclear war." This frightened you so much Severn, a young teenager, that you took your message to the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. On behalf of children everywhere, you reminded us adults that, "We are what we do, not what we say."

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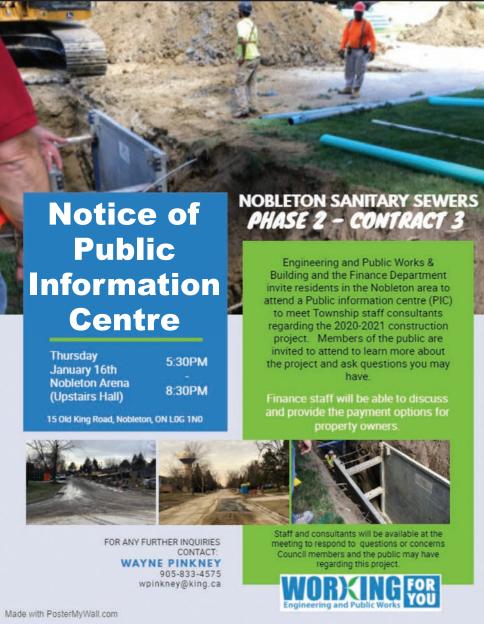
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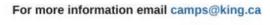
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Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014. Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management

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How do I prevent a cooking fire?

- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that burns cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders - a safe distance from the
- Loose-fitting clothes can come into contact with stove burners and catch fire. Wear tight sleeves or roll them up when cooking.

FIRE INJURIES and DEATHS

- ❖ 32% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires.
- 14% of all cooking fires result in an injury or death.
- 11% of all home fire fatalities are caused by

Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management www.ontario.ca/firemarshal

Navigating difficult climate conversations

The facts of the climate crisis aren't in dispute. We know the planet is heating at an unnaturally rapid rate, mostly because humans are wastefully burning fossil fuels and destroying natural areas like forests and wetlands that store carbon, putting human health and survival at risk.

Yet, as many of us prepare to break bread with family and friends during the holiday season, some dread the polarizing conversations that can arise. Many of us have listened to someone confidently assert that climate change is a hoax or that it's no big deal. How do we talk to them? Should we bother?

Although most people know the climate emergency is serious and needs addressing immediately, we're all in denial to some extent. For those in the know, it's partly what allows us to go about our days. The difficult, frightening reality is that humanity continues to rapidly develop and burn fossil fuels, pushing atmospheric greenhouse gases to their highest concentrations in three to five million years – when global tem-

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els were 10 to 20 metres higher and our species didn't yet exist!

Confronting these facts isn't easy, but not paying them enough heed over the past few decades has stalled action that could have prevented upheaval. We're now at a point where further delays could spell disaster.

"Talking is the most important thing we can do and it does make a difference!" climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe argues. But how do we do that? It's a difficult subject even for those who study it. And many people feel they don't know enough to discuss it. Others have been misled by massive industry-funded campaigns, supported by politicians and media, to downplay or deny the evidence.

Hayhoe says we shouldn't argue about science with those who dismiss it, but rather, we should be "connecting the dots to why it matters to us and what we and other people are already doing to fix it.'

Technology is increasingly helping people cut though polarization on subjects ranging from U.S. politics to cli-

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peratures were 2 to 3 C warmer, sea lev- mate. The David Suzuki Foundation's organizations, so anyone who cares new CliMate conversation coach is designed to help people through difficult make a difference. but important conversations about climate disruption and its solutions.

> CliMate, on Facebook Messenger, allows users - regardless of their position on climate change - to move through a conversation with possible questions and responses, offering feedback to help people find common ground and shared values. It's not about winning a debate but about reducing polarization and cultivating empathy - based on a growing body of evidence about the best ways to make progress on contentious subjects.

People aren't always swayed by facts, evidence and reason, as important as they are. Some even argue we're in a post-truth era! Research shows emotional language can be more compelling. And many people trust peers, family and loved ones more than they trust scientists, experts and environmental harmful economic interests.

about resolving the climate crisis can

"The key to persuasive political dialogue is creating a safe, and welcoming space for diverse views with a compassionate spirit, active listening and personal storytelling," Karen Tamerius and David Campt write in the New York Times, describing their Angry Uncle Bot, designed to help people discuss U.S. politics. Sharing stories is especially important.

It can be difficult. Some people refuse to accept climate science, despite massive evidence showing climate disruption poses an existential crisis that we could overcome by acting quickly and decisively. But as more people come together around this crisis and talk about it, we can convince our elected representatives to prioritize the health of the planet and its people, including those yet to be born, over short-term, often

Results from COP25 were 'disappointing'

From Page 5

Ten years later you walked out of the second Earth Summit in Johannesburg as corporations and "environmental tourists" hijacked the agenda. Thoughts and

Four years after that, Conservative Minister of the Environment, Rona Ambrose, Chair of the 2006 UN Environment Assembly in Nairobi, informed the world that Canada would not meet its carbon reduction commitments as Stephen Harper's government backed out of the Kyoto Protocol. We sent you more thoughts and prayers.

And in 2019, Greta, three decades later, you have taken your concerns for environmental security to the world, another young teenager fearing for her future in an age where "accelerating climate change" has now been acknowledged as a "climate crisis," even a "climate emergency" by most meteorologists, insurance companies, military analysts, and governments not held hostage by fossil fuel economics.

You crisscrossed the globe and used the networks of social media to tell adults that we have stolen your childhood and your dreams.

Armed with the best scientific knowledge that any generation on Earth, as far as we know, has possessed, adults flocked to the International Climate Conference in Madrid this past week to address what UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called 'the point of no return." Greta told the conference, on behalf of young climate activists everywhere, that, "We are desperate for hope."

The results of COP25 in Madrid were, according to the UN, "disappointing" as nations bickered over carbon pricing and ocean protection. Next year, we promise to look at it again next year.

In the meantime, Severn and Greta, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Skid Crease is a member of the Canadian Association of Journalists, an author, an internationally renowned speaker, and a lifelong educator currently living in Caledon.

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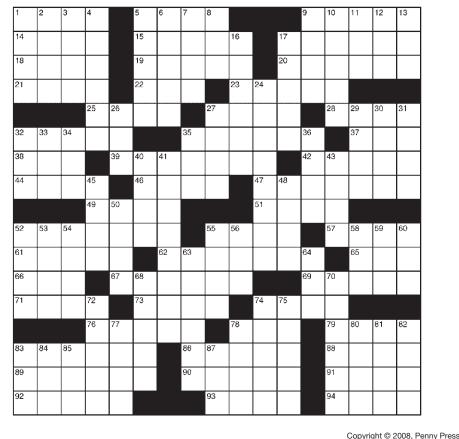
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- 72. Giant of the deep? 74. It also rises
- 77."Do ___ others . . .' 78. Kibbutz dance

75. Young hooter

- 80.Lower edge of a roof 81.Bridge length
- 82. Enameled metalware 83."To and ____ 84. Romanian coin 85.Performance

87.In what way?

Solution on page 21

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You may find that your pain or stiffness affects your work, housekeeping, leisure activities, exercise, sports or other activities. You go to the drug store or to your doctor and get pills to help relieve your pain. But you find the pain keeps returning. Alternatively, the doctor may refer you to a specialist who may tell you that surgery is needed or is an option for you.

However, many people are hesitant to have surgery given its invasive nature. It is important to know that although surgery is sometimes necessary, it is considered a last resort in most cases.

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Dr. Eghbalian, daughter, remembered by community

By Brock Weir

They were beautiful inside and out. That is how Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and her daughter, Reera Esmaeilion, are being remembered by the people left behind after losing their lives in a Tehran plane crash early last Wednesday morn-

ing that killed 176.

Dr. Eghbalian, who was born and raised in Iran, was co-owner of Aurora E&E Dentistry on Wellington Street East with her husband, Dr. Hamed Esmaeilion. Having moved to Canada in 2010, the family had strong roots in Aurora, Richmond Hill and Caledon, opening up their Aurora practice in 2017 with the philosophy of "respect, caring and listening" being central to their approach.

Dr. Parisa and Reera are understood to have returned to Iran over the holidays to attend a family wedding and were due to return to Canada – and be welcomed home by Dr. Hamed – after transferring to a connecting flight from the fatal Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752, which left Tehran on January 8.

It crashed shortly after take-off, leaving victims' families – and international governments – searching for answers.

Amid escalating tensions between the United States and Iran in the first week of 2020, the potential for a conflict in the region was being watched closely by, among others, including Manijeh Ghotbi, the Office Administrator at Aurora E&E Dentistry.

Ms. Ghotbi tells The Auroran she was closely monitoring the situation on the evening of January 7, checking in with Dr. Hamed just before she went to bed around 10:15 p.m., to make sure Dr. Parisa and Reera had safely left the country. Dr. Hamed, she recalls, told her they had just boarded the flight 45 minutes before and was told before take-off that every-

"In the morning, I woke up and turned on the TV to see what happened to see if war was going to start and I saw the news that the Ukrainian airplane had crashed," says Ms. Ghotbi. "I knew they were in a Ukrainian airplane and I didn't even want to think about it. It sounds terrible, but I was hoping it was another Ukrainian plane and not theirs. I called Dr. Hamed to see what was going on and he didn't answer – and then I thought something was happening.'

Looking for answers, she came into the Aurora office to gather contact information of the family's friends. It was there, she heard back from Dr. Hamed that something tragic had happened.

"He was crying, devastated," she says, noting he shortly thereafter began making preparations to return to Iran to identify the remains of his wife and daughter.

As news began to break, Aurora E&E Dentistry was inundated with calls of condolence, as well as patients and friends delivering flowers, candles and other mementos, adding "Dr. Hamed so appreciates everyone who was beside us through the week."

"[Dr. Parisa] was the most wonderful person I have ever met," says Ms. Ghotbi, who knew the dentist for three years as an employee. "She had a very big smile, was funny, happy and full of energy, and she always made you smile. She was very wonderful, very pretty and beautiful inside and out. She was very nice with patients, helping them and making them very comfortable. Whoever came here to the office, they wouldn't think it was a dental practice, but a second home.

'Reera was so cute, funny, pretty, and nice. She was very talented, bright and smart. She spoke three languages - Farsi, English and French - fluently with

her reading and writing. She came here some of the days after school and she was very friendly with the little kids here when they came into the office. She could make a connection to anybody very easily. She was so friendly with the biggest smile, big beautiful green eyes. It is hard to even talk about them like this. It is hard not having them around any-

Outside of the dental practice, the family was remembered in other parts of the community, including over at the Aurora Public Library, where the couple donated books for Farsi-speaking read-

"Our deepest condolences to the Iranian community who lost their loved ones on Flight 752 en-route from Tehran," said the Library, posting to social media a photo of Dr. Parisa with an array of books she and Dr. Hamed had donated for the Farsi community. "Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and their daughter, Reera, will be missed by our Library community."

As municipal flags were lowered across the community, Mayor Tom Mrakas also offered his condolences.

"I am deeply saddened to hear about the plane crash in Tehran that claimed the lives of all 176 passengers and crew on board, including 63 Canadians," said Mayor Mrakas in a statement. "Our condolences and prayers are extended to the families of the victims and the local Iranian community. We grieve with you. I am also heartbroken to hear that Aurora dentist Dr. Parisa Eghbalian and her daughter were two of those killed in the crash. This is beyond comprehension for many in our community and our thoughts are with Dr. Eghbalian's family.'

The lives of the victims of Flight 752 were remembered in a vigil hosted in Oak Ridges at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning by the York Region District School Board, the York Catholic District School Board, the York Regional Police and the City of Richmond Hill.



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New focus drives King philanthropist Joan Kelley Walker

By Mark Pavilons

A King-based philanthropist and influencer is starting a new decade on a serious note.

Joan Kelley Walker is intent on leading by example, never forgetting about the numerous charities she supports.

The actress, journalist and social media celebrity is moving full steam ahead on her successful clothing line, launched just last year. The Joan Kelley Walker Collection, available through Walmart.ca, has been immensely popular. Joan's sole purpose for creating the line is to funnel pro-



ceeds to the Breakfast Club of Canada, which serves nutritious meals to kids every day in 1,800 schools across the country.

The charitable aspect "stays front and centre" she said. New things are in the works and she's moving forward in a very positive way in 2020.

The energy around the brand, and the entire team effort, has been fantastic she said, noting she's "riding the wave."

Her line not only serves Canadian woman and supports a charity, but she's being a role model for her sons. It's important for her to show them that women and moms can be dynamic entrepreneurs.

She also helps encourage Canadian fashion designers, who often don't get much recognition for their talents.

Walker was honoured recently by the African nation of Gabon.

Joan continues to write for LUX Magazine, showcasing her favourite charities and the efforts of many non-profit organizations. "I'm grateful for that," she said.

She also regularly teams up with Laura Bilotta from SingleintheCity. ca on The Dating & Relationship Talk Show, heard Sunday nights on Global News Radio AM640.

Sometimes influence and celebrity work in mysterious ways.

Walker was contacted by a fan of the Real Housewives of Toronto whose son was undergoing treatment at SickKids. They started a dialogue and Walker jumped in to help when the boy needed a special medication. She helped get the word out on social media. Now, the boy is in remission again.

"Sharing and caring ... that's the influence," Walker noted.

She was honoured late last year by The Embassy of Gabon in Canada. Last year, the Embassy of Gabon launched the Women Who Work Initiative to cel-



ebrate the achievements of inspiring women who defy the conventional by occupying the positions that they deserve. This initiative has also allowed the Embassy to officially launch the Education Fund for Orphans in Gabon which will allow thousands of orphans to have access to education. Joan was

chosen amongst the award recipients in 2019.

She continues to work with, and support, organizations such as the CNIB, World Vision Canada, Wounded Warriors and locally, York Regional Police Victim Services and York's Neighbourhood Network.

Escalation not productive, MPP says

Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and King-Vaughan MPP, says the job action by teachers is unproductive.

"For the fifth time, OSSTF union leaders have directed their members to not show up to class. These union leaders will forcefully advocate for the interests of their members – from higher wages to enhanced entitlements – however, they ought not oppose the academic aspirations of our students.

"Students should be in class. It is most concerning that teacher unions' leaders disagree and continue to impede learning for the next generation. Our government is focused on landing deals that keep students in class so that we end the frustrating experience families face due to predictable union escalation.

"This continued strike action is unfair to students and their families.
"Families face union escalation far too often. It's time for union leads

"Families face union escalation far too often. It's time for union leaders to end the games and the cyclical experience of escalation that hurts Ontario students.

"Union leaders promised that their escalation would not impact students and their learning. Regrettably, they have again broken that promise, however, we will uphold our commitment to parents, to stay at the bargaining table and work as hard as it takes to reach a deal, that keeps students in class.

"We have delivered a ratified deal, and most recently a tentative deal, with education unions to date, and we are working to deliver further agreements that achieve our priority of keeping students in class."







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Mizzoni sizzles with his best album to date

By Mark Pavilons

Following up on worldwide exposure for his 2019 hit, King's Len Mizzoni will release what he calls his best album so far

The prolific songwriter and musician is thrilled with "Forever" and its single "It's You Always been You." The album is set for a Feb. 3 release.

Mizzoni said this album is a mixed bag – everything you could want in terms of adult contemporary tunes.

"It's You Always been You" is an upbeat song about true love that may even get you moving. "Forever" is typical of Mizzoni's style and eloquence – perfect vocals and an interesting delivery of harmony and chorus. His style is a fusion of old school jazz, pop, dance and even country.

He considers himself as a strong songwriter, but make no mistake, Mizzoni is multi-talented. Not only does he write, perform and produce his own material, he's an accomplished musician and former member of the Juno Award winning band Frozen Ghost.

Drawing inspiration from pretty much everywhere, Mizzoni is a creative machine. This is due, in part, to his inhome recording studio and vast "toolbox" of digital assortments.

Mizzoni's popularity on social media and music sites has exploded in the past year, due to his highly successful Better Days in 2019 and Waves of Indigo in 2018. Both received extensive international airplay in more than 40 countries.

With more than 150 titles in his catalogue, Mizzoni is simply thrilled to be

so productive at this stage of his life. He left his music career in the 1980s and has become a successful entrepreneur. He returned to songwriting roughly six years ago and ever since has been a creative powerhouse. His passion and accolades from around the globe, fuel his motivation to keep going.

He hits the studio every day, spending three to five hours a day enveloped in the creative process.

"I love the flexibility of having my own studio," he said, noting last year alone he wrote and produced 40 songs.

Mizzoni said he tends to write the music first, starting the chorus. That dictates the direction and lyrics of the song. While it's a bit of a reverse order, it works well for him.

He still has an itch to perform live on stage. During the photo shoot for his new album cover, Mizzoni found himself on stage, getting lost in his own music.

The new single "It's You Always been You" has been sent to 150 radio stations across North America and has gone viral on SoundCloud. His list of followers has ballooned to over 5,500.

Now that Mizzoni is "locked in," we'll be hearing a lot more of him in the months and years to come. Hopefully, we'll get a chance to see him perform live.

The new album Forever was produced by Mizzoni and Alexander Dedov, mixed and mastered by Michael Sarracini at Mono Road Music.

For more, visit soundcloud.com/ len-mizzoni or visit www.lenmizzoni. com





Plein air artist joins gallery lineup

Meet Catharine de Montmorency.

Catharine is an accomplished Plein Air artist and studio art teacher in oils and

Inspired by the courage of the members of the Group of Seven to paint out in the wild, and bring to canvas the strong beauty of Canada, she sets out travelling our great land and sometimes hiking and canoeing (with her husband Martin, who is an avid photographer) to find the locations for her Plein Air experience.

Back in her studio, with the fresh painting study on her easel, and assisted by vivid memories, photographs and sketches, she creates larger studio paintings which capture our enduring Canadian wilderness.

Her travels have also included trips to New Zealand, Florida, Grand Canyon, Smokey Mountains, Newfoundland, and recently the Mediterranean which have also inspired her to paint these unique landscapes.

After a career of 14 years with the Toronto School Board in adult art education, and many courses and workshops, she now divides her time between teaching art, travel, and painting on location. She is a past member of the Ontario Plein Air Society, and has shown her works in several shows and galleries in the Toronto and Huntsville areas.

Recently, Catharine has joined the artist cooperative at The Olde Mill Art Gallery and Shoppe in historic downtown Schomberg. She is looking forward to displaying her works at the Olde Mill Art Gallery and Shoppe, getting to know other artists in the area, and painting on site in the Art Gallery several times a month.

Catharine invites you to come in and meet the 8 artists and the beautiful work on display. 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 artists invite you to enjoy shopping locally at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe at 357 Main Street, right beside the Scruffy Duck! Gallery open Thursdays to Sundays 12 to 6 p.m.



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By Oleg Leontovych

What's the easiest herb you can plant indoors?

Thyme is among the easiest all-purpose herbs to adopt indoors. Choose the thyme with the flavor that appeals to your taste: Caraway Thyme, English Thyme or Lemon Thyme. All thymes are sun-lovers, so an unobstructed south-facing window is ideal. They adore typical home temperatures but can also survive in a chilly porch or mudroom. The trick with the thyme is to step often with a watering can, because they tend to be thirsty plants. As a workaround give the roots an ample container with plenty of growing space will cut down the number of water servings.

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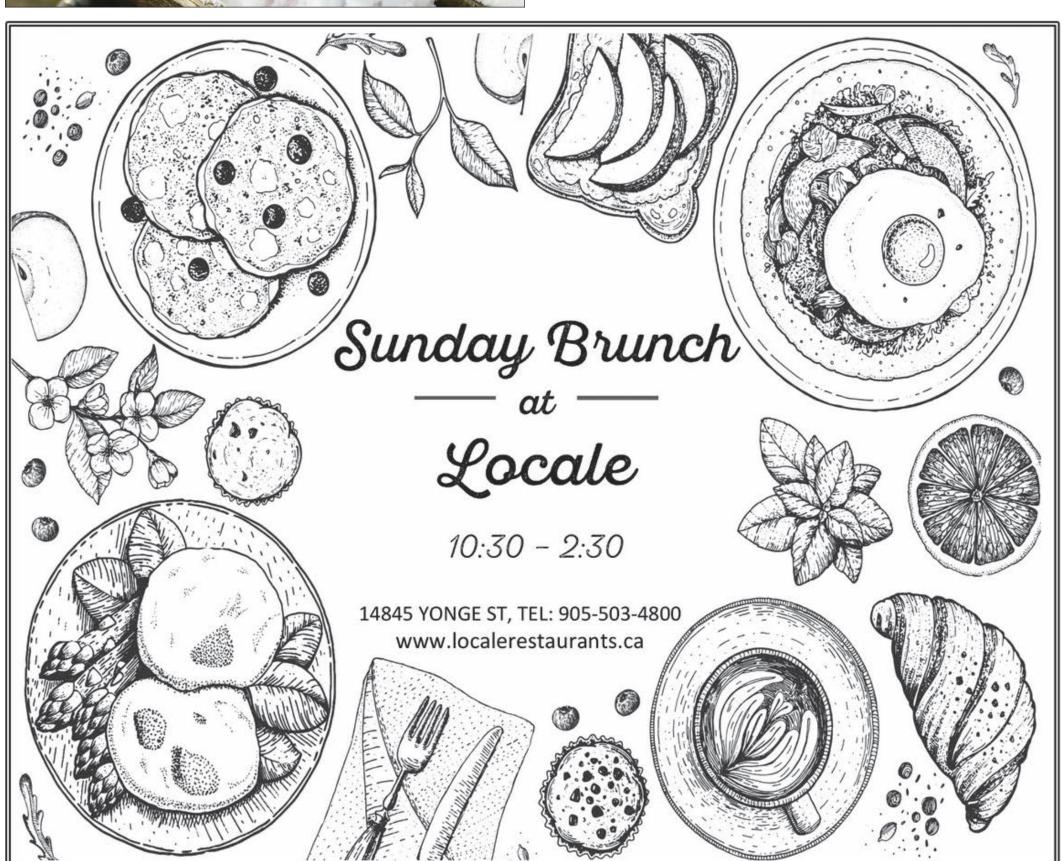


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The CDS Honey Project: real-world application

By Christina Chkarboul

Over the past several weeks, The Country Day School's Grade 12 Communications Technology class was tasked with designing and branding what would become the CDS Honey Project. The five students in the class had the unique opportunity to experience working with a real client, Senior **School Outdoor Education Coordinator** Mr. MacMillan, in creating labels for 50 jars of honey harvested in the school's apiary.

"One of the goals that we had for the course was to do authentic types of projects as much as possible," said CommTech Co-Teacher Ms. Weening. "We hoped to give students a chance to undertake projects that would have an audience other than their teachers."

This is especially critical in a design class, she points out, as seeing their designs be evaluated by a third party can have a significant impact on a student's level of engagement and connection to their work.

Mr. MacMillan had approached the

class for help in designing the label for the jars of honey he had collected from the CDS apiary, an initiative that has blossomed over the past two years.

"It all started as a Green Industries project, with Grade 9 students having to pick a local project which had something to do with a Green Industry that somehow could translate to the School," Mr. MacMillan said.

The initial idea for the beekeeping initiative came from Grade 11 student Rachel Millar, who put the proposal together and received approval from Mr. Liggett to install an apiary on the school's grounds. Rachel's father Ian, is a beekeeper and has been helping CDS build a solid foundation for the longterm prosperity of the project. As of now, the honey harvested is not for sale but will be used as gifts for contributors to the project and guests of the school.

The class took on the role of a design firm in creating a design for Mr. Mac-Millan that would satisfy his vision as well as bring in fresh ideas from a student perspective. After a briefing from Mr. MacMillan, the students were guid-









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feet while expanding their skill set in experimenting with Adobe Illustrator. "We used a design thinking tool called Crazy Eights, an activity during

which allowed them to think on their

which students had to design eight designs, given two minutes per design," Ms. Weening explained. Their ideas were refined, digitized, and extensive feedback was provided by the students and the teachers until the best designs were presented to Mr. MacMillan.

Mr. MacMillan was immensely impressed by the students' ability to interpret his ideas into labels that showed their high level of understanding of the principles of design and marketing.

"When the students presented their ideas, I was floored," he said. "I wanted something that looked professional and not cartoonish, and that's exactly what I got."

The favourite design was that of Grade 12 student Billy Tsiolis, who appreciated the project as a learning ex-

perience that allowed him to grow and gain unprecedented insight into the workings of a design firm.

"Developing the brand of the CDS Honey Project was an altogether different experience from anything I've worked on before in a classroom," Billy said. "While in an orthodox classroom structure, students don't get the opportunity to apply the skills they learn in to the real world, Communications Technology took a different approach."

He enjoyed employing the knowledge that he gained in the classroom about successful branding techniques of major corporations in a hands-on setting, and was glad to have experienced the challenge of managing a client's expectations.

"The innovative and unique structure of Grade 12 Communications Technology proved very effective in teaching me real-world skills that I may apply to numerous future endeavours. This project is one that I will never for-

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Pint-size visitor attracts plenty of attention

By Vicki Hotte

The front-page photos of the Northern Hawk Owl, and the resulting crowds of human photographers, certainly highlight the "show-stopper" that resulted in traffic and parking chaos near the Dufferin Marsh.

The Dufferin Marsh Committee, led by Mary Asselstine, scrambled to put up extra signs to direct the human hordes through the marsh, while the township called in Parks & Rec and the Roads Departments to erect barricades. Bylaw swooped in to monitor parking infractions. Even York Regional Police were put on alert by Mayor Steve Pel-

All those people, all those vehicles (one came all the way from West Virginia), all that expensive telescopic photographic wizardry, and just one bird, measuring about 33 centimetres in length from tip to tail.

Who is this pint-sized winged interloper, creating such a fuss? Is he on Canada's "Most Wanted' List?" In a

Described as a hatch-year male, meaning he emerged from his shell in May, this young owl gained independence from his family by late August after his parents taught him how to hunt to survive. Northern Hawk Owls are residents of the muskegs and swamps of the northern boreal forests, where they spend their entire lives as non-migratory birds.

Still, the extreme southern-most portion of their range does include far-flung areas like Schomberg. When prey is scarce, hawk owls will stray southward in search of small mammals like mice, shrews, squirrels and voles, though quite capable of capturing creatures, such as lemmings and snowshoe hare, as well as birds, like ptarmigans, in the north.

Hunting by day, Hawk Owls can detect prey by sight at a distance of 800 metres, but they have also honed another specific sense to assist their hunting in snowy environments. Having evolved in a northern climate, they often need to find prey in the snow. Hunting by sight and sound in the summer is one thing, but what about the whiteness of

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winter? This owl's prey benefit from seasonal camouflage. For instance, ptarmigan have muted brown plumage during the summer, but molt from brown to white feathers in the winter time. Small mammals, whose colouring is less obvious against the summer landscape, use tunnels under the snow to remain out of sight.

What's an owl to do? This bird developed a uniquely-tuned aural ability to listen for prey, even when hidden under a 30-centimetre blanket of snow. Then, he applies his excellent eyesight to manoeuver appropriately before diving onto his unsuspecting prey, always listening to the creature's progress under the snow. This is such an elegant example of environment, evolution and adaptation working together, I just had to mention it. Can there by anything more magical than Nature at work?

Someone also reported that the bird's preening indicated he was not stressed by all the photographers who pursued him. Preening has more to do with survival than relaxation. This owl has to preen himself several times a day to clean his feathers and eliminate parasites that may be carried by his prey, or acquired from other sources. This is known as ectoparasite control. Preening is absolutely crucial to maintenance of body warmth in sub-zero weather. By realigning and cleaning their feathers through preening, birds can improve aerodynamics during flight, while also optimizing their water-proofing and insulation.

Many short and fluffy feathers, called down, help to insulate the bird from the cold. By preening and fluffing those feathers, they create layers of air within their feathery coats. The National Audubon reports: "Just a fraction of an inch of this insulation can keep a bird's body temperature at 104 degrees Fahrenheit, even in freezing weather."

The Toronto Wildlife Rescue Team was consulted by the township, regarding "whether the owl should be relocated back to its natural habitat." I'd be very interested to hear what the team had to say because this is the bird's



natural habitat at the extent of his southern range. Amidst the unchecked, sprawling, unnatural conformity of expansive, unimaginative, cheek-byjowl subdivisions, this owl managed to find a fragment of marshland where he sought sanctuary and sustenance.

This owl knows what he has to do to survive. Why would anyone think this bird needs to be re-located? When he is ready to return to his boreal home, he will fly away. All we have to do is maintain a respectful distance and leave him in peace.

Why not use this golden opportunity to learn about one of Canada's true indigenous (and rarely seen) natural citizens, described by Mark Pavilons as "one of the least studied" birds in North America? That could be said about a lot of native species right across North America. Might this suggest a particular human blind-spot? Anyone want to talk about that?

Now, remember the Northern Hawk Owl is a resident of the boreal forest, and his home is under threat from mining, logging and more severe wildfires induced by climate change. With his acute hearing, might this owl have felt the need to escape the noise of human industrial activities, which interfere with his ability to listen for small prey under the snow? And what about the reduction, or alteration, of his range by industrial activities? Where else can he go? Schomberg, home of the Dufferin Marsh Committee, where "birds of a feather flock together."

Now for a brief digression: in a Narwhal article, dated Feb. 26, 2019, entitled, Why Canada's Boreal Forest is Gaining International Attention, Jimmy Thomson reported: "The Canadian boreal represents 25 per cent of the planet's remaining intact forest, leading the world alongside the Amazon. The boreal is also a globally significant carbon bank. The soils, wetlands and trees of the boreal soak up carbon - almost twice as much as what's stored in tropical forests. When it remains undisturbed, it has a good chance of retaining that carbon, storing it long-term."

I wonder if this Northern Hawk Owl is trying to deliver a message. Hmmm?

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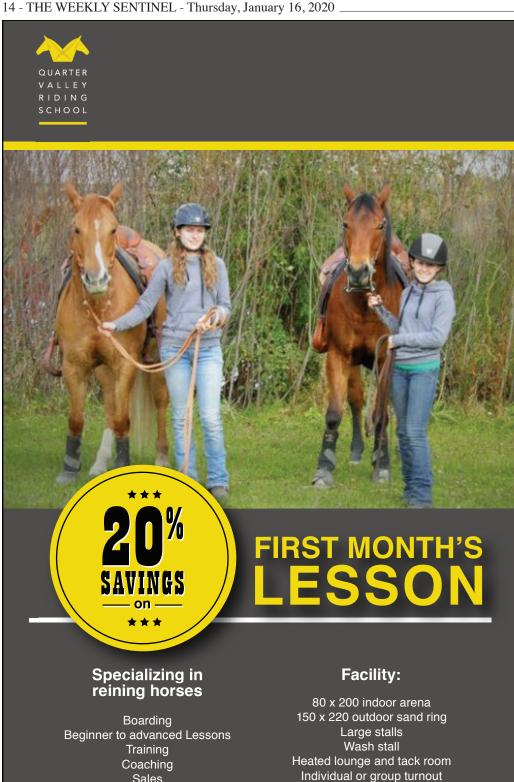
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Prison term for convicted impaired driver in 2018 fatal

Newmarket has been sentenced to six years in prison after pleading guilty to several impaired-related criminal driving offences in connection with the death of a five-year-old girl after a collision in the Township of King in 2018.

On Sept. 17, 2019, Kamau Davis-Locke pleaded guilty to Impaired Driving Cause Death and Impaired Driving Cause Bodily Harm x2.

On Jan. 7, 2020, in the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket, Justice Tetley sentenced Davis-Locke to six years in prison and a 10-year driving prohibi-

On Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at approximately 7:15 a.m., York Regional Police responded to the area of Davis Drive west of Keele Street for a serious, multi-vehicle collision with nine people involved. Upon arrival, officers determined that a silver Volvo with two occupants collided with a grey Ford Taurus with one occupant and then struck a grev Chevrolet Cobalt with one occupant before colliding head-on with a black Honda Civic with five occupants.

The driver of the Honda Civic, a 32-year-old man from Scarborough,

A 24-year-old man from the Town of life-threatening injuries. The passenger, a 30-year-old woman from Scarborough, was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Their three children were also in the vehicle. An 11-year-old boy and a three-year-old boy were transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and the five-year-old girl was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries. On August 9, 2018, the girl sadly succumbed to her injuries in hospital.

> Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit determined that alcohol was a contributing factor to the collision. On Dec. 10, 2018, the accused was charged with a variety of impaired-related criminal offences resulting in a guilty plea to the offences noted above.

> York Regional Police continues its ongoing efforts to stop impaired driving on roads through enforcement and education. The partnership of citizens and road users in York Region is having an increasing impact through the Safe Roads: Your Call program, which encourages citizens to call 9-1-1 if they suspect an impaired driver.

"We consider these life-threatening crimes in progress and was transported to hospital with will continue to respond to these calls."

MPAC assessments top \$2.96 trillion

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has delivered assessment rolls to municipalities across Ontario with an estimated value of \$2.96 trillion. The assessment rolls, delivered annually to municipalities and the Province of Ontario, support the calculation of property and education taxes for the 2020 property tax year.

"Ontario continues to grow. In 2019, MPAC added value to municipal assessment rolls from new construction and/or additions to existing properties worth more than \$37 billion. This includes the more than 44,000 new residential units and 2,000 new commercial buildings across Ontario," said Nicole McNeill, president and CAO.

MPAC updates the current value assessment of every property in Ontario every four years to capture changes to properties and the real estate market. The next provincial Assessment Update will take place in 2020 based on a Jan. 1, 2019 valu-

While 2019 is not a province-wide Assessment Update year, MPAC reviews properties and updates property information regularly to return an accurate assessment roll each year. In November, MPAC mailed more than 800,000 notices to property owners reflecting changes in assessment that have taken place over the last year.

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Minister joins local seniors

At the Kitchen breedon Manor in Schomberg recently, the volunteers of St. Patrick parish Schomberg had the opportunity to meet and enjoy ministering to the elderly with King-Vaughan MP and Minister for Seniors, Deb Schulte (photo, top right). After having lunch, crafts, music and stories the afternoon was greatly enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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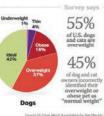


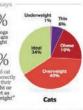
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King's Christodoulou in 3rd NACAM championship

By Robert Belardi

What does the life of a 14-year-old look like? Evolving personality, rebelling against your parents and choosing friends over anything else might summarize it, perhaps?

Nicholas Christodoulou, a 14-yearold teen from King City, does have the normal life of a teenager. He also has a racing milieu, that separates him from the rest.

"Since I was little, I always loved cars, racing. I always loved to watch it on TV, in my stroller, I always looked at the wheels turn round and round," said Christodoulou, in an interview with Speed City back in 2018.

"Nico" got into competitive kart racing at 11. He won the intrepid kart scholarship from Good Wood Kartways.

In 2017, he was ranked the #1 Briggs and Stratton lite driver in North America along with 12 podium finishes and an abundance of cash prizes to accompany that feat.

His mother Sherry was asked if this is all surreal still, or if his current successes have sunk into reality.

"It's a bit of both to be honest. Nicholas was put in an open wheel car at 12 by a Ferrari affiliated driver development coach. It came as a very natural thing for him," Sherry said.

"It's kind of crazy and normal all at the same time. It's also surreal, in terms of what he has achieved at such a young age through his passion and determination."

Through his journey, Christodoulou has been praised by CBS Austin to be a future F1 driver.

In Texas, he holds the 4th fastest lap time ever at Harris Hill Raceway.

It gets better. Christodoulou received special permission from the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), to drive in F4 a year later.

He raced before the F1 Mexican number two. Grand Prix at 13 years old, in the

in front of 350,000 F1 fans.

"He blew them all away. He was the crowd favourite. Although he didn't podium the race, he did end up getting best rookie from the crowd. That was a huge thing for him," explained Sherry.

Christodoulou admires F1 driver Lewis Hamilton. He has met the star multiple times. When he was invited to an event in New York City to meet Hamilton, Christodoulou was inspired by his story. Hamilton never came from a racing family. Nor does Christodou-

His maturity is far beyond his years. Meeting Hamilton was a dream come

Now at 14. Christodoulou is currently registered in the 2019-2020 NACAM Championship in Mexico, driving with Scuderia Martiga. He won the first race of the year in Mexico City in front of a sold out 345,000 people.

He also has been given a nickname by his crew, one that has resonated all throughout the country.

"When he showed up on the scene, last season was his first season in the NACAM Championship. The team that we're with, were preparing his car and I guess because his last name is so long, the only thing on the side of the car is 'N. Christodoulou.' They didn't know what the N stood for, but they saw a picture of him and immediately liked his vibe and energy, so they nicknamed him Nacho," Sherry expressed.

"I'm Nacho mom and Nacho dad."

It's a term of endearment. The crew loves having Christodoulou around. He is fun, he is engaged in what the crew is working on and loves joking around with the team. He is the only driver to have a nickname amongst a crew and

While on the road for at least one week per month, mom always stresses that school is number one and racing is

Christodoulou is a straight-A stu-NACAM Championship back in 2018. dent in his classes. His teachers are He took home rookie of the tournament very cooperative and supportive of his classes while away from home and do the work required while he's gone.

When he is in Canada, Christodoulou works out a lot in the gym. Race car athletes have to remain in pristine shape both physically and mentally. In some cases, they're in better shape than other athletes who require higher, physical demands.

Christodoulou is preparing to leave again at the end of this month for the third race of the season in Amozoc, Puebla, Mexico taking place Jan. 25 and 26.

Christodoulou said in a press release: "I am so incredibly revved up for the next round of NACAM races in Mexico. I have spent my time juggling school, homework, exercising, and training, and I just can't wait to put the pedal to the metal and win it all for Canada! I want to make everyone proud, and I am very grateful with the support from my sponsors - Regal Security Inc. and ICC Property Management Ltd. - and

dreams. He knows to catch up on his my family, coaches, team and friends. #Livetorace – this is my passion and I know all the support and hard work will soon help me line up on the Formula 1 grid!"





Cougars pounce Golden Hawks 1-0

By Robert Belardi

The Schomberg Cougars defeated the Caledon Golden Hawks 1-0 in an exhilarating game at the Trisan Centre this past Thursday.

When the Cougars came on to the ice, the boys had a chip on their shoulder. Redemption is the right word of choice.

The last time the Golden Hawks and Cougars played was in Caledon East. The Golden Hawks declawed the Cougars 5-2.

In this rematch, the Schomberg Cougars began generating chances early, dumping the puck deep into the zone and pressing hard to the net.

The boys had an early power play neutralized by the Golden Hawks and following this result, Cougars forward Anthony Roberts was denied on the breakaway. Then momentum began to shift.

The Cougars fell on to the back foot and were forced to neutralize the Golden Hawks power play storm. So, they did.

Three penalties each at the end of the first period and no score line to show for it.

In the second period, the first few minutes were defined by turnovers and poor decisions entering the zone. The Cougars generated a few chances, however, the boys were forced to the corners most of the time.

Alex Cordeiro had a golden opportunity to open the scoring point-blank, turned aside by Aidan Spooner. As more chances emerged from the Cougars' energetic play style, the higher the chance at putting the puck in the back of the net.

Rees Cameron and Cordeiro were both left perplexed as to, how, they did not score against Spooner.

When the period was at its end, Sam Pink caused a turnover at neutral ice. He sprinted into the zone and back-handed the puck past Spooner for the opening

Following the goal, an interesting incident occurred. The officials blew the whistle even though Aidan Spooner did not fully cover the puck. Cougars forward Harris Goan poked the puck in the back of the net. The crowd was thoroughly displeased with the decision and so was Goan.

Hastily, the Cougars began the third period pulverizing Spooner with a furry of shots on goal. In total the Cougars had 16 shots on net in the final frame.

The Golden Hawks found some tenacity within their inner selves, aggressively

approaching this period. The boys were physical against all Cougars players and created multitudes in

front of Boothe in search of a tiebreaker. Golden Hawks forward, Daniel Butt was denied by Cougars goaltender Curtis

Boothe on multiple occasions.

The Sarnia Sting draft pick was immaculate in goal and so was the defence. The Cougars preserved the 1-0 victory, for their third shutout as a team this

year. Two of those shutouts have come with Boothe being in goal. In six games played with the team, Boothe has shown an immense amount of talent in between the

pipes. Boothe shared his thoughts on his performance following the victory. See 'Cougars' on Page 18



King curlers hurry hard for local charity LOFT

By Shellee Morning

Members returned to their beloved curling facility this past week after a restful and fulfilling (eating way too much) holiday break.

League play resumed with frantic line calls and flamboyant take-outs as curlers readjusted to the "fresh" ice. A sense of comfort getting back to reality was the general consensus while the mention of 3 weeks off (for some) is far too long. Conversation bounced around about the holidays, to the famed Hawk-Owl residing in town, and to the upcoming events the club is hosting.

One of these events was held this Saturday by veteran member Bill Small who orchestrated the first "Play it Forward" charity spiel. Small wanted to do something that benefited a local non-profit organization within King Township where proceeds went directly to the "local" cause. LOFT; Leap of Faith Together is a community service that promotes recovery and independence for people with challenges

including mental health, physical and or substance abuse issues. Loft serves those that are most in need by offering safety and stability of housing and practical support that is needed to regain their dignity and taking back control of their lives.

LOFT has been in operation since the '50s throughout the Region and within King Township. Small sai that "this fundraising spiel is our opportunity to support those in need in King, and that all funds raised will go directly to the two King LOFT community service projects."

The event format, where each team required at least one opposite gender included 3 5-end games, lunch and silent auction. The atmosphere between the 2 draws came from the excited and eager players with a mind -set of having fun and being able to support a worthy cause. Both on and off the ice resulted in a "day well spent."

The curling had its great share of laughter as well as excitement and dramatic "shoot the button" moments.



LOFT Charity Spiel winners of the first draw were Ruby Stoffregen, Beth Egan, Kathleeen Gorsline and Simon Prigmore.

Team Kamstra that included Peter and Rosie Kamstra and Nick and Ingrid Beck played against Team Ian Broadhurst, Pat Schneider, Enzo Gianfrancesco and Lina D'Onofrio.

The game was up and down and back and forth that ended in a tie score after 5. Ian threw his rock within centimetres of the button in theatrical fashion applying some pressure onto Nick Beck. Nick gave it his all but Broadhurst collected the tie breaker and the team went on to finish in 4th place. Kamstra said "what a way to finish a game", but added "the day was well run and for a great cause."

Winners for the first draw were Team Kathleen Gorsline, Beth Egan, Simon Prigmore and Ruby Stoffregen who, evidently were matched up against rival husband; Bruce Gorsline and his team of John Glass, Daniel Khan and Marilyn Sewell.

Second draw also played its part in the dramatic win categories with Team Inglis and Morning going point for hearts and king generosity.

point on the scoreboard, finishing in a tie and needing a draw to the button to determine the winner. Team Mark Inglis, Veronica Wilson, Jennine Ylitalo and Kirk Connell were in 1st place going into the final game while Team

Morning threw first where it rested on the top of the 4 ft. ring. Inglis took the same draw path but threw a pound too heavy and the rock slid to the back of the house. With the points so close between the two going into the final game, it came down to how many ends were won in their previous games. Team Inglis with a 1/2 point more than Morning was declared the winner.

Many thanks are expressed to everyone that volunteered in helping with the success of the event, the ice technician, sponsors and donators and of course to the players for their warm

Morning that included Shellee Morning, Scott Boynton, Kim Battershell and Sue Burman in 3rd were within mere points of separation.

Cougars meet Terriers Thursday

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"Defensively this was our best game. I just told my defenceman, this is the best game they've played all season and what a goaltender's battle. To me, these are the two top goaltenders in the league and they both showed it tonight.

"Our team is very much family oriented and he was welcomed right away with open arms. He's really feeling the love now. But, I think he has settled in really well, you saw his poise tonight how well he played. You know, he's a good communicator too with his defenceman and that is a big part of it," Delmas explained, regarding how well Boothe has been with his teammates.

The Schomberg Cougars take on the Orillia Terriers this Thursday, Jan. 16. Puck drop is at the Trisan Centre at 7:30 p.m.













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Andrew Kohnen **Brewmaster**



Schomberg Should Know

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

55+ Club euchre night

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Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and it all starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person.

York Pines United

A new era for York Pines United Church. On Sunday, Jan. 19 the service time moves to 11 a.m. as we begin our new collaboration with King City United Church and New Hope United Church. All three churches remain independent units but will be sharing ministry personnel and mutual support.

We welcome Reverend Andrew Lee who will be joining the ministry team full time and will be conducting the service on Jan. 19. Rev. Lee was selected by a search committee made up of representatives of all three congregations. The work of the search team continues as another half time minister is yet to be hired. Until the full ministry team complement is in place, Rev. Bruce Roffey, who has been serving King City in a temporary capacity, has agreed to help us out. The design of the model will have the two ministers alternating each Sunday.

York Pines is located at 3150 Lloydtown Aurora Road, Kettleby.

Schomberg United Church

This Sunday's service is at 9:30 a.m. ham.

at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. For easy accessibility, please use the back door.

Last Sunday's Affirm Moment was on Theology from the Bible. Jesus said that all the laws and commandments of the Old Testament need to be interpreted by love, with the Golden Rule, in Matthew 7:12, which says "So whatever you wish that others would do for you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

The January Senior's Luncheon is on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Kitchen-Breedon Manor. Local musician Gerry Duffy will start at 11:30 a.m. in the main floor living room. The lunch is homemade Shephard's pie, kale salad, ice cream with stewed fruit and sugar cookies, tea or coffee. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know by Jan. 19 if you are interested in attending. Donations toward the cost of supplies for the meals are gratefully received.

Our Annual General Meeting with Nobleton United is on Sunday, March 1 at Nobleton United Church. We start with a light lunch at noon, and then hold our meeting, likely starting at 1

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.

Blood clinic

Canadian Blood Services will have their Mobile Blood Donor Centre is at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Drive, Schomberg, on Thursday, Jan. 16. It runs 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Rich Hill United dinner

Rich Hill United Church is located at 1276 Sideroad 10 at the 2nd Line, Tottenham.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the good people of the Rich Hill United Church will be welcoming all to come and share their delicious Roast Beef Dinner. There will be one sitting only at 5 p.m.

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Anglican Parish

This past Sunday, Jan. 12 poor weather conditions resulted in the cancellation of the scheduled Anglican Parish of Lloydtown combined parish Holy Communion service in Christ Church, Kettleby's hall marking the Baptism

of the Lord (some 2000 years ago) and the annual visit of Area Bishop Peter de Coucy Fenty who was to have been sermonist and celebrant. Many thanks to all who worked to prepare for this occasion only to have it cancelled by the inclement weather. A future date will be arranged for Bishop Peter's visit.

This coming Sunday morning Jan. 19, weather permitting, there will be a 10:30 a.m. combined parish Holy Communion service for the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown in the hall adjacent to Christ Church, Kettleby on Kettleby Rd. mid-way between Jane and Keele Sts. Interim priest in charge Bishop George Elliott [ret'd] of King City will be sermonist and celebrant. Hot cups of tea or coffee with goodies will be available following the service for those wishing to stay. As always all are cordially welcome to attend this service.





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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone 416-917-0406

This Sunday at 10 a.m., Jeff will be leading us in worship this week, bringing a message, entitled "Defining a Disciple." We offer ministry for children aged 0 to 11 during worship. Don't hesitate to bring your kids! Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

On Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m., we will be hosting a Common Sense Auto Fix seminar covering the basics of auto maintenance. Stay tuned for more information on this. If you know someone that could take advantage of this workshop, please pass the word on. Everyone is welcome to come join us.

The Community Youth Group meets every Friday 7 p.m. The youth group is for those in 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!

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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 You-Tube 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 Nancy Hopkinson

As this is my first column of 2020, I was thinking of saying "Happy New Year" to everyone, but I can't.

One of my neighbours has had a tragic start to this new year. Tragically mom Shakiba Feghahati and their 10-year-old son Rosstin Moghaddam were on board that doomed flight from Iran on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Now Shahin (known as Sean to some) Moghaddam has lost his family. He is returning to Iran to have DNA testing so that his son can be identified. Please pray for Sean, his friends and extended family and pray that cooler heads prevail in the

world.

The next Messy Church is Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5-7 p.m. with the figurative creation story of Genesis. The activities will include playing with primordial slime (cornstarch and water), making a edible Eden (fruit and pick 'n' mix sweets), paper people (making a chain of people from paper), creating bugs (from pipe cleaners), and decorating cookies in the theme. Dinner is provided for the children, their parents and/ or grandparents This is a free event. For more info, contact me at 905-859-

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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.

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Epiphany, the church season that many Christians are marking now, wasn't observed in the early years of

Christianity.

It was most probably first observed some time in the 3rd century by the Greek-speaking eastern part of the Roman Empire which would eventually become the Byzantine Empire (named for Byzantium a small town in modern Turkey) around which Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman Emperor, founded the city of Constantinople as an alternate capital for the Roman Empire.

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that in the late 3rd century AD Greek speaking St. John Chrysostom mentions Epiphany in connection with the visit of the Magi (Wise Kings) to the infant Yeshua telling his congregation in Constantinople that the star guiding these noble Easterners had disappeared, When they reached Israel they had little choice but to go to Jerusalem and seek help finding the newborn king as they called him from authorities there. Soon news of their mission spread through the upper echelons of power reaching the king, Herod the Great.

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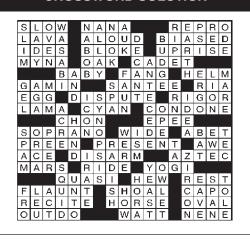
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The Family thanks Dr. Paul Randal of King City, for all of Mom's care. The doctors and nurses at Soldiers Memorial Hospital, and the Dialysis Unit, for all her care. HillCrest Lodge, Helping Hands for all their care and support.

She will be sadly missed by friends and family. Till we see you again mom.

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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

We are excited to announce the addition of Rev. Andrew Lee to our ministry team. Rev Andrew will be alternating worship services with Rev Bruce and his first worship service will be on Sunday, Jan. 26. We hope you will come out on the 26th to welcome him to our community of faith.

Last weeks worship entitled, "I Wish it Would Happen to Us," raises thought around where we are in our journey of faith and were we may be going. Although our directions may all be different we can be confident that if we let Him, God will walk by our side.

Please join us for the 10 a.m worship and hearing assisted devices are avail-

able for the hearing impaired. Just ask as you arrive. Sermons are available on our website kcuc.net

The women's prayer group has resumed meetings at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd. and gathers on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. 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 at 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. Sermons are available on our website. Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

King Bible Church

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Jan. 19 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "Follow Me" with The Bigger Picture (John 9:1-41). A study in the book of John.

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 Grade 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.

If you have children aged 0-3 then we invite you to bring them to our beautiful and safe Nursery facilities which are located on the lower level.

Our "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) & Senior High (Grade 9-12) classes will meet downstairs.

Our program runs from 6:45 to 8 p.m. 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 Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School for school-aged children up to age 12.

Lynn Vissers sermon last Sunday was "Then and Now," based on Colossians 1:19-23.

The Rev. Konnie Vissers and Alison Agnew will continue taking services in the New Year as scheduled, beginning with Konnie this Sunday and Alison the following Sunday.

The Women's Prayer Circle has resumed, meeting 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 Youth Group will be meeting this Friday, Jan. 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. They'll continue meeting the first and third Fridays of the month. Mark your calendars! We're looking forward to seeing you.

Messy Church will be starting up again in February. Mark your calendars! We're looking forward to seeing

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.

For pastoral care contact Lynn Vissers (office: 905-833-2325) or the Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston, 705-341-7738.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

A must attend musical event in King – the ever popular Toronto Welsh Male

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

The next trip requires an immediate response as the deadline is next week. On Thursday, Feb. 20 we will be off to Famous People Players for a performance of "A Rocking Good Time." Lunch will be followed by the show with dessert being served before we head back home. This is always a wonderful day. The cost is \$125 pp. The coach leaves the arena at 10am. Please call Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436 asap to book your seat.

Our next pot luck lunch will be held at the Centre tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 17, at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert. Members new and old are most welcome.

The first movie night of the new year will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation. Movie selection will be "Philomena," starring Dame Judith Dench. One reminder concerning weather - if the school buses are cancelled, the movie night will be cancelled!

Updated information can be found at our website – www.kingcityseniors.ca



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They are 35 strong male choristers with their rousing renditions of popular and classical choral works are coming to All Saints on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$25 and children 12 and under are free. These performances are always sold out, so make sure you mark your calendars and plan to attend. There will

be refreshments and a raffle. A wonderful way to brighten up a winter afternoon. You can reserve tickets at the church office – 905-833-5432. This is a fundraiser to refurbish a room under our chapel for our youth group.

Words to live by - Most people, when they wake up, wash their faces and brush their teeth. Physical cleanliness is part of our daily routine. Spiritual cleanliness, however, is a practice

that we seldom think about, if at all. Last Sunday marked the baptism of Jesus by John in the river Jordan. Rev. Dr. Elizabeth invited us to consid-

er the meaning and significance of Jesus's baptism because he was perfect in following the will and purpose of God. John's was a baptism of repentance.

This means that Jesus's baptism fulfilled his role as the obedient Son

of God, willing to submit fully to the ways of God. Jesus's baptism was the first major step in his ministry to go out in to the world and to put God's ways in to action. Jesus's baptism reveals the mystery of our own baptism; that in following the teachings and examples of Jesus, we too are empowered to put God's life-giving, transformative love in to action, in everything we do and through all of who we are.

Elizabeth said: "When we remember that we are united to Christ through baptism, our hearts, our minds and our spirits are refreshed and we are better able to live more fully in the presence of God."

Elizabeth went on to say that when we fully dedicate our lives to God - in body, mind heart and spirit, then do we find deep peace that can only come from God. John's baptism and ours means that if our lives are not fully dedicated to God, we are called to turn around and to find our way back to the love and life of our Creator God.

When we remember our baptism, we remember God's invitation to return.



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