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King property taxes to rise 2.5% in 2020

By Mark Pavilonis

King residents will see another 2.5% increase in their property taxes this year.

King council passed its 2020 budget Monday night, setting the direction for this year, and through 2022. Councillor Bill Cober called the budget "responsive" and "responsible."

Working from a previously recommended 2.89% hike, Mayor Steve Pellegrini asked it be lowered to 2.5% to lessen the burden on homeowners. The difference will be taken from the Township's tax stabilization reserve.

That translates to roughly \$158 per year, based on an assessment of \$850,000. This is also assuming that York Region comes in with a tax increase of 2.69% and the school boards levy a 2% hike.

A small group of residents voiced their opposition to the budget, wondering just what they receive for their tax dollars. Many can't fathom the ever-increasing taxes year after year.

King City resident asked whether the municipality needs the new, modern library and seniors' centre. He also called

the environmental plan a financial "black hole."

A Ward 3 resident said his ward has been neglected and they still have few amenities. He asked for more road improvements in his area.

A King City resident said he went door to door in his neighbourhood and most are unhappy about the tax increase. He asked council to stop the rate hikes. He also wanted to see ward-by-ward comparisons to see what residents are paying, and what they're receiving in terms of services.

A Kettleby resident said King house prices are dropping, while others in the GTA are rising. She wondered how King can attract new business and new residents with such high taxes.

Councillors all pointed out King is one large corporation, and everyone and every ward, is treated the same.

Treasurer Allan Evelyn stressed service levels are maintained and even enhanced, while King has made significant contributions to infrastructure. The new facilities, such as the library and planned recreation complex, are largely funded by development charges, not tax dollars.

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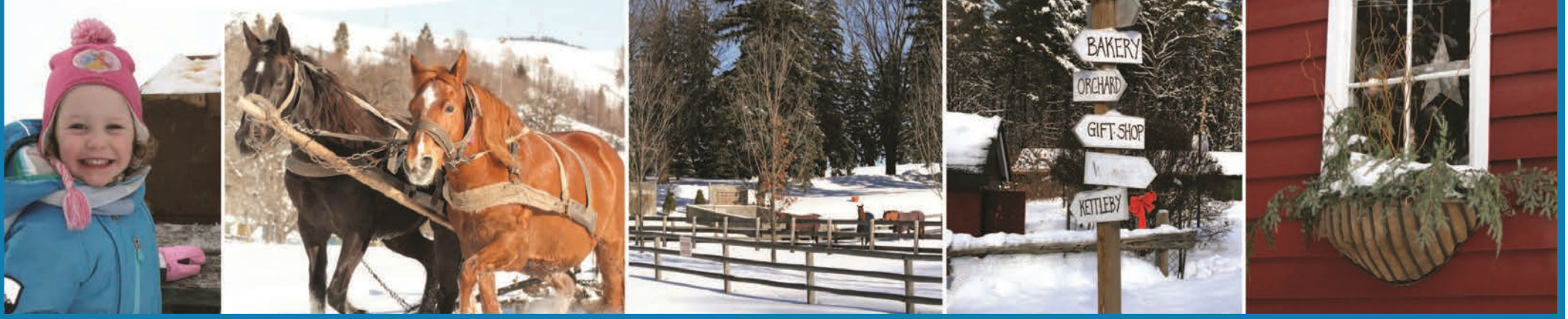
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, February 10, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 24, 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 29, 2020

6 pm – Sustainability Committee
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Thursday, February 6, 2020

6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

1 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

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- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled
- Summer Parks positions – closes when filled
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards
Closes Wednesday, March 18
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
Thursday, April 23, 2020

Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards

Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Special Recognition - Non-resident of King
- Lifetime Achievement
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- Youth Award of Merit

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18th, 2020. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at www.king.ca, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, April 23rd, 2020.

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

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors

All are welcome!

Tuesday, Feb. 11

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Thursday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 7

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

REMINDERS

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

1st Interim Installment

Due Date: February 25, 2020



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES are due. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

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

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

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

To ensure the PAD enrolment takes effect on the **2020 Final Tax Notice**, PAD enrollment will be accepted until **June 1, 2020**

Please visit our website for details.

WATER BILLS

Due Date:
February 14, 2020



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

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

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

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Water, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567800).

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

Please visit our website for details.



REMINDER! Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for passage. To ensure effective snow removal, Winter Parking Restrictions are in effect from **November 1st to April 15th**. On-street parking is prohibited on any roadway from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

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Budget maintains services, improves infrastructure

From Front Page

Mayor Pellegrini said he's puzzled by the public's reaction, given the lack of participation in pre-budget workshops, open houses and meetings. King's commitment to roads is "huge" and King is well serviced. He also pointed out that property assessments, done by MPAC, are what determine homeowners' taxes.

Staff agreed to encourage public involvement earlier in the budget process, starting this coming summer. Staff will also provide an inventory of public assets.

The budget bolsters King's infrastructure and boosts reserves.

The budget maintains service delivery across all departments, while actually increasing efficiencies to curb costs in the long run. Provincial mandates, climate change moves, the addition of staff members and socking money away in the infrastructure reserves all drive this year's budget.

King is adamant about maintaining operational service standards. Strategically planned construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of municipal infrastructure ensures King's long-term fiscal sustainability. Councillors are calling this year's increase a "responsible tax levy."

The 2020 operating budget stands at \$44.8 million. The bulk of the budget goes to salaries - \$17.9 million. The Township is putting \$8.3 million into reserves. Contractual services takes \$6.8 million, followed by general operations (\$5.7 million). Utilities cost roughly \$1.5 million and other expenses total \$4.6 million.

On the revenue side, the bulk of income comes from property taxes - \$32.9 million. User fees bring in \$4.4 million and other revenues generate \$2.6 million. To shore up the budget, and lessen the impact to taxpayers, King will transfer some \$3.6 million from its reserves.

Program changes push the bulk of the increases in this year's budget. Some 15 program change requests result in a tax impact of \$632,000 or a 2.05% increase.

Council has made a commitment to convert rural gravel roads to hard surface, and the budgets for 2020 through 2022 reflect this.

The capital budget for 2020 stands at \$34.8 million and of that, \$4.4 million (or 12.6%) will come from property taxes.

The Township's multi-year capital plan for 2020-2022 shows \$91.1 million in gross expenditures. The majority of this is for municipal buildings and roads over the next four years. To cover these costs, King will have to rely on funding from development charges (\$26.1 million), property taxes (\$12.7 million) and debentures (\$7.8 million).

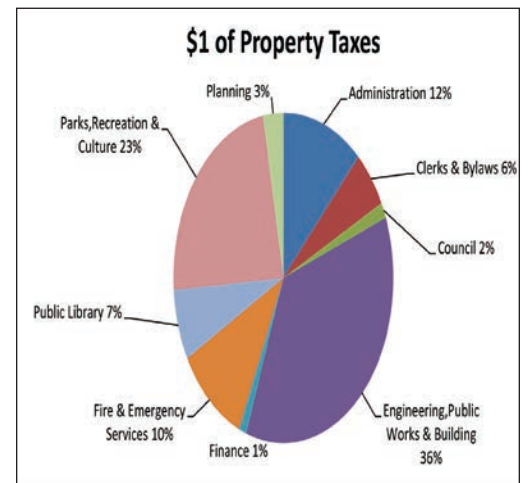
The top five major capital projects, totalling \$58.1 million, include the new multi-purpose recreation centre, Nobleton sanitary sewers, phases 3 and 4, reconstruction of King Road and the 15th Sideroad, as well as bridge and culvert improvements.

Staff have deferred the "Nobleton Loop" construction, the 10th Concession and 15th Sideroad, to 2023. This delays a \$5.5 million tab.

When the Township set its 2019-2022

budget cycle, it focused on a significant investment in roads, and this hasn't changed. Internally, King is looking for efficiencies through computer system upgrades and automation of internal controls.

For every \$1 of property taxes, Engineering, Public Works & Building takes the most, at 36%. Parks and Rec. follows at 23%. Administration takes 12%, followed by Fire and Emergency Services, which takes 10%. They're followed by Public Library (7%), Clerks and Bylaw (6%), Planning (3%), Council (2%) and Finance (1%).



Police looking for suspects in attempted bank robbery

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are seeking assistance to identify suspects following an attempted bank robbery in the Township of King.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, shortly before 4 p.m., police were called to a bank located in a plaza at 1700 King Road for a report of an attempted robbery. When officers arrived, they found employees in the bank who were not physically injured. Investigators have determined that three men, one armed with a handgun, attempted to enter the bank, but the front doors were locked as part of increased safety measures. The suspects fled in a vehicle.

One suspect is described as male, black 5'9" wearing a black jacket, dark-coloured pants and a dark mask covering his face. The second suspect is described as male, black 5'6," wearing a black jacket, dark-coloured pants and a dark mask covering his face. He was armed with a handgun.

The vehicle they were driving was described only as a black four-door sedan. Investigators from the Hold-Up Unit remind business owners of the importance of maintaining and updating video surveillance equipment. Quality images help to identify suspects, can aid in arrests and have a tremendous impact during court proceedings.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6631, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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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

People today are savvy but not very smart

Few among us would question the fact that society is changing.

Every generation brings with it a new approach, new ideas and a new slant on life.

Many of our teens and 20-somethings are likely among the most tech savvy individuals that our society has produced. Good for them.

But being savvy doesn't always mean being smart.

Merriam-Webster defines savvy as "having or showing perception, comprehension, or shrewdness especially in practical matters."

Well, in my experience and opinion, today's tech smart youth may be perceptive, but I'm not sure if they excel in "practical matters."

I'd like to think my wife and I produced and raised rather intelligent kids. They are all smart in their own ways.

Lexie, the university student, is wise beyond her years and exudes compassion. She's well versed in areas of justice and equality. She can manage to drive from London to Goderich to Bolton with no problem. But balancing her cheque book is another matter.

She's had part-time jobs since she was young, and has developed a strong work ethic. She's quick to understand the qualities of her coworkers and knows when to stay clear of a grumpy manager.

While she's months away from her university degree, I'm not sure if she's



Mark Pavilons

completely ready for the world. In hindsight, maybe none of us were. She's a well rounded individual mind you, but she lacks some common sense and practical methodology.

She can navigate the public transit system, and has been to dozens of airports around the world, but she has trouble understanding shipping costs, fees or duty when ordering on Amazon. She's frugal, but will stop and buy an over-priced bottle of water at the gas station, just because it's convenient.

Her people skills are impeccable, and she can likely carry on a conversation with pretty much anyone. She's been pretty good, but she does exhibit a certain amount of "me" when she needs or wants something.

My son Liam wasn't much of an academic but is trying to focus on his future. He's a hard worker, and needs a little push more often than not. He has a great sense of humour (what can I say) but he's opinionated and stubborn. He just doesn't get why his pay cheque dwindles because of taxes.

Kyleigh, at 14, is a bit of an anomaly. She's definitely assertive, outspoken and often brash and sassy. She thinks we "get" money on our debit and credit cards. Just where this money comes from is a mystery and she's not sure why there isn't an endless supply. I wonder that, too.

They may be tech savvy and know their way around iTunes, Netflix and Snapchat, but I worry.

When a problem arises, they're quick to call their mom, who always provides aid or advice. I'm told they're leary of calling me because my first reaction would be a stern, "I told you so" when all they need is compassion and caring. Maybe I'm old fashioned but when my dad told me to do it myself, I did it myself. Independence is learned; it comes from experience.

My kids are amazing, but I doubt they could fend for themselves on a tropical island or during an apocalypse.

I remember, to this very day, walking home from public school, at maybe 8 years old, during a snowstorm. My sister didn't show up to take me home, so I trudged along the streets of Etobicoke, until I found my home. Yes, I was much later than usual, causing my mom some concern. And I was quite cold and covered in snow.

But even at that age, I wasn't scared or freaking out. I was driven. I had a task to do and I had to figure it out, using what God gave me.

There were no phones, rides from other parents, or even a local bus on our street.

I have also found that my charges

don't much care for unsolicited advice. But I have so much wisdom to impart!

We all have roles and responsibilities in our relationships and households.

In our household I tend to be "in charge" of major bills, utilities, taxes, car insurance - all the really fun stuff! Odd because math was never my strong suit. Maybe it's my Virgo qualities that make me organized and prepared.

Again, most of it came because I simply had to do it. No one held my hand or did it for me.

In our younger years, my wife and I played a little bit of Sega Genesis at home (yes, I know). Through the years we watched as these games progressed, to the point where today, my son is quite the pro on his Ps4 and Xbox systems. He's also dabbled in song production and recorded a couple of songs.

He watches poignant movies and really absorbs many of life's lessons. He has an amazing memory and deep down inside, a good heart.

I credit my wife for giving all of our children some very good qualities.

Maybe I expect too much from them. There's that old adage about tossing them in the deep end until they swim. Well, that actually happened to yours truly during his first swimming lesson.

The other day, a couple of young tellers at the bank had no idea how to handle a cashier's check from the U.S. Surely this wasn't the first time this came across their desk. Alas, in another 10 days or so, I should have an answer! But I have to ask, in this technologically advanced banking system, what's the hold-up?

Will being tech savvy help our kids along their respective journeys? I'm not sure. It does make many things quite convenient, but maybe we're losing some vital skills along this e-journey.

I'd love to fast-forward the digital recording of society, to catch a glimpse our future selves.

There's little doubt that technology will dominate humankind's evolution.

Let's try to retain some humanity, common sense and compassion along the way.

Editorial

Tax dollars are well spent

Every year when local governments set their budgets, confusion ensues.

Just what don't homeowners get about paying property taxes?

We're sure that King residents, those who can afford \$2-million-plus homes, understand something as basic as municipal taxes.

When preparing to buy a home, one of the first questions we ask is what the taxes are. This is integral in planning our household budgets, as are utilities and mortgage payments. We know that everything goes up, and our utility rates tend to rise higher than the cost of inflation.

For us to believe, or even demand, that our property taxes stay stagnant, or drop, is ridiculous.

Not convinced? Nearby Caledon tried this when a tax coalition-led municipal government implemented a 4-year freeze on property taxes in the early 1990s. The result? Residents endured double-digit tax hikes for many subsequent years. Infrastructure was neglected and future governments spent furiously to claw their way out of the hole they dug.

So, what do we receive for our property tax contributions? Similar to our payroll deductions - provincial and federal taxes - our hard-earned money goes to provide us with the lifestyle and freedom we enjoy. We get to live in this great country, receive an impressive standard of freedom, health care, fire and police protection. We are afforded everything our democracy provides. We get to vote and we get to choose.

Furthermore, and perhaps more noticeably, our taxes help pay for roads, trash and recycling pickup, social services, maintaining our parks and arenas. Surprisingly few tax dollars are going to cover the costs of King's new, state-of-the-art recreation complex, library and seniors' centre. Tax dollars help keep the water flowing from your taps and keep the streetlights on.

Is it expensive to live in King? Yes, but you knew that when you moved here.

Smaller municipalities like King don't have high levels of industrial and commercial assessment, to help offset taxes. Until they do, the burden falls on homeowners.

One has only to look around King's villages today and see the progress that has been made in just the past few years. Whether you realize it or not, King has more amenities, services and public facilities compared to other municipalities this size. We also have a stable, efficient and innovative group of municipal leaders - councillors and Township staff - who look after our best interests.

The next time you leave your driveway and see a local firefighter; witness massive celebratory fireworks; shop at our local businesses; dine at our local restaurants and watch the skaters, hockey players and curlers enjoying their sport, rest assured your money's well spent.

MP, Editor

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Results from last week's poll:
Do you think Donald Trump should be impeached?

a) Yes **33%**

b) No **67%**

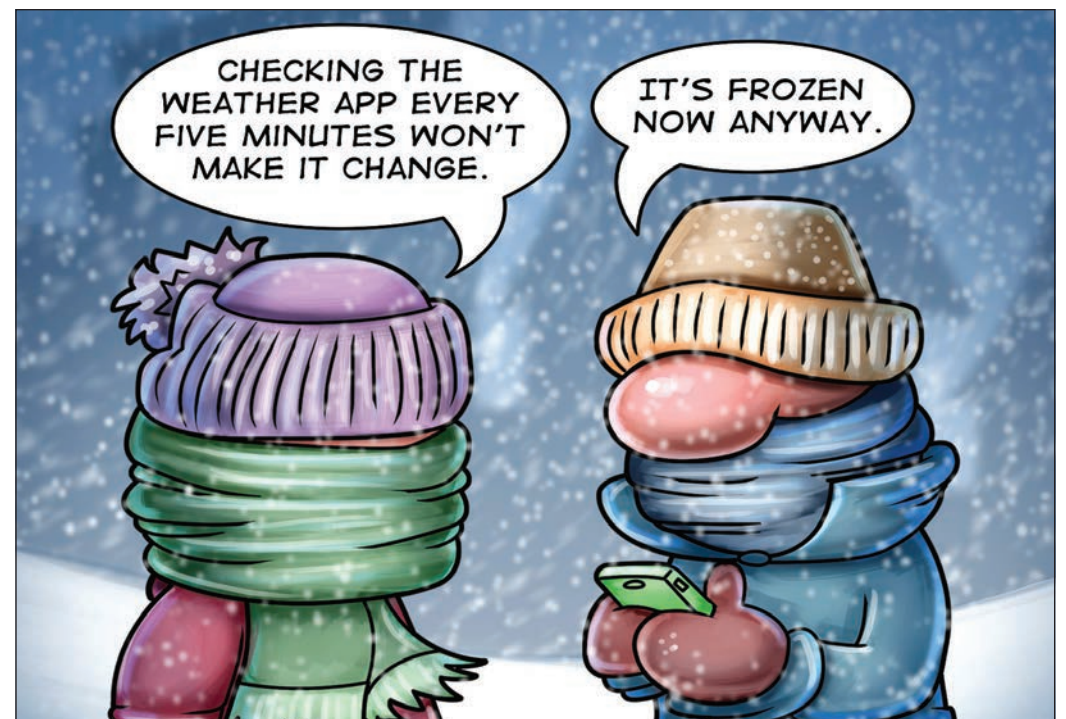
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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you concerned about the presence of the coronavirus in Ontario?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!



Thought of the Week



When in doubt use your teeth!

People use their teeth as a can opener, scissors, pliers, wire cutters and vices. Once we realize our teeth won't do, we'll go get the proper tool.

King Township Trivia

The Kettleby Mills post office opened August 6, 1851. The post office was opened all year round from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Province supporting small business owners

By Stephen Lecce
King-Vaughan MPP

Commentary

Small business is the backbone of our economy.

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Politicians of every stripe say they support the small business community, however, the concerns of small business owners about taxes, red tape and getting value-for-money from our tax dollars were ignored by the previous government. Small businesses account for one-third of private sector employment – just over two million jobs – so Ontario can't fully prosper when our entrepreneurs are struggling with high taxes and unnecessary regulations.

I ran for office in 2018 because I want to make a difference for the next generation of Ontarians, and because it became clear to me that a new approach to supporting Ontario's small business community was desperately needed. Our Progressive Conservative Party promised real support for hard-working entrepreneurs in the last election. We are delivering, in addition to our commitment to creating better jobs.

Our government fulfilled our promise to cut the small business Corporate Income Tax rate by 8.7 per cent by reducing the rate to 3.2 per cent effective Jan. 1. This tax cut will deliver up to \$1,500 in annual savings to more than 275,000 businesses – from family-owned convenience stores to innovative tech start-ups.

Overall, Ontario's small businesses are saving \$2.3 billion in 2020 through a number of government actions such as cancelling the cap-and-trade carbon

tax, supporting Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) premium reductions, providing Ontario income tax relief and other measures.

To date, the government has also taken over 100 actions to cut red tape for business. These are other expected measures should save businesses \$400 million in compliance costs.

The numbers show our plan is work-

ing: Ontario gained 25,100 jobs in December, and currently leads the nation in job creation. Since our government took office in June 2018, employment across Ontario has increased by almost 300,000 jobs, the majority of which are full-time, private sector positions.

For the first time in many years Ontario is open for business. By reducing the tax and red tape burden on the province's job creators, our government is helping entrepreneurs follow their dreams and creating new opportunities for young Ontarians.

Province hopes to strengthen OMPF and property tax system

By Mark Pavilons

The Province is committed to bolstering municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). Queen's Park has committed \$500 million for 2021.

Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, committed to maintaining the OMPF at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association annual conference while announcing consultations on next year's program to ensure the funding is better focused to deliver results for small, northern and rural municipalities.

"Municipalities told us how vital the OMPF is to their communities and they need information sooner to plan their budgets," said Minister Phillips. "That's why we announced allocations for 2020 earlier than ever before, and why we're committing today to maintain the funding envelope for next year."

Moving forward, the province will continue to consult with municipalities on how to better focus the OMPF on communities that need it most, including small, northern and rural municipalities.

Ontario is also consulting with stakeholders on the province's property tax system to enhance the accuracy and stability of property assessments. Municipalities rely on the more than \$22 billion annually raised through the property tax system to fund local services. Minister Phillips announced that the government will work with municipal partners to ensure vital services are supported, while building a competitive business environment that will attract investment and create jobs.

"Municipalities are critical partners in delivering services to the people of Ontario and we will continue to listen and work together to support people in every community across the province," said Minister Phillips.

King Township benefits from this initiative. According to King's treasurer Allan Evelyn, King received \$413,600 in 2019, and will receive \$420,700 this year.

As announced last year, the Province is investing \$500 million in 389 municipalities across Ontario through the OMPF in 2020, to support local priorities in each community.

In October 2019, the government announced 2020 OMPF allocations, providing municipalities with detailed funding information earlier than ever before.

The main objectives of the OMPF are to recognize the challenges of small, northern and rural municipalities, while targeting funding to those with more challenging fiscal circumstances; support areas with limited property assessment and assist municipalities that are adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.

Property tax is the main revenue source for municipalities, raising more than \$22 billion annually to fund local services.

King 7-Day Weather Outlook
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- Brunch quaff, often
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- Shoe part
- Papal vestment
- Stringed instrument
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- Spotted cavy
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- Genuflect
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- Water pitcher
- Cliff hanger?
- Trample
- Gambling game
- ____ close for comfort
- Unit of resistance
- Toga
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King firefighters step up to help Vaughan family

By Mark Pavilons

King firefighters are joining forces to help raise money for a Vaughan child fighting a rare disease.

Rebecca Grace Silva, daughter of Vaughan firefighter Mark Silva, is fighting through Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 1.

Fundraising efforts have been ongoing to raise enough money to get a very expensive drug in the United States. Zolgensma, not available in Canada, costs \$2.124 million U.S. It's heralded as the most expensive treatment in the world. The one-time treatment will extend Rebecca's life.

Children with this condition often don't make it to their second birthday. Rebecca is just over 8 months old.

The King City Firefighters Association have lined up some candidates who are getting an "epic mustache shave" in support of Rebecca. High-ranking personnel at the station will be saying good-bye to their staches, one of which was 20 years in the making!

The fundraiser will be held at Rockford's Bar & Grill in King City Saturday, Feb. 1, starting at 6 p.m. Along with the shaving, Rockford's is donating \$1 per drink to the cause.

The diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) for Rebecca Grace has been devastating. A healthy body contains two copies of the Spinal Motor Neuron (SMN) 1 gene and two copies of the SMN 2 gene in each cell; however, the number of copies of the SMN 2 gene varies. Some people have up to eight copies. Rebecca has 0 copies of the SMN 1 gene and 2 copies of the SMN 2 gene.

This disease affects Rebecca's motor nerve cells in her spinal cord, taking away her ability to walk, eat, and breathe. SMA does not affect Rebecca's mental or cognitive abilities. Sadly, 95% of babies with SMA type 1 do not reach their 2nd birthday and it is the number one genetic cause of death in infants.

Rebecca received her first dose of Spinraza. Spinraza is a Spinal Motor Neuron (SMN) enhancing therapy that works by targeting the SMN2 gene, causing it to make more complete protein.

The family is very thankful that

this treatment is available in Canada and hopeful that Spinraza can slow the progression of the disease in Rebecca's body, until they can raise enough money for Zolgensma.

Zolgensma is a single one time infusion therapy given intravenously which only takes about 60 minutes. It targets the genetic root cause of SMA by replacing the function of the missing or non-working survival motor neuron gene (SMN 1). The new gene tells motor neuron cells to produce more survival motor neuron (SMN) protein. Motor neuron cells need this SMN protein to survive and support muscle function.

Mark Silva pointed out this drug is still new, being out only three years now. There's still a lot of unknowns about the long-term success for the medication. But there is hope. The manufacturers holding "draws" twice a month, to offer patients the drug, in countries where it's not approved. The Silvas have filled out all the applications and have their fingers crossed.

But time is of the essence for Rebecca.

She was born May 30, 2019 and was diagnosed with SMA Type 1 in November.

Her parents point out this is already a long time to have lived with the SMA disease without treatment. Awareness of this disease is lacking. SMA is not on the radar for most pediatricians. Rebecca has been misdiagnosed since birth. Rebecca is not able to sit on her own or keep herself supported. Her movement in her arms and legs are minimal. As time passes, she will continue to lose these functions.

With each day that passes without treatment for Rebecca, her motor neuron cells will continue to become weaker and weaker and eventually die. Once her cells stop working, they cannot be brought back.

Mr. Silva pointed out one of the drawbacks with Canada's health system is we lag behind other countries, particularly the U.S. in getting drugs to market in a timely fashion.

The family is hosting a sold-out fundraising dinner on Valentine's Day.

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King's 2020 budget is in line with counterparts

By Mark Pavilons

King's 2020 budget, which carries an estimated 3% increase in property taxes this year, is comparable to budgets passed by larger municipalities like Caledon and Aurora. It's also on par with other York municipalities.

King's 2020 operating budget stands at \$44.8 million. To meet its obligations, the Township is levying a tax increase of 2.5% for homeowners. That amount translates to roughly \$158 per year, based on an assessment of \$850,000. This is also assuming that York Region

comes in with a tax increase of 2.69% and the school boards levy a 2% hike.

The bulk of the budget goes to salaries – \$17.9 million. The Township is putting \$8.3 million into reserves. Contractual services takes \$6.8 million, followed by general operations (\$5.7 million). Utilities cost roughly \$1.5 million and other expenses total \$4.6 million.

The capital budget for 2020 stands at \$34.8 million and of that, \$4.4 million (or 12.6%) will come from property taxes.

Caledon's 2020 budget came with an overall 2.25% increase, including assumed Region of Peel and school board

tax impacts, for homeowners. This represents an approximate \$114 property tax increase per typical household in 2020.

This year, Caledon residents will pay an average of \$5,179 in taxes, based on an assessment of \$620,000. Caledon also implemented a small broadband levy of roughly \$10 per household.

The population for Caledon is 72,900 with 24,146 households. Caledon covers nearly 700 square kilometres, making it one of the largest municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area.

The 2020 budget focuses on community infrastructure and services while keeping tax increases reasonable for Caledon residents and businesses. The total 2020 operating budget is \$104.400 million, while the total 2020 capital budget is \$80.16 million. The total 2020 operating budget for Caledon Fire And Emergency Services is \$9,023,596, and total capital budget is \$2,108,250

Of their budget, \$43.2 million is going towards the Roads Capital Program and \$5.2 million in the Bridge Capital Program. This will include work such as road reconstruction or rehabilitation, asphalt roads maintenance, surface treatment, design and environmental assessments of various roads.

Another big ticket item is \$3.7 million for the LED Streetlight Retrofit Phase 2

and Adaptive Controls Program. Another \$4.1 million will be spent to construct the Albion Vaughan Acoustic Barrier.

Aurora's budget is also larger than King's, but its population and commercial inventory makes taxes considerably less than either King or Caledon. Aurora has a population of roughly 61,000.

For a home assessed at \$800,000, Aurora residents will pay an average of \$2,395.32 this year. The 3.4% tax increase works out to roughly \$79 more per household.

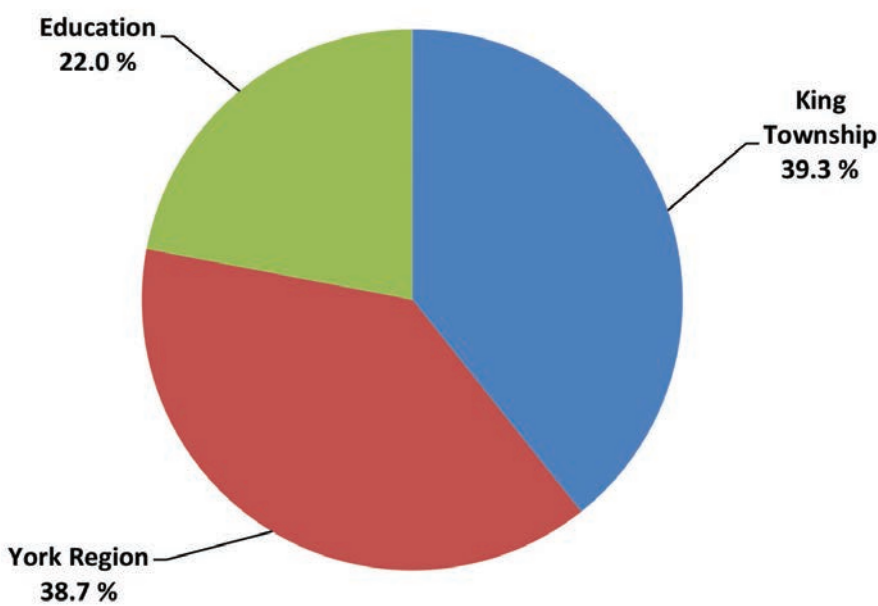
Aurora's operation budget tops \$71.5 million this year. Of that, \$28.8 million supports water, wastewater and storm-water costs.

Salaries and benefits make up the biggest chunk of the budget, at \$28.1 million (39%). Program costs hit \$18 million (25%), while the town contributes \$11.8 million to the Central York Fire Services. Aurora also contributes \$9.8 million to its reserves.

Aurora's population contributes \$50.9 million in property taxes. Other revenue comes from user fees (\$11 million), grants (\$3.3 million) and reserves (\$3.3 million).

Preliminary budgets in York municipalities show increases in Vaughan (2.85%), East Gwillimbury (2.8%); Newmarket (2.99%); and Georgina (3.94%).

2019 Breakdown of Residential Property Tax Bill



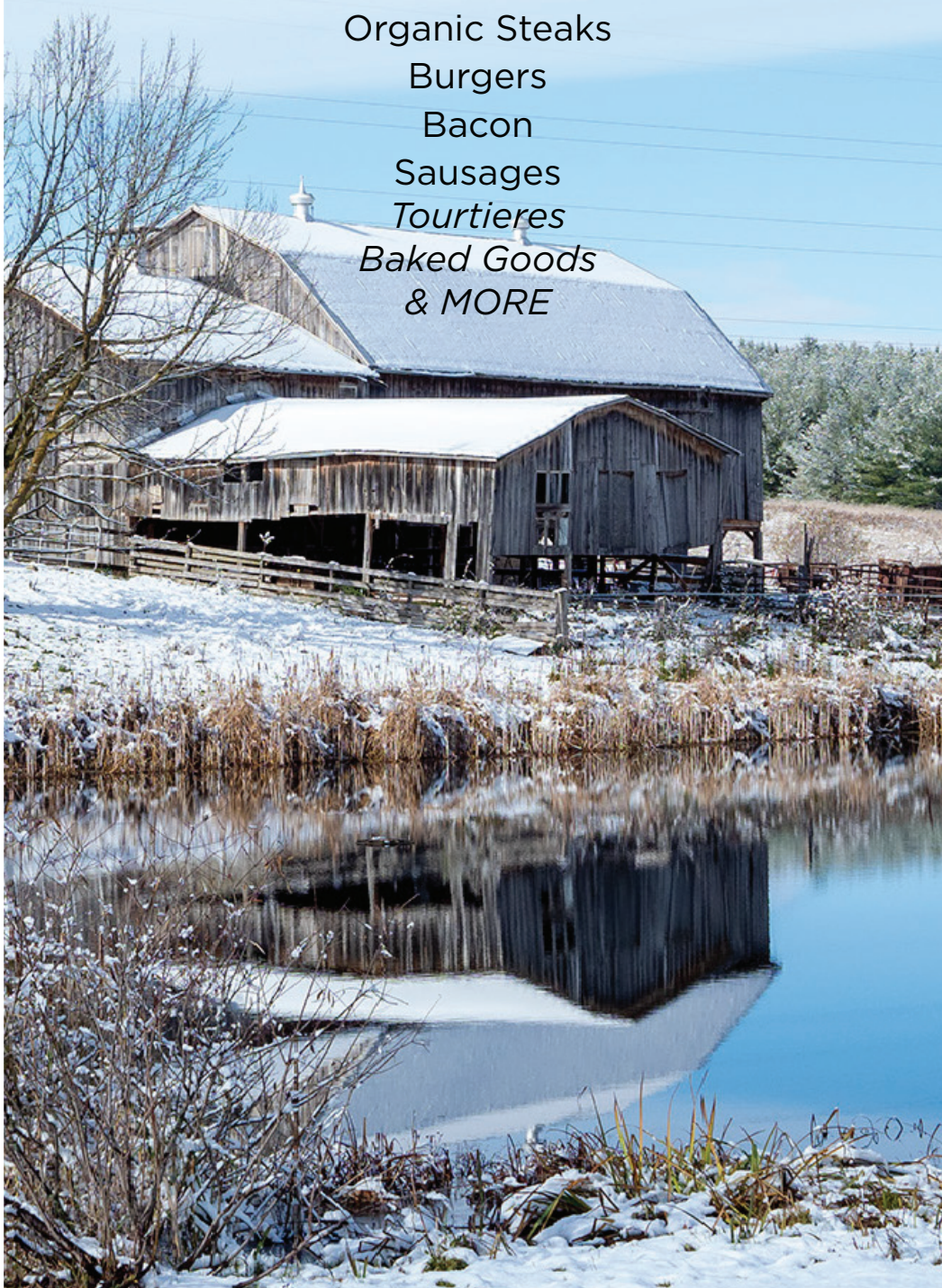
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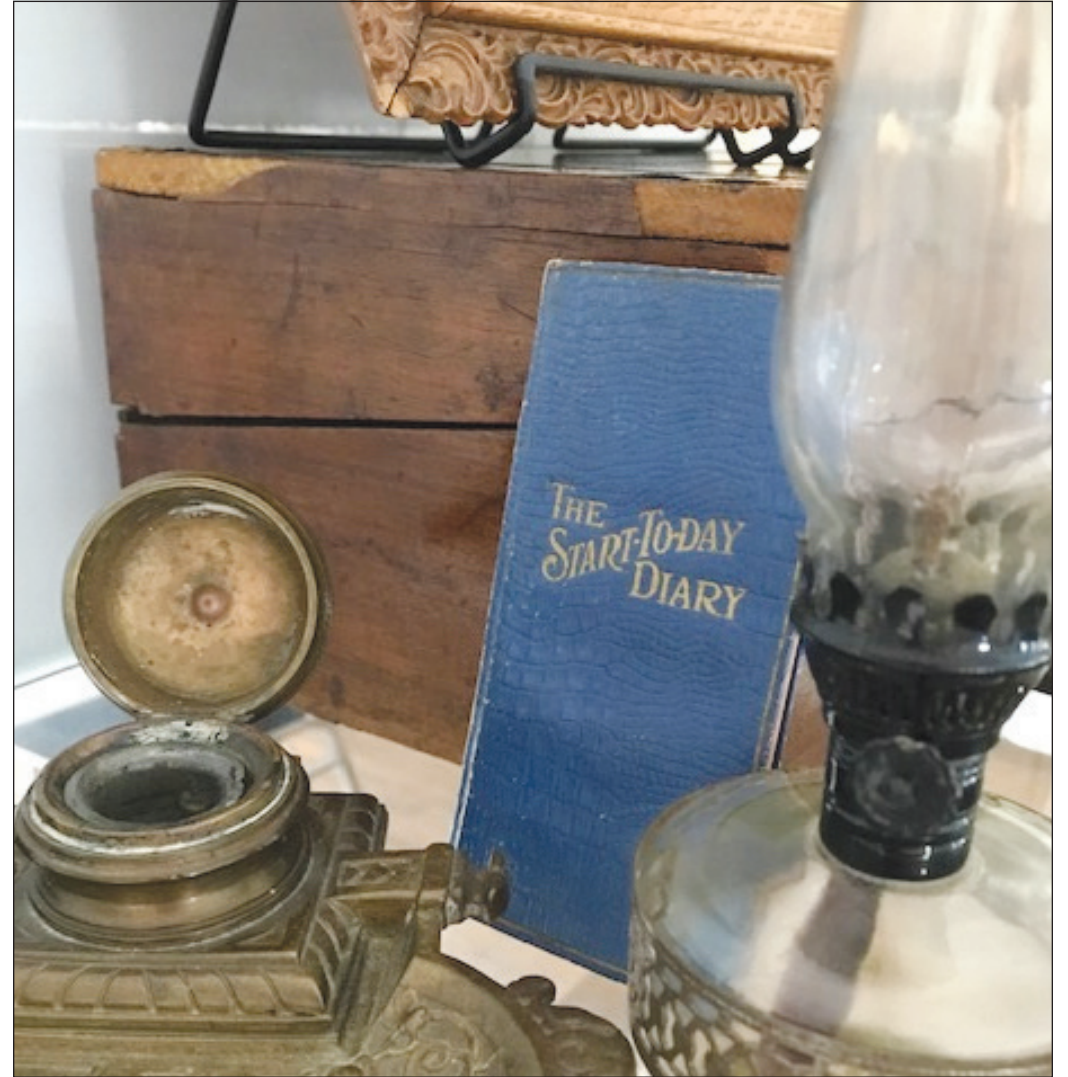
Exhibit on 19th century women at centre

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

The King Heritage and Cultural Centre has unveiled an exhibit titled "In Her Own Words" about 19th century women and their writing.

A range of items including autograph albums, letters, portraits and signature quilts will be on display at the gallery.

"The idea for this exhibit originated when the KHCC arranged to borrow a 2-dimensional travelling display from the Archives of Ontario. The Archives exhibit centres on five Ontario women who kept diaries in the 1850-1900 time period. We loved the theme and also wanted something that was relevant



to King Township. Using both archival documents and objects from the collection, the exhibition also focuses on everyday women from King Township and what we can learn about them from the written words that they left behind," explained Liza Mallyon, collections and exhibit coordinator.

On display are documents, ephemera and objects from the KHCC archival and artifact collection, including many gems that have not previously been on display.

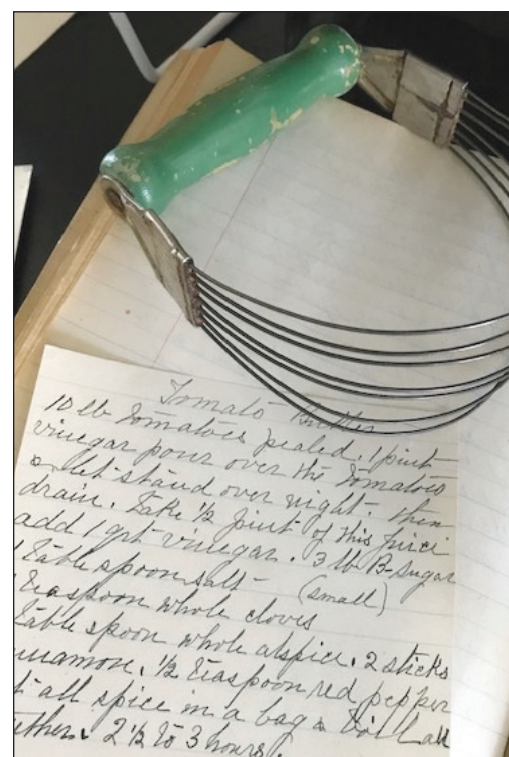
"Highlights include a mid-19th century hair wreath and a tiny poem 'written without hands.' Of particular interest is a unique album full of artwork and messages created for Clara Flavelle by her friends and family," said Mallyon.

The most interesting aspect of the exhibit is that it centres on real women in King Township, which helps us better understand our history.

"People from the Victorian period (1837-1901) have a reputation for being a little uptight but the writings

from our collection contradict that belief. For example, the diary of Millie Beynon (1857-1915) of Temperanceville is written with wit and candor, and is full of gossip about her friends and family," said Mallyon, quoting an excerpt from the diary on display, "Jane is a fidgety old maid if ever there was one in this world, she just gets so mad when girls won't get married, just as though a fellow got the chance every day of their life. Someone has said 'If you marry you will be sorry for it & if you don't marry you'll be sorry for it' so there's sorrow whichever way you take it!"

The exhibition at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre gallery runs through April 4. Visitors can also view "A Place to Call Home: The History and Heritage of King Township," a long-term exhibit on display in the Walter Rolling Schoolhouse Gallery. The KHCC is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is by donation.





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100 Women Who Care hope to hit fundraising goal

By Brock Weir

An hour might seem like a small window in time, but a lot of good can be accomplished in those sixty minutes – just ask members of 100 Women Who Care Central York Region.

Set to celebrate their fifth anniversary this year, 100 Women Who Care Central York Region was founded with a simple vision: bringing 100 women together for an hour every three months, each bringing \$100 to the table, potentially raising \$10,000 in an hour for local groups in need.

It was a simple mandate and a mission they weren't sure they could meet when they first set out, but the group was an immediate success.

Since its founding, they have raised nearly \$170,000 for 17 community organizations, ranging from Inn From the Cold, the Newmarket-based organization for the homeless, at their first meeting in October 2015, to, most recently TLC The Life Centre, a Newmarket-based non-profit which provides assistance in a number of areas, including depression, divorce and family planning.

"There has been amazing growth," said Laurie Brakeboer, founder of 100

Women Who Care Central York Region. "We started in October of 2015 and we reached our first objective, bringing in 100 Women, in our first year. We also reached our [first fundraising] objective, which was \$10,000, in April of 2017. My personal goal for the organization is now that we have raised \$166,000, and with our fifth anniversary being in October, we would be absolutely thrilled to have surpassed \$200,000 by the time that meeting ends."

When Brakeboer started a local chapter of the 100 Women Who Care movement, she was inspired by the concept of 100 like-minded women coming together from all around Central York Region – and even beyond – to make a significant donation to a community-based organization in just one hour. At each meeting, member women can nominate the organization of their choice and, from there, a shortlist is compiled. Once the shortlist of charities and non-profits is completed, each nominator is given five minutes to make their pitch to the group – and the winner is voted on at the end of the hour.

Brakeboer describes it as "a giving circle" that has not only expanded in numbers but, within its membership,

has also expanded horizons.

"You listen to these women come up and speak about the charities, you hear the stories – I have been pretty involved in the community over the course of 20 years and I am always shocked when a charity gets up there I never even knew existed," she added. "We have met so many different areas of need. We have had areas where we've had youth, where we've [addressed] mental health and I think, for me, the most surprising of everything was New Leaf, just outside Sharon. I never realized that these [services for] autistic adults existed in our area and so much amazing stuff is happening out there."

100 Women Who Care Central York

Region keeps its money – and its meetings – within the communities of Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury. Aurora meetings were previously held at the Aurora Soccer Club, but their growing membership base meant they also outgrew the facility and they have been looking for a new home ever since.

"I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be back in Aurora," Brakeboer says. "It has meant a lot to me that we show up in each community we support."

For more information on 100 Women Who Care Central York Region, a schedule of future meetings, as well as a roster of the community organizations they have supported over the years, visit 100womencyr.ca.

DVD Review

Maleficent fights back

"Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" hit shelves a couple of weeks ago, and the praise for the film continues.

The movie soared to number one in its opening weekend during the holidays, and arrived on DVD and Blu-ray Jan. 14.

Angelina Jolie reprises her role as Maleficent and Elle Fanning comes back as her goddaughter Aurora. It's an action-packed roller coaster ride, complete with an amazing story. It takes you on a new journey, jumping into the future not long after the first movie left off.



While it contains typical fairy tale happenings, Maleficent is far from ordinary or typical. She's pitted against Queen Ingrith (Michelle Pfeiffer) in what turns out to be a classic showdown.

The visual effects and landscapes are stunning. The DVDs also contain a lot of bonus material and behind-the-scenes look at the film.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters marks 50th with renewed mission

By Brock Weir

Big Brothers Big Sisters was founded on the principle of providing mentorship for boys and girls in need.

This was the stated mission upon the organization's founding more than a century ago, and it was the stated mission when Big Brothers Big Sisters was brought to what is now York Region 50 years ago this year. But, as the organization marks its half-century of fulfilling this mandate, they are identifying more ways to support the "littles" they serve and their families.

Last fall, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of York launched a significant rebrand. Gone were the purple figures of two individuals coming together to form a heart. In their place are three threads interwoven, representing "the organization, the family and the mentor coming together to forge a new path," according to Sarah Dame, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York (BBBSY).

"It demonstrates the power of the three and what we can do together," she

says.

The rebrand of the organization is significant and intended to let the community know they were "really repositioning, reimagining and reinventing ourselves as a movement across the country to engage a whole new audience in an effort to grow our movement."

"For us, the 50th anniversary ties into our new mission and vision," said Dame, noting they are building on what she describes as "40 developmental assets" which will be measured in the kids they serve to make sure nobody is left behind.

"What we know from research, when you look at family and child services, one thing that is the same across the board, a gap, is a lack of a positive adult role model," said Dame. "We have always been able to measure self-esteem and self-confidence in some of the pieces, but what we're going to be doing around these 40 developmental assets is working more with our volunteers so they have a bit more of a specific goal when they are working with

their little brother or little sister to be consciously focused on some of the developmental assets that we want to see. If you're looking at a child who is facing adversities, which is where our focus will really be moving forward, we might be blessed to have all the developmental assets, but when you go down the checklist, looking at a child from a newcomer family or a family who is in financial crisis, experiencing the loss of a parent, someone who is ill or dealing with mental health, we want to be able to measure the differences in some of these assets.

"You might only see seven to ten [assets] in a child who is facing adversities. We want to make sure that children and youth that we serve in our one-to-one program has every benefit of a mentor and that we're elevating and enhancing them from what I think has been traditionally known. It is so much more than a nice-to-have friendship and that has a lot to do with the new mission statement."

For the last century, the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters has been to provide those positive role models for children in need, pairing them up with suitable adult volunteers and spending valuable quality time with them. Over the past 100 years, the organization has grown to become a recognized leader in the field of mentorship, but times change. They aim to not only maintain that leadership role in providing mentors, but evolve to meet the needs of a changing community.

These changes, said Dame, include an increased emphasis on addressing mental health challenges in our community.

"We want to make sure that we are addressing mental health in an appropriate way, that our volunteers are trained to measure that," says Ms. Dame. "Our mission statement hasn't changed sig-

nificantly, but the power of the wording and the commitment is what is changing. We have always had life-changing mentoring relationships, but we really want to ignite and empower our kids to reach their full potential."

To this end, BBBSY is strengthening its relationships with like-minded organizations, including Blue Door Shelters and 360 Kids, both of which provide shelter services for youth. BBBSY, Blue Door Shelters and 360 Kids put their heads together this past summer to look at service gaps and how they can work together to support youth who are transitioning back into housing to keep from stepping backwards. The result in an increased effort in providing mentorship opportunities for young adults between the ages of 16 and 24, whereas regular BBBSY programming has typically catered to youth between the ages of six and 16.

"We're coming together to provide mentors who are trained specifically in those areas by 360 Kids and Blue Door Shelters," said Dame. "All of our national standards training still has to exist, everything under our community-based one-to-one matches had to exist in those matches, because it is what we would call a mature match, there are some differences that would allow our mentors to be involved in a different way. It wouldn't be taking (you) out weekly on an outing, it is more how am I going to (support someone) who is going into housing, is living in one of the shelters, is living in 360. It can be meeting with them once a month to talk about job opportunities, helping them with their resume, looking more at life past where they are now and what it looks like moving forward."

All of this, however, will require funding and Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is starting the year optimistically. Having lost some funding from the Region of York in 2018, the past year was a rougher one for the organization. They are going into 2020 buoyed by the fact that some of this Regional funding has been restored to them to spearhead these initiatives, and they are also hoping to get a funding infusion from both the Ontario Trillium Foundation as well as some of their signature annual fundraising opportunities that will be bigger and better than ever to mark their golden anniversary.



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Correction

The photo of the visiting Northern Hawk-Owl, on page 13 of the Jan. 16 issue of the King Weekly Sentinel, was mis-identified. The photo was actually taken by Neal Mutiger. The Sentinel apologizes for the error.

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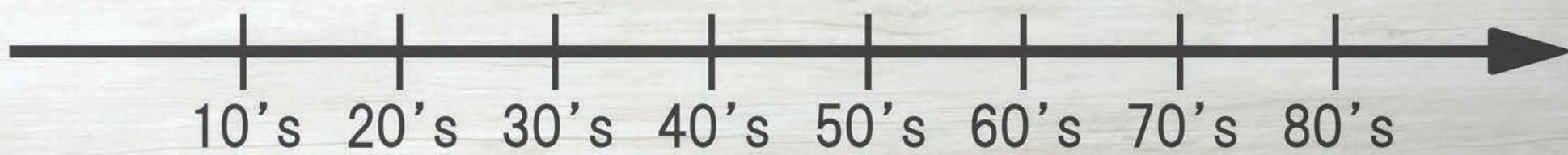
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Strong protections needed in Lake Simcoe watershed

A coalition of environmental groups is calling on the province to improve, monitor and implement policies to protect natural habitat in the Lake Simcoe watershed following the completion of a new regional analysis. The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition released a report that reveals how well protected, or not, are the watershed landscape's natural features. Results of the report were presented to Simcoe County councillors and staff.

"The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan review provides an opportunity to 'get it right' by protecting the natural cover that the ecosystem needs to be healthy for the long term. But it will not happen all by itself. The Province needs to put some muscle behind this and match the efforts of conservation organizations and municipalities," said the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition's Executive Director, Claire Malcolmson, who also authored the report.

The research and mapping were conducted to inform the Province's review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, which is anticipated to start by the end of 2019.

The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition worked with cartographers from the University of Guelph to map the current policy protections that apply to natural areas in the watershed. They found that despite having a great deal of

natural cover in the watershed, only 21 per cent of the watershed's land is protected by policies strong enough to provide assurance that those natural features will be well-protected from land use changes and development. Even in the areas included in the report's "Best Environmental Policy Protection" category, lands can be developed if aggregate, (stone, sand and gravel) exist on the site, or for some infrastructure projects, such as the pending highway 400 - 404 connector.

In order to protect watershed health, and water quality, scientists recommend natural cover in the neighbourhood of 50 to 60 per cent of a watershed. The Coalition's report points out that achieving 50 per cent natural cover in the future, including the 40 per cent high quality natural cover target of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, requires that a plan be made to secure those protections for the long term. There are numbers of ways to work towards this as the report outlines. There are places for all levels of government to pitch in.

The project researchers analysed the strengths of the policies applied to natural features across the landscape, and made a distinction between places where land use changes would not be allowed, and where they would be allowed subject to specific criteria and conditions. The latter are included in



the report's "Moderate Environmental Policy Protection" category, which makes up 41 per cent of the watershed. The report points out that those protections are weak. When challenged by landowners they can be overturned. This happens often enough that the authors point out that these areas are subject to a death by a thousand cuts, and are not necessarily protected for the long term.

Fully implementing the policies of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan is important, but policies are not the only solution. Permanent protection of ecologically sensitive lands through Land Trusts is an essential piece of the puzzle. Local land trusts, Couchiching Conservancy and Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust hone in on important natural features that they could purchase or protect, and particularly those next

to areas that are well protected by policies.

The Couchiching Conservancy protects 14 properties, roughly 4,406 acres, in or touching the Lake Simcoe watershed; the Nature Conservancy of Canada protects 3,586 acres, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust currently protects 1,531.5 acres in the Lake Simcoe Watershed. They recently expanded their land protection work into Simcoe County.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority also protects some properties and is encouraging municipalities to adopt their Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy. The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition's report is available for download at www.rescuelakesimcoe.org and https://www.simcoecountygreenbelt.ca/greenlands_report

Amount Canadians donate at 20-year low

The amount Canadians donate to charity (as a percentage of their income claimed on their taxes) has hit a 20-year low and lags far behind the amount Americans give, finds a new study by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

"The holiday season is a time to reflect on giving, and with Canadians being less generous every year, charities face greater challenges to secure resources to help those in need," said Jake Fuss, senior policy analyst with the Fraser Institute and co-author of Generosity in Canada and the United States: The 2019 Generosity Index.

The study finds that less than one-in-five Canadian tax-filers (19.9 per cent) claimed charitable donations on their tax return in 2017, the most recent year of available data, compared to 24.9 per cent - almost one-in-four - Americans.

Crucially, the total amount donated by Canadians, just 0.54 per cent of income, is the lowest amount since at least 2000. Over that period, Canadians' generosity peaked at 0.78 per cent in 2006.

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TMS unveils 'next chapter' with expansion

From its humble beginnings in a church basement in 1961, Toronto Montessori School has seen no shortage of change and evolution in the school's nearly 60 year history. But on January 15, 2020, a new chapter was opened as the Lower School held a grand opening for the impressive new expansion that rises above Bayview Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and dignitaries from the community (including: Majid Jowhari, MP, Richmond Hill, Daisy Wai, MPP, Richmond Hill, his Deputy Mayor Carmine Perrelli, City of Richmond Hill and Neera Chakravorty on behalf of Councilor Godwin Chan, Richmond Hill) gathered in celebration of the recently completed phase one "Building Our Significance" Capital Campaign, and to allow the community to see the



TMS Students celebrate the "next chapter" during the school's grand opening recently.



TMS Head of School David Young in the school's new expansion unveiled to the community recently.

new spaces for the first time. The event was also attended by Helma Trass, the school's original founder, now in her 90s.

"We are so excited to be able to open our beautiful new spaces that we envisioned as a community a few years ago," said David Young, Head of School at TMS. "I'm so proud that our values are reflected so beautifully in our entrance and atrium space and as we work ever more deeply to support the wellness of our students, investing in areas that are superior for exercise and activity are essential and our new double gym reflects that investment. All that being said, new buildings are just buildings – what happens inside them is where the impact occurs. Creating beautiful spaces within which the massive power of relational education can occur is the real value of this project."

With this first phase of expansion complete, TMS begins Phase 2 of their "Building Our Significance" campaign that will now focus on their Upper

School (located at Bayview Avenue and Elgin Mills Rd. E.), again planning an expansion that will include a dining hall and refurbished student commons.

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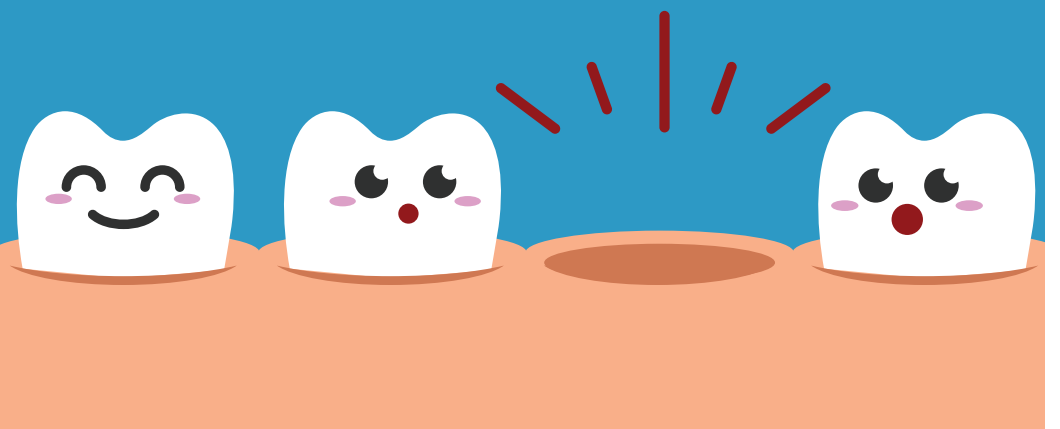
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Kettleby school marking its 50th

The Kettleby Co-op Nursery School is celebrating its 50th anniversary as an on-going affair all this year. Several events have been planned and will end with a carnival at the end of the school year. Former parents and students will be invited. Thank you to Mayor Steve Pellegrini for coming and talking to the children about his role as mayor and explaining the history of the mayoral collar. The children really enjoyed trying it on and many remarked how heavy it was. The mayor also presented nursery school teacher Ms. Cara with plaque in celebration of the school's 50th celebration.



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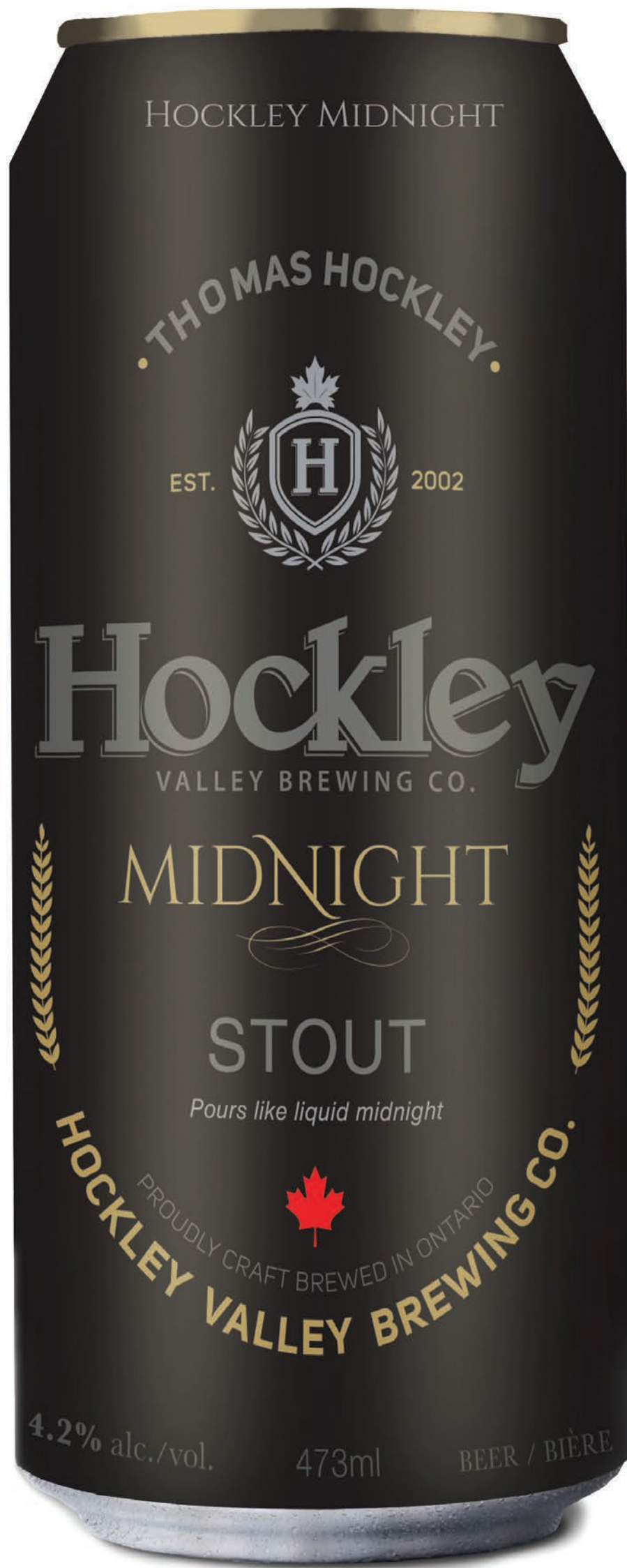


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King City team takes home the Gary West Cup

By Robert Belardi

Revenge is a dish best served cold as King City Secondary School defeated Gilmour Academy 5-4, raising the Gary West trophy and bringing home the banner to their school.

This is the fourth annual tournament hosted by St. Andrew's College. The Gary West tournament invites teams from across Ontario and the United States.

The tournament was named after former professor Gary West, who taught at the school for 33 years.

Canadian schools that participated were King City Secondary School, Lakefield College School, Korah Collegiate & Vocational School, St. Andrew's College Varsity B, St. Charles College and Upper Canada College. The American schools were Gilmour Academy and The Kiski School.

The teams were divided into two divisions. Kinney division and Foy division, both in honour of Ron Kinney who was the head of the science department for many years and Aubrey Foy, the Head of Music and Head of Flavelle house. Fox passed away in 2003 and Kinney passed away in 2004.

The games were hosted at La Briere Family Arena, Aurora Community Centre and at the Magna Centre in Newmarket.

King City was placed in the Foy group with The Kiski School, St. Charles College and Upper Canada College. The last time King City won the tournament was back in 2017.

"That tournament is top notch. We've been there now for four years, we get invited every year and we've already had an extended invitation for next year. They treat us top notch," said head coach of King City Bradley Matwijec.

After defeating St. Theresa Of Lisieux 6-4 last Thursday in division one hockey in York Region, the Lions entered this tournament with confidence.

The boys relied on Grade 9 goalie



Caleb Kokelj in between the posts.

The boys got off to a hot start, defeating St. Charles College 3-1 and smashing The Kiski School 6-1.

On the following Saturday, the Lions scored five goals in their first game against Upper Canada College. Trailing 3-2 in the third period, the Lions conjured three goals of their own to seal it and move on to the semifinals against the St. Andrew's College Saints.

"That really showed us the resolve and affirms what team we are. Third periods seem to go our way," said Matwijec.

"We've been a good scoring team right at the right time. We really showed we've got the ability to win in any circumstance."

The Lions' offensive prowess proved to be too much to handle for the Saints, as a 5-1 victory booked their trip to the finals on Sunday.

In the finals, the undefeated Lions challenged the undefeated Gilmour Academy team. Last year, Gilmour

defeated the Lions in the finals of this tournament.

Leading 3-1 in the third period, the Lions crumbled, conceding three goals. With 5:26 remaining, the boys did not flounder because of the deficit. Once again, they rose to the occasion.

Anthony Critelli scored with just over three minutes left in the game. Captain Carter Diceman sealed the victory with just four seconds left in the frame, sending all travelling fans from King City into jubilation.

"We were on our way to losing that game, unless our leaders stepped up. You need your leaders to be leaders

when it counts. It's one thing to call yourself leader it's another thing doing it when it matters," said Matwijec.

Diceman and Lucas Ceccarelli were named to the all-star team of the tournament. Diceman finished the tournament tied for first with 10 points and Ceccarelli recorded nine.

Matwijec also praised his assistant coach Scott Thain and other coaches in his staff, to thank them for their commitment to this hockey team day in and day out.

The Lions will begin the York Region playoffs next month once exams are finished.

Cougars fall to Siskins and Hornets

By Robert Belardi

It's just practice from here.

It's one of the great things in the Provincial Junior Hockey League. Everyone makes the playoffs. In a case like the one the Schomberg Cougars is in right now, it's all about working out the kinks before playoff hockey arrives.

"We're in a bit of a slump, quite a slump right now. We're getting all the bad games out of our system before the playoffs start, it's our master plan," humoured Cougars head coach Brett Delmas.

In the past eight games the Cougars are 1-7. It has been a tough stretch, with the only victory being a one goal shutout.

Against the Stayner Siskins last week, despite being five men short, the Cougars fought valiantly in this match up. A 4-0 score line, sugar coats their efforts on the ice, winning puck battles deep in the zone and firing the puck on goal at will. Siskins goaltender Brendan Macham is credited with the shutout.

In the first period the Cougars outshot the Siskins 12 to six. The boys fought in front of goal to generate space for a rebound and created plays entering the zone.

It was in transition defence the Cougars conceded the opening goal. With only one defenceman back, Siskins player Johnny Protopapas finished a cross-crease play just like a gamer would in NHL 20.

In the second period the Cougars outplayed the Siskins again. But yet again, it was the opponent who scored once more to take a 2-0 lead into the final frame thanks to Aidan Desforges.

Caleb Minns capitalized on the only power play for the Siskins and Matthew Maidens sealed an empty net win.

With four power plays that night for the Cougars, the boys struggled to score. On top of it all, maintaining possession of the puck in the zone was a concern for the 7th ranked power play in the PJHL.

"You got to be a little more patient and confident with the puck. That's not a contradiction in terms. Patience means it's not a hot potato, don't cough it up and give it away because you're being pressured. Confident means, stay and pass and shoot with confidence."

"Don't doubt yourself. You're better than you think you are is what I tell them," explained Delmas, providing constructive advice to his boys.

Cougars defenceman Cameron Robinson shared his thoughts on what he felt could have been done differently in this game and what needs to be adjusted moving forward.

Robinson stated: "Yeah, maybe just start rushing the puck, getting pucks deep with the boys and get shots to the net with lots of traffic. We got to do that with the rebounds and goals will come right. Get the garbage goals and the good goals will come. Other than that, we got to keep battling and bring our heart to play."

In last Friday night's bout in the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre, the Hornets took care of the Cougars 6-1.

Alex Surzycia stopped 32 of 38 shots. The Cougars put forth 27 shots of their own. It wasn't until the third period when Rees Cameron broke Rhys Byberg's shutout, however, against the top team in the North Carruthers Division, the Cougars continue to struggle despite a good effort.

The Cougars host the Penetang Kings this Thursday. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

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King Cobras take down first place High Park Roosters

By Shellee Morning

King Cobras hosted the first place High Park Roosters on Sunday in their TCA (Toronto Curling Association) Inter-Club regular season league play.

The league for under 21 includes an East (16 team roster) and West (14 team roster) Division playing within the GTA.

King Cobra Skip Kayla Emmerton, Vice Erik Mumford, Second Rachel Fenning and Matthew Dallaire as Lead got off to a solid start earning 3 points in the first end, before stealing another 2 in the second for a 5-0 lead. High Park unable to collect their deuce in the 3rd were forced to make a hit for

one. The visitors, who controlled the 4th, were sitting 5 rocks in the counting position when Skip Emmerton delivered a beautiful draw to cut them down for the steal of one making the score 5-2. During the 5th, the Cobras played smart securing a point when Vice Erik Mumford threw a great draw. The 6th was well-planned by the Cobras with multiple rocks controlling the top of the rings guarding 2 shot rocks. Vice Mumford drew in a 3rd counting stone then Skip Emmerton delivered 2 more perfect guards preventing the Roosters to score. Handshakes were offered after another 3 point end in the 6th for the well-deserved King win.



King Cobra Skip Kayla Emmerton delivers her final stone in an impressive 9-2 win over the first place High Park Roosters.

The Roosters are in 1st place of the West Division with 25 points, while the Oakville Legion of Broom sit in 2nd. Teams Brampton, Dixie and Oakville's second team, "Draw a Blank" are in a 3-way tie with 17 points. King sits alone in 4th with 16 points.

Kayla Emmerton and Rachel Fenning are in their last year with King as University is in their future. Coach Kathleen Gorsline, who has had the girls under her wing for the past 7 years, said "they began in the Little Rocks program and just love curling."

The girls hope to join a curling team should their school offer one and continue with the sport. Matthew Dallaire only in his 2nd year of curling and already playing with the "big kids" is the youngest at age 12. All are playing well and the Cobras season looks to be very promising.

and technique, participants played in a short game to learn the aspects of strategy and scoring. Dan O'Hara, a local dairy farmer tried his hand at curling after not throwing a stone in over 20 years. O'Hara commented "there's so much more to the sport than you would think, and I'm using muscles I didn't know I had."

There were a few well-tuned speed skaters who participated in the event who had always wanted to try out the sport of curling since watching it on the Olympics. It was clearly evident that James and Taylor Simpson, both physically tuned athletes, had the flexibility to deliver and picked up on the sport very quickly. General consensus was the same as O'Hara, that there is more physical action to the game than they thought.

John Urbanski, one of the event organizers, said the final Buds and Suds event for this year was once again a very successful event with a full registration. The evening included 8 volunteer certified coaches, as well numerous other volunteers offering their time in the skilled instructional session followed by a social that concluded with beverages and pizza for everyone.

Buds and Suds event

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Dan O'Hara delivers his rock during the game portion of the Buds and Suds event.



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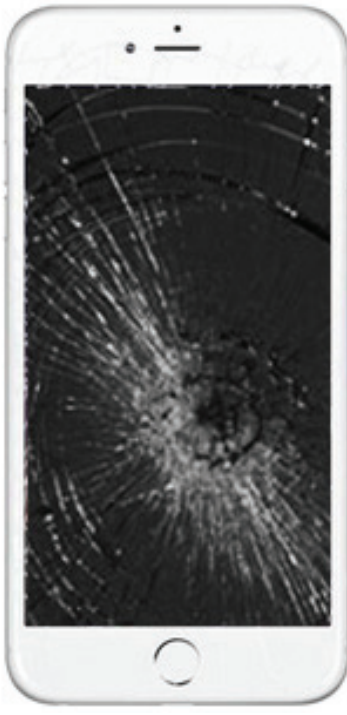
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'Fill The Barn' event this Friday

The Schomberg Red Wings minor hockey association, would like to welcome you to the "Fill The Barn Event" this Friday at the Trisan Centre at 8 p.m.

This event will host the Schomberg Red Wings Midget LL1 against the Schomberg Red Wings Midget LL2. That's like having the Los Angeles Lakers take on the Los Angeles Clippers. Two teams, one city, same arena.

This is the last regular season game, before these players graduate from midget hockey. There will be a ceremonial puck drop before the game. The community is invited, to wish these young players, a proper farewell.

The players will be congratulated, for all their successes, ups, downs and lessons they have conjured in their years in minor hockey, before the real test begins. If, and where, they choose to continue playing the sport for years to come.

Leaving somewhere doesn't mean it is the end, but a stepping stone to a new beginning. No play will ever forget the memories they have built in their journey.

The Midget LL2 team, currently sits one point on top of the first team. Midget LL2 is in fourth place and the Midget LL1 team is in fifth.

The second team, in 25 games played, has amassed 96 goals forward and 50 against. In the last 10 games, the boys are 8-1-1, currently riding a hot streak into playoff hockey.

Most notably, their victory against the Georgina Blaze 1 on home ice 7-1, cements their capability of annihilating their opponents, with the potential of conceding such a small amount of goals in the process.

In comparison, the Midget LL1 team is roughly the same.

In their 25 games played this year, the boys have recorded 85 goals forward and only 47 against. They are 6-1-3 in their last 10 matches.

It seems both teams have a few attributes in common, as the Midget LL1 defeated the Georgina Blaze 1, 9-2 in this stretch.

Surely it will be a competitive game between these two clubs, but also, excellent news for the minor hockey organization to have both of their teams in the playoffs for this year, which begin on Feb. 21 for both groups.

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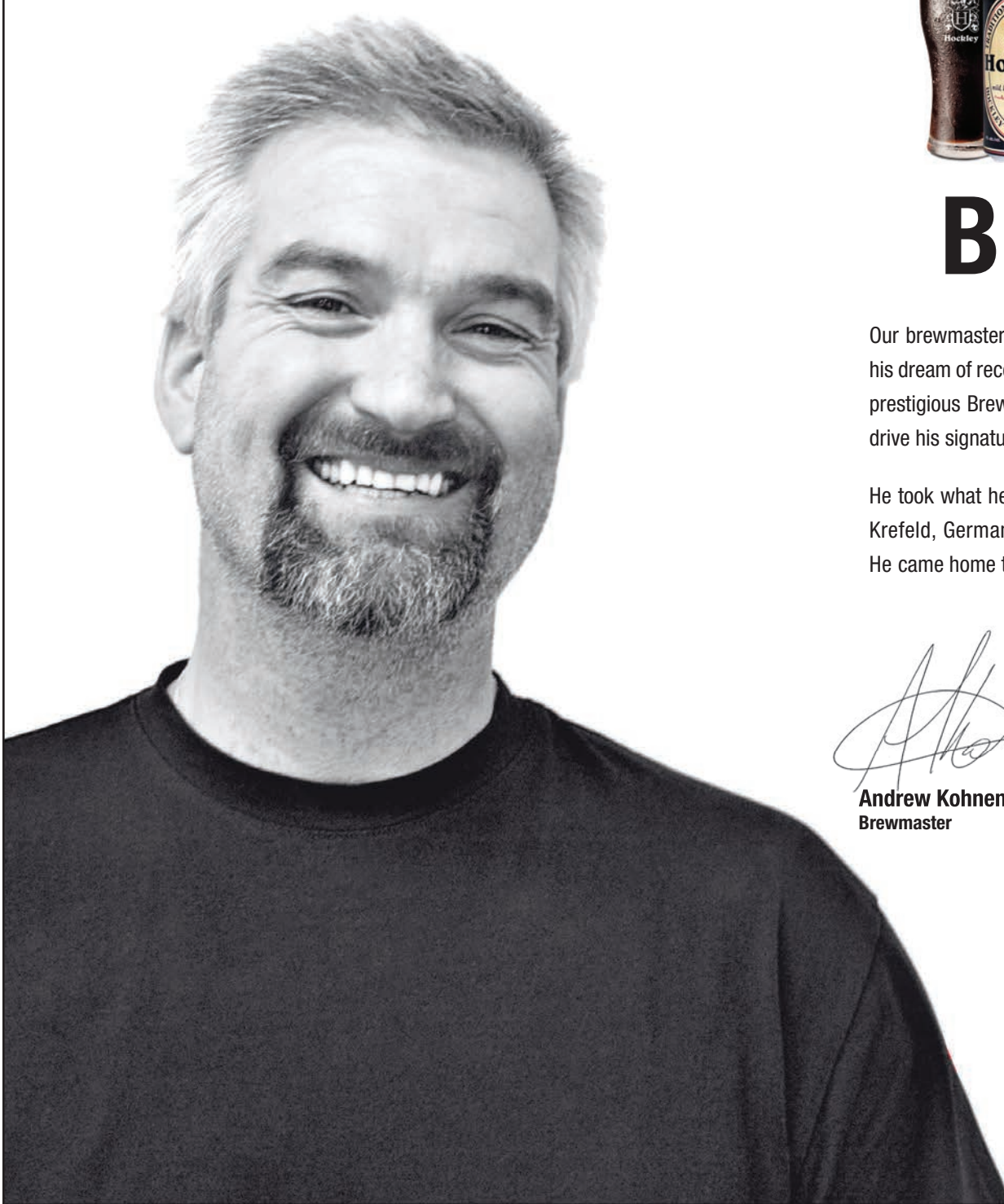
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By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

For the next two Sundays, we will have our services led by the well-known

and well-loved Rev. Evelyn McLachlan. She was the minister of King City United Church for 5 years until her retirement in 2017. She also served in Mississauga (9 years), Sarnia (4 years), Dutton (8 years), and received her MDiv. at Queens, and her BA at Windsor. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Ev!

Sunday, Feb. 2, 9:30 am, is at the Kitchen Breendon Manor.

Monday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m. is the UCW meeting at the Kitchen Breendon Manor. There is a Valentine/Love theme.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m., is the Seniors' Valentine Luncheon at the Kitchen Breendon Manor. The entertainment is "Styleamander" (Mark Kersey). The lunch is orange-glazed pork tenderloin, with roasted veg and a Valentine-themed dessert. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Donations toward the cost of supplies for the meals are gratefully received.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 is the first Stitch and Sip evening at Nobleton United. Please join Aleisha Richards for an informal night of sharing stitch crafts and refreshments. Aleisha can help with knitting, crocheting, lacework. Perhaps you started knitting socks and never finished. Bring your project

along and get some friendly advice or just share in the camaraderie.

Our Nobleton Schomberg Joint Annual General Meeting is on Sunday, March 1, at Nobleton United Church. We start with a shortened service at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United (no service at Schomberg United), followed by a light lunch at noon, and then hold our meeting, likely starting at 1 p.m.

Schomberg United meets at St. Mary Magdalene, 116 Church St., at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Breendon 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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This coming Sunday morning Feb. 2 there will be an 11:15 a.m. combined parish Holy Communion service at St. Mary Magdalene's 116 Church St. here in Schomberg with Bishop George Elliott (ret'd) of King City as sermonist and celebrant.

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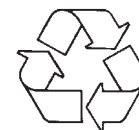
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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday we were very excited to welcome Rev Andrew Lee to our pulpit. A resident of Richmond Hill, Rev Andrew has been in ministry since 2002 and brings with him and enthusiastic approach to ministry and outreach.

Our message on Sunday "The First Disciple" called us to "reflect on your life and your resolutions in 2020 with hope that you can find your contribution, dedication and sincerity to God. Your small contribution cannot be small for God because our faith and humbleness has built the Kingdom of God on earth throughout history."

Sunday, Feb. 2 Rev. Bruce Roffey will be presiding.

Please join us for the 10 a.m. worship and we do have hearing assisted devices are available 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.

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, Feb. 2 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "Follow Me" with the "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:1-44), 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.

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Our "Legacy" nights are our family Bible study nights. We will provide Nursery care for children 0-3.

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Our adults will meet upstairs.

Our program runs from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

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

Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School for school-aged children up to age 12, running concurrently.

This Sunday Lynn will be back from vacation to preside over the service with her daughter-in-law, the Rev. Konnie Vissers preaching. Lynn will lead us in worship February 2.

Last Sunday, Alison Agnew had us look at Joel, a tiny book in the Old Testament of the Bible. We read verses from chapter 1 which gave many reasons for why one's joy can wither and then she pointed out verses in chapter 2 which spoke of hope and joy returning as people looked to God and honoured Him. The sermon, entitled "Joy Restored" made the scripture very relevant for all of us today.

It was with mixed emotions that St. Andrew's said a fond farewell and god-speed to Soong Huh who has answered a call to serve at St. Andrew's, Aurora. We got to know him while as a student at Knox College. He has pulpit supplied for us and over this past year has led a youth group from the HanWool Presbyterian Church, King City that meets in our lower classroom. He along with some of his youth group have taken active roles in participating with our worship team during the opening of our Sunday morning service.

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701 COMING EVENTS

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A drop-in Public Information Session is being held at the Adjala-Tosorontio Municipal Centre Public Room, 7855 30th Sideroad, Alliston, on February 20, 2020 from 7pm-9pm.

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The world is awash in red come Valentine's Day. Red is considered a passionate and warming color, which is why it often is tied to the emotions of love and desire. Red also symbolizes heat, longing and strength. In some cultures, red is viewed as good luck and used to ward off bad spirits.

Gift givers who want to embrace red hues even further during Valentine's Day can dote on their sweethearts with red-colored precious and semi-precious gemstone jewelry. Rubies may come to mind, but there are quite a few stones that offer rosy appeal.

- **Agate:** Red and red-banded agate can be attractive stones. They are a translucent variety of micro-crystalline quartz. These stones have a smooth sheen and are relatively durable.

- **Garnet:** Garnets tend to be a darker red than rubies and are not very expensive stones. They're easy to find and can be beautiful in jewelry. Garnets are somewhat soft, so they can be scratched or damaged easily, necessitating caution with their handling.

- **Red topaz:** Like other stones, topaz comes in different shades. Red is one of the hues. Durability, being plentiful and possessing a vibrant luster make red topaz ideal in all types of jewelry.

- **Red zircon:** Pure red zircon stones are unique. Zircon is one of the oldest known minerals on Earth, so zircon stones in varying colors have been around for quite some time. Zircon is quite hard, so it can be worn daily, making it an ideal stone for rings.

- **Ruby:** Rubies are often expensive and highly sought after gemstones. Natural, untreated rubies are very rare. They are made of corundum and are the red versions of sapphires. Rubies are hard and durable and will hold up to daily wear.

- **Spinel:** Much like fool's gold looks like gold, spinel resembles a ruby so much that it is often mistaken. This stone often has high levels of clarity and a high refractive index.

- **Tourmaline:** This is another stone that comes in all different colors of the rainbow, including red. It has a pinkish-red hue, and may be called rubellite. Rubellite is commonly cut into long shapes, but it can be made into many common jewelry styles and faceted to maximize the reflection of light.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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This Sunday at 10 a.m., Jeff will be leading us in worship this week. 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!

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 knit-

ting. 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.

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Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

For the next two Sundays, we will have our 11:15 a.m. services led by the well-known and well-loved Rev. Evelyn McLachlan. She was the minister of King City United Church for 5 years until her retirement in 2017. She also served in Mississauga (9 years), Sarnia (4 years), Dutton (8 years), and received her MDiv. at Queen's, and her BA at Windsor. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Ev!

Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 5-7 p.m. is our next Messy Church. We have 6 optional activities each month for the first hour, then at 6 pm we have a story that connects the activities to the Bible story, and at 6:15 pm we eat. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Do not dress up for this! Last week the messiest activity was playing with "primordial slime" to illustrate God's creation.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

The first movie night of the new year will be held next 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!

Tuesday, March 3 is the date for our annual pancake supper. There will be two sittings - 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Information on obtaining tickets will be available next week.

Circle your calendar for Wednesday morning March 25 and let your friends know about a free presentation by CHATS on services available to help us age at home. More details to follow.

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

St. Patrick's Gala

Save the date. Our first gala for the new decade. Saturday, March 14 at the Royal Ambassador Banquet Hall at 15430 Innis Lake Road, Caledon. Ticket price is \$100, \$40 will be provided for a tax donation receipt. There will be DJ live entertainment, open bar, silent auction and live auction.

St. Mary's/St. Patrick's Life Teen

Life Teen presents Pancake Breakfast of pancake, sausages, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and juice to be held on Sunday, Feb. 2, after the 11:30 a.m. mass at St. Mary's Catholic church hall in No-

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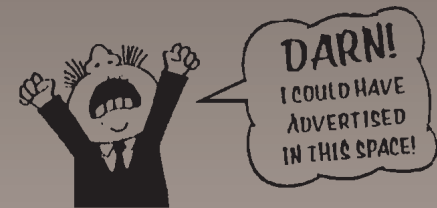
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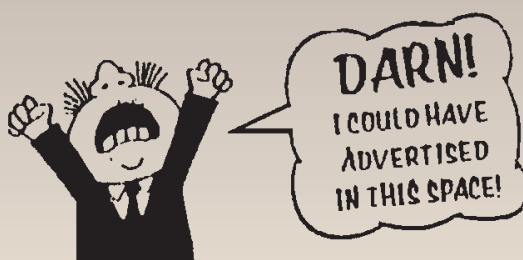


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From Page 24 - Nobleton Notes

This "slime" was simply cornstarch and water, but it seems like solid when you squeeze it but quickly goes back to liquid. Try it. It is fun!

Wednesday, Feb. 19 is our first Stitch and Sip evening. Please join Aleisha Richards for an informal night of sharing stitch crafts and refreshments. Aleisha can help with knitting, crocheting, lacework. Perhaps you started knitting socks and never finished. Bring your project along and get some friendly advice or just share in the camaraderie.

Feb. 26 is Ash Wednesday. We will be joining with St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church for this special event. There will be a Lenten study, focussed on the book by Richard Rohr, called

"Wondrous Encounters: Scriptures for Lent." If you would like your own copy of this book, please let Rev. Carol-Ann know by Feb. 16. The cost is \$15.

Our Schomberg Nobleton Joint Annual General Meeting is on Sunday March 1st at Nobleton United. We start with a shortened church service at 11:15 a.m., then have a light lunch and then hold our meeting, likely starting at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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 ac-

cessible ramp, chair lifts and accessible (gender neutral) washrooms. We warmly welcome everyone, old and young, tattooed or not, dressed up or not.

**Groundhog Day:
The Christian Connection
By John Arnott**

February 2, Groundhog Day, is when this animal supposedly comes out of its den and by seeing or not seeing its shadow forecasts a late or early spring. Well the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton wants you to know there is a Christian connection to this very secular Groundhog Day as Feb. 2 also marks Candlemas when many Christian churches bless the candles they use. It seems that in northern Europe especially, if worshippers on their way to the early morning Candlemas service saw their shadows because the sun was shining it meant they'd have winter weather for several more weeks but if it was a cloudy day with no shadows seen then it was thought there'd be an early spring. This idea probably predates the Christian era by thousands of years.

Today our view on Groundhog Day is lighthearted and full of fun, but in medieval into pioneer times the view was a much more serious one as by February supplies put by for the winter were often half gone and an extra long stretch of wintry weather meant remaining supplies had to be managed very carefully otherwise there would be serious consequences particularly for the poor, whereas the thought that fair weather would come early so crops could be planted and larders restocked sooner was good for mind and body.

As time passed and Candlemas was no longer a holiday there were fewer

and fewer churchgoers to cast shadows on Feb. 2 so the prognosticating of weather fell to the badger, a common small burrowing animal in western Europe and whether or not it saw its shadow. But when European colonists especially from Britain brought the custom to the eastern North America badgers were few and far between thus the groundhog was assigned the job and has held it ever since.

Many Christians today are reconnecting with the ancient Christian observance of Candlemas. Many Anglican churches mark the event at the regular Holy Communion service when Groundhog Day's Christian connection is recounted during the young people's focus time, church candles blessed and the congregations reminded that candles were not always just decorative. More often than not the only source of light in churches and houses in the Middle Ages through pioneer times into the early days of St. Alban's Nobleton, Christ Church Kettleby, St Mary Magdalene's Schomberg and homes here in King Township.

From Page 23 - King's Corners

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Tickets selling quickly for our Toronto Male Welsh Choir performance on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 at the church. We also will offer a wonderful variety of raffle prizes – from gift certificates to King's best restaurants to exotic baskets of food and other goodies. Also home baked treats will be on sale to take home. All in all a wonderful afternoon of memorable entertainment and a chance to win great prizes and make yummy purchases. Doors open at 2 p.m. Reserve your tickets at 905-833-5432 – \$25 now \$30 at the door. Children 12 and under free. See your there. This is a fundraiser for the refurbishment of our youth room.

Words to live by – Rev. Dr. Elizabeth spoke on last Sunday's reading of the ringing prophecy of Isaiah 9, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light ..."

"His oracle breaks over us only a month after the shortest day of the year," she said. "This is not a light that grows slowly over time ... it shines on people walking in darkness ... It is the kind of light that gives direction and drives out fear."

She pointed out it was a time of darkness for Israel, under the yoke of Assyrian invaders. The same is true for us with the risks and threats of climate change, mass migration, affordable housing crisis and now the Corona virus. We need a vision of when peace, justice and righteousness will return. There's always a need for prophets who stand outside the halls of power and state what our world can become.

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