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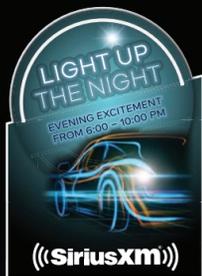
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The public was invited to two drop-in sessions to see preliminary plans for the new Township recreation centre.

Plans for recreation centre taking shape

With construction set to begin in October of 2020, the designs for King's new multi-purpose recreation complex have begun to solidify.

The township wide Recreation Centre, set to open in 2023, will boast a 4-lane lap pool, a leisure pool, and a NHL-sized ice rink. Outside, the facility will have a full-size soccer field, four junior soccer fields, and two baseball diamonds. A dome with a multi-use field and running tracks will also be constructed, with the potential to host lacrosse, field hockey, and more.

The complex will be located on a 25-acre parcel of land at the southeast corner of 15th Sideroad and Dufferin Street in King City. Planning for the centre began in 2016, when Seneca College and King Township partnered to have a portion of Seneca's land, upon which the TWRC will stand, leased to King Township for 60 years. Approximately 80% of the project's \$37 million budget is projected to come from development charges.

The Township continues to encourage public input on the Recreation Centre through SPEAKING, King Township's on-line opinion and feedback site, as well as at pre-announced pop-up information centres throughout the municipality. Re-

cent requests made by residents such as the inclusion of saunas are currently being considered in ongoing discussions, while others, such as the request for basketball courts, are not.

Chris Fasciano, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, was briefly on hand to answer questions, hear concerns, and share information about the recreation centre in Nobleton and Schomberg on Feb. 8. He cited bigger pools, warm water in the leisure pool, and additional ice surfaces as the most common suggestions made by King residents that day.

"I would say that 90% of the feedback we've received so far about the Township Wide Recreation Centre has been positive," said Fasciano. "The SPEAKING website is always a great way to get your ideas out there. We'll accept feedback in any form on our forum."

During Monday night's council meeting, it was noted the \$37 million tab for the facility will be largely covered by development charges and contributions by the development industry. The shortfall, roughly \$4 million, will be debentured by the Township so it won't impact taxpayers.

Staff will continue to evaluate feedback and report back to council.

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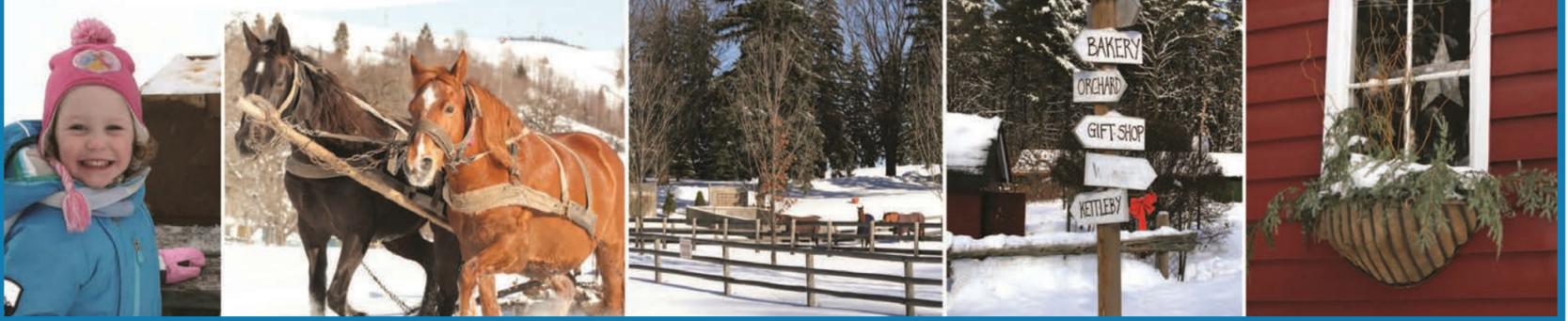
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, February 24, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, March 9, 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, February 19, 2020

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

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

6 pm – Sustainability Committee
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Thursday, March 5, 2020

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

PUBLIC NOTICES



Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors

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

All are welcome!

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- Summer Camp positions – close February 14
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – closes when filled

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Or visit on the following link

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Family Day office closure

King Township's Municipal Centre will be closed on Mon., Feb. 17 for Family Day. It will reopen at 8:30 am on Feb. 18. If you have an urgent matter on Feb. 17, please call 905-833-5321.

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

2020 Spring/Summer Community Guide

Hot off the digital press is our 2020 Spring/Summer Community Guide, containing a list of exciting programs and activities. You can access the digital version at www.king.ca. Printed copies will be delivered to King Township households later this month and will also be available at all library branches and arenas.



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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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| X | At most financial institutions, including via personal on-line banking |
| X | By cheque |
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When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Water, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567800).

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Dedicated 'champion' Jane Underhill passes away

By Mark Pavilons

King has lost one of its most dedicated and committed "champions."

Jane Underhill, former councillor and community activist died Feb. 8 at Southlake hospital. She was 83.

One of the most recognizable faces in King Township, Underhill served as councillor for Ward 5 for three terms. Underhill was the founding member and president of Preserve the Village; Founding Member of King Environmental Group; member and supporter of Concerned Citizens of King Township. She contributed through her involvement as a member of the King City Tennis Club, King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, King City Seniors' Centre and a former member of the King City Trails Committee.

As a long-time resident, Underhill once admitted she was a bit of a "trouble-maker" often leading petitions for improvements to her community, a place she loves so dearly. She thanked all of her supporters over the years.

The legacy of Jane Underhill is multi-faceted, according to Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer.

"She was passionate about her King City village and the environment. She was relentless in her effort to protect the environment and the character of King City. Her weapon of choice was not bombast but rather well researched and superbly organized facts. She sought out those beyond her local community who had common objectives. Her integ-

rity, her work ethic and sense of dignity inspired many people, including myself, to enter politics."

In 2017, she received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual volunteer appreciation evening.

Last July, King council decided recently to name the trail loop in the Osmington subdivision, the Jane Underhill Trail.

The trail is being named for the "significant contributions she made over the years."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini praised Underhill for her tenacity and integrity. He pointed out a special ceremony will take place in the spring when the trail is officially opened. The mayor added Underhill epitomized what getting involved and volunteering locally is all about.

Jane was an inspirational and courageous champion for many causes, most particularly for the livability of her beloved King Township and the protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine and Ontario Greenbelt.

According to her family, no fight was too daunting, including the "Big Pipe," which led her to found Preserve the Village. Numerous environmental issues were taken up through her work with the King Environmental group, and the saving of the blue heron rookery brought particular pleasure.

She devoted her time on council to her constituents and the self-funded "Underhill Report" was required weekly reading. Her vision and dedication were profoundly felt by, among others, the Concerned Citizens of King Township, the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Seniors Centre and the Trails Committee.

Jane's tireless service in and outside of office was recognized with many awards, including the Moraine Hero and municipal Lifetime Achievement Award.

She brought equal passion to other interests. An accomplished tennis player, Jane helped found the King City Tennis Club. Her friendship with the "tennis ladies" was a source of great joy over the years.

She enjoyed many years of sailing with Jim on "Northern Pine," and was never to be taken lightly at the bridge table. Her Christmas trifle was the stuff of legend - less so the Friday night supper of "dreaded sole."

In honour of Jane's contributions, King Township flags were flown at half-mast. A public celebration of life will be announced for later this year following a private family burial. Donations will be gratefully accepted to the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, online at www.Oakridgesmoraine.org/give



Jane Underhill is seen here receiving the Lifetime Achievement award from Mayor Steve Pellegrini, during the 2017 volunteer appreciation event.



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Miracles exist on even the tiniest levels

We all know that girls are made from sugar, spice and so many nice things. Boys, on the other hand, are made from snails and the odd bits of a puppy's tail.

But science knows we're made of a tiny bit more.

On the atomic level, all matter on our humble planet consists of atoms and particles - microscopic things that are whizzing around one another, much like the planetary bodies in our galaxy. Particles, or molecules, from a drop of water to our massive sun, are constantly in motion. It seems the creator designed everything we know, and most things we have yet to discover, to be moving, slowly or incredibly fast.

We carve a heart in an old oak tree in the park. It seems solid, heavy and immovable. Yet within this massive old living thing, molecules zip this way and that. Even after the tree is cut down and turned into a kitchen table, molecules continue to move to and fro.

It's all quite unbelievable and miraculous.

Quantum physics, quantum mechanics and other complex studies in math and molecular biology are not easily understood by average citizens. Whenever I come across someone who works in such specific fields, I always pick their brains and ask them to explain their work in simple terms. I'm always fascinated by what I learn and what scientists are constantly discovering.

Many of these are so interesting, that I'm convinced that much of our existence is not merely by chance or by accident. It's too intricate, too precisely configured to be random. It's much too perfect to be the result of a cosmic explosion or so much space dust.

I'm curious to find out how everything works. You don't have to be a mechanical or engineering expert to wonder about things or discover just how and why things work the way they do. But few among us, especially those who bet on the Super Bowl or joined the throngs who watched a rodent predict spring, likely give miracles much thought.

The more scientists uncover, the more questions appear. A lot of what is in the works is either theory or conjecture. We still have yet to prove Einstein's theory of relativity and yet we hold firm that this is a rule of physics.



Mark Pavilons

Tell that to visiting aliens, who had to achieve beyond light speed to get here!

I came across some "rules" of life that caused me to ponder existence:

- 1) There's something instead of nothing.
- 2) From the beginning, things started evolving.
- 3) Life arose.
- 4) Life evolved.
- 5) Some living things evolved complex instinctual behavior.
- 6) Instinctual behavior blossomed into consciousness, along with the ability to be inspired, have a sense of aesthetics, to grow spiritually, to override the dictates of our genes, and consciously to develop other traits harmonious with the rest of the evolving Earth.

Wow.
If you look at the human body, the wonders continue. Our forms are finely tuned machines, working in perfect harmony, performing all kinds of vital functions.

Our brains are supercomputers, processing information at unbelievable speeds and capabilities.

Our heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, even eyes, ears and nose all contribute to this marvellous package.

Sure, we may be susceptible to illness and we're easily damaged, but we're quite the work of art.

Hapenstance, or design? I choose

the latter.

When life slithered out of the primordial ooze so many eons ago, it was basic and simple. Just a few cells carrying out very basic organic duties. Life, yes, but on the tiniest of scales.

As the millennia progressed, so did the flora and fauna on this green-blue ball of greatness.

All of the creatures that inhabit our planet are also magically designed and suited to their environment. From the depths of the ocean (which we have to fully explore) to the mountain tops and skies above, our fellow creatures swim, leap and fly. They may not fully understand the nature of their existence, but boy, are they perfectly aligned to their environment.

From the tiniest of insects, the handiwork of the universe is apparent. There are an estimated 5 million species of insects, with a total number of bugs pegged at 10 quintillion! Each species is unique and amazing in its own right.

Ant societies have a division of labour, communication between individ-

uals, and an ability to solve complex problems. Their antennae transmit and received signals. Ants are definitely strong, and have a unique neck design. But the dung beetle is known to lift weights up to 1,141 times its own body weight, a load equivalent to a human lifting some 180,000 pounds.

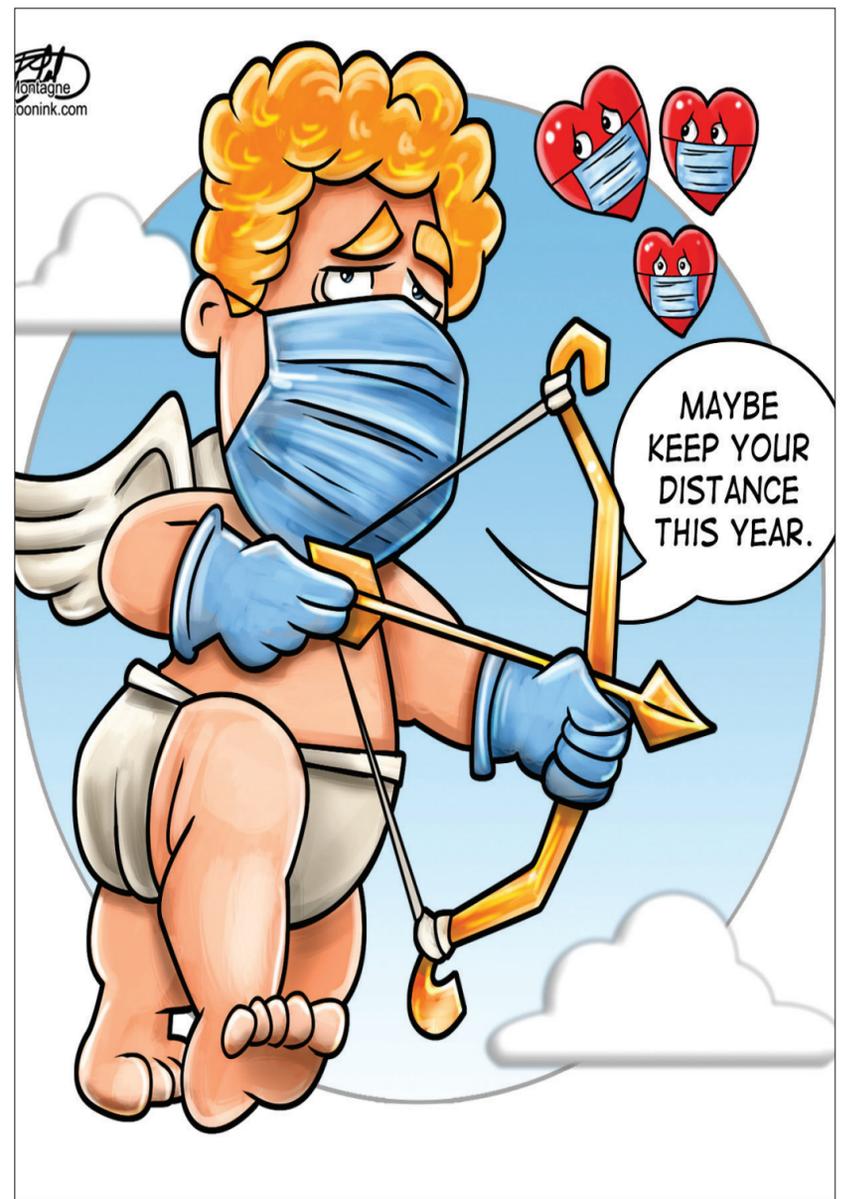
Spiders use different gland types to produce different silks. Most spiders have three pairs of spinnerets, each having its own function. The tensile strength of spider silk is greater than the same weight of steel and has much greater elasticity.

These are tiny examples of natural miracles, literally under our feet.

Dolphins evolved from land mammals and went back into the sea. India declared them as "non-human persons," giving them rights and freedoms.

My point is our world and everything in it is marvellously designed. Every tiny wing, every blood vessel and brain cell, and each pine needle - miracles all.

My humble appreciation to the creator:



Letter to the Editor

Trump's impeachment process

Someone once said that to start a truly just society you must first get rid of all the lawyers.

This gag doesn't sound all that absurd if you've been paying attention to the so-called Trump impeachment trial.

Is there any better example to illustrate how this old musing may have come about than the mundane drivel so embarrassingly laid out for the defence by Alan Dershowitz, a professor of law?

In short - to hell with truth and justice. We don't have a "justice system," it is a "legal system" in which winning is the goal.

And it is the ONLY goal of the legal profession.

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a) Yes
b) No

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Thought of the Week

Animals won't listen to reason!

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King Township Trivia

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A new vision for 2020 and beyond for climate action

By David Suzuki

Commentary

Let's hope 2020 marks the start of a decade when we finally take climate disruption as seriously as the evidence shows we must. We understand the problem and know how to deal with it. Many solutions exist and more are being developed daily. Consuming less of everything, including energy, rapidly shifting to renewable energy, and protecting and restoring green spaces and wetlands that store carbon are all things we've been doing and can do more.

We'd have healthier children, less risk of extreme weather-related events like floods and fires, fewer refugees, cleaner cities and more sustainably managed resources. It's astounding that anyone would oppose that. Yes, people working in coal, oil and gas have legitimate fears about their futures, which is why they need support and training as the industry automates and transitions.

But we make it more difficult with every year we fail to act decisively. The talk is often of a "gradual" transition, the cliché being, "We can't get off fossil fuels overnight." That's true, but it's used as an excuse to avoid getting off fossil fuels at all. Through decades of

increasingly urgent warnings from the scientific community about the dangers of pumping massive amounts of long-lasting greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere, many governments, including ours, have facilitated rapid expansion of the industry, especially for dirtier, less-efficient, harder-to-obtain products like oilsands bitumen.

Despite promises to stop, our government and others continue to massively subsidize the most profitable industry in history with tax breaks, reduced royalties and incentives. Governments develop climate strategies — many of them good — and then turn around and buy a pipeline or frack the hell out of the landscape.

It doesn't make sense.

Looking south of the border and elsewhere in the world is even more bewildering. The U.S. president rambles incoherently about wind energy while rolling back decades of practical environmental laws and regulations. Australian politicians reject climate solutions and promote the dying coal industry while evacuating their people from record-breaking heat and a coun-

try on fire.

What's going on? Is it simply profit and greed? Fear of change? A lack of empathy and caring for the future? Ignorance? All the above?

Some people who oppose environmental protection believe it's their religious duty to help speed the "end times." Politicians on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border are known to follow these beliefs. It's absurd that people who believe God created the heavens and Earth would be so hell-bent on destroying all they've been given. It's like burning down your house so you can speed your move to a new one that you have not yet seen!

Declining education standards, especially around critical thinking, have made many people more susceptible to the barrage of conspiratorial and other false information flowing through social and conventional media. That information — from climate science denial to outlandish conspiracy theories — is intentionally produced by people determined to maintain their mostly unearned privilege no matter what the cost to the rest of society.

If we had politicians willing to act with the urgency the evidence shows is necessary, curbing climate catastrophe would still be a challenge this late in

the game, but we could do it. We could at least start to ensure things don't get worse than they already are.

We can and must do better. But it's going to take more than changing our diets, buying e-vehicles and conserving energy — as important as those are. We must adapt our economic systems to current conditions and work on solutions that may not fit within the profit-and-growth paradigm, including massive reforestation projects, better environmental regulation, and education, strengthened women's rights and family planning to stabilize population growth.

We can't afford to squander limited resources for the sake of a seemingly endless cycle of working and consuming. And we can't just keep polluting air, water and land and not expect consequences. Some people may accept the idea of an apocalypse, even to the extent of praying for it and wanting to speed its coming. But most of us just want to live healthy, happy lives, where friends, family and experience mean more than money and "stuff." We're the majority and so must continue to speak out and speak loudly.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation.



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Inaugural Cultural Gala supports the arts in King

By Mark Pavilons

The arts in King will receive a boost, thanks to a new fundraising initiative.

The first annual Cultural Gala is set to go Feb. 27. The Township is On February 27, 2020 the Township of King is joining forces, and supporting, the efforts of the King Township Historical Society (KTHS), Arts Society King (ASK), and the King Township Museum Board (KTMB) to stage the Mayor's Cultural Gala in support of arts, culture, and heritage in King Township.

Funds raised from this event will go towards supporting the important work of the KTHS, ASK, KTMB, and the King Heritage & Cultural Centre. This will include arts, culture, and heritage based programming, exhibitions and special events, as well as the preservation and restoration of important heritage buildings.

Councillors endorsed a recommendation from staff from the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department regarding formal approval for the gala.

According to staff, the Township

of King has a longstanding history of supporting heritage and culture in the Township. King has partnered with countless community and volunteer organizations throughout the years to support their initiatives and mandates. Through these partnerships a re-occurring theme continues to emerge the need to establish a fiscally sustainable framework that will support heritage and cultural related initiatives in King Township. In an effort to assist with this ongoing challenge, council directed staff to host a Mayor's Heritage and Cultural Gala (the "Gala") in 2020 with funds raised being divided among identified heritage and culture organizations.

In order to track and manage associated sources and uses of funds for the Gala, internal financial controls will be established within a dedicated financial recording structure.

Based upon preliminary discussions with the groups involved the proposed net proceed sharing model will see any residual balance of funds raised from the event divided among the following

groups to help support a variety of needs, as determined individually by each recipient organization. King Heritage and Culture Centre will receive 50% of proceeds; ASK will get 25% and King Township Historical Society gets the remaining 25%

Following the inaugural gala this month, staff will conduct a debrief with representatives from the organizations noted above for purposes of evaluating the long-term viability of establishing this as an annual event.

"Supporting heritage and culture is essential for our community; it helps create a 'sense of place,' drives commu-

nity action and aids in social inclusion. The success of the Mayors Heritage and Cultural Gala will help support these important organizations and ensure they can continue to contribute to King's rich culture for the foreseeable future," staff noted.

The event will be held at Cardinal Golf Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. Tickets are \$150 each, or a table of 10 for \$1,400. Tickets are available at the Township office, the cultural centre or Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/30m45n9>

For more, email kingmuseum@king.ca

Board, CUPE ratify agreement

The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) is pleased to announce that a new collective agreement has been reached with CUPE Local 2331.

YCDSB employees who are represented by CUPE Local 2331 include clerical staff, designated Early Childhood Educators (DECES), Educational Assistants (EAs), Educational Interveners (EIs), library technicians, lunch time supervisors, lunch office support workers, school secretarial staff, and Student Support Workers (SSWs).

After a series of bargaining sessions throughout the past few months, a tentative settlement for a renewed collective agreement was signed Jan. 28.

The YCDSB Board of Trustees brought the tentative settlement forward for approval at its Board of Trustees meeting on Jan. 28. CUPE Local 2331 brought this tentative settlement to a ratification vote with its members on Feb. 5. The tentative settlement was ratified by both parties.

The new collective agreement between YCDSB and CUPE Local 2331 is complementary to the CUPE Central Agreement that was negotiated under the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, and previously ratified on Nov. 1, 2019.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the bargaining team members from CUPE and YCDSB for their constructive efforts to reach a new collective agreement. The parties' determination to arrive at an agreement opens the way for a continuous positive working relationship between CUPE 2331 and YCDSB." Maria Marchese, chair of the YCDSB board of directors.

"I am pleased we were able to reach a new collective agreement with our CUPE 2331 partners. The positive and collaborative approach taken by both sides resulted in a mutually-beneficial bargaining process and a ratified agreement that includes positive gains for both the board and the union," said Ab Falconi, director of education, YCDSB.

"Union members sent us to the table with clear priorities: to bring contract work in-house, to improve the staffing process, and to raise working conditions for all our members. We are proud of the agreement that we were able to deliver with the partnership of the board's negotiating team. The 93% ratification vote tells us that our members see the clear gains in this agreement. We look forward to putting the provisions into place to help our members continue delivering excellent service to our students," added Mary Di Federico, president, CUPE Local 2331.

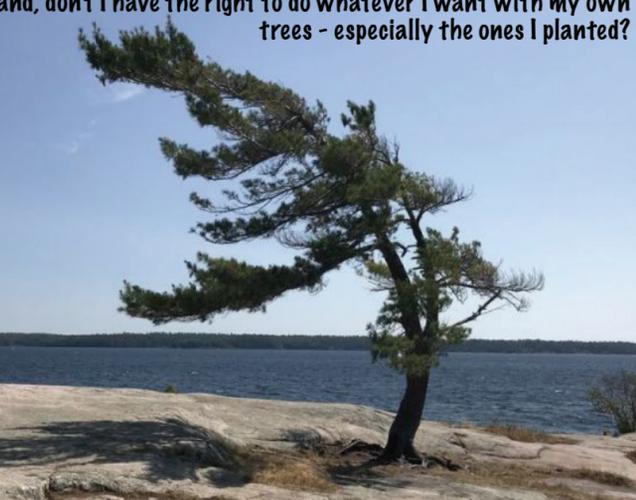
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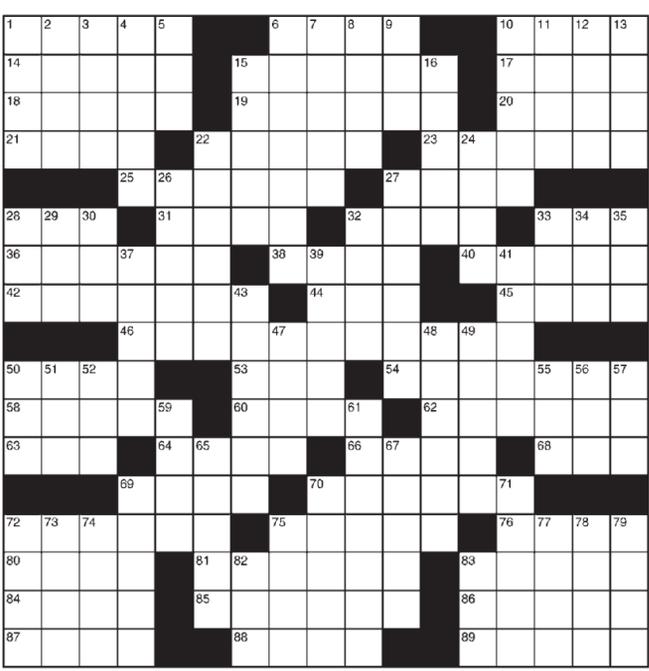
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21. Period
22. Coveted chalice
23. Clear of silt
25. Cell-out?
27. Comet feature
28. Hoodwink
31. Baby cow
32. Divide
33. Hog's home
36. Long-legged shorebird
38. Distantly
40. Scary
42. Tout's client
44. Fired (up)
45. Gold leaf
46. Magician's word
50. Woe!

53. ___ Beta Kappa
54. Allow back in
58. Renaissance fiddle
60. "A Whiter Shade of ___"
62. Hold superficially
63. Athens vowel
64. Assist a burglar
66. Geometry points
68. Certain legume
69. Shadowbox
70. Brave
72. Universe
75. ___ being
76. Bit of lemon peel
80. On the sheltered shore
81. Pollen-bearing organ
83. Flavor
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85. Tea variety
86. Eat
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88. A legal wrong
89. School theme

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4. Sourpuss
5. Maize unit
6. Forage crop
7. Disprove
8. Of a time
9. Without much light
10. Kick out
11. Clarinet accessory
12. Hitch
13. Weight allowance
15. December song
16. ___ waxwing
22. Cheese ___
24. Ceremony
26. Sour
27. Mongol
28. Crow's call
29. Future chicks
30. "Holiday Inn" drink
32. Settled up
33. Indian title
34. "___ There Was You"
35. Besides
37. Quit
39. Toss about
41. Mild oaths
43. Coolio, e.g.
47. Informal talk
48. Warning signal
49. Diameter components
50. "You ___ My Sunshine"
51. Say yes to
52. "L.A. Law" group: abbr.
55. Broom's kin
56. Strong resentment
57. "TV Guide" abbr.
59. Guitar attachment
61. Range coil
65. Choir member
67. Short ape?
69. Refine, as metal
70. Funny-bone tickler
71. Despots
72. Businessman's ID
73. Melange
74. Merchandise
75. Saint's headwear
77. Epic poetry
78. Bicarbone of ___
79. Three, in poker
82. Kid
83. Date regularly

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King's wood turtle among most threatened species

By Mark Pavilons

A long-time King resident is in danger of being wiped out.

The wood turtle has been identified as one of the most threatened species in the country.

Amphibians and reptiles are facing more threats than other at-risk species, according to a recent study by WWF-Canada.

The study, published in the scientific journal FACETS, noted they're threatened more than any other species across the country.

Jessica Currie, who led the study, found that Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife (COSEWIC) assessed at-risk species across the country face five threats on average, while amphibians and reptiles face seven threats on average. Of the 180 species analyzed in the report, wood turtles were among the most threatened species. Found in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, this turtle faces nine out of 11 threats, leading to an overall decline in population.

They are found here in King.

In fact, citizen's group Kingscross Ratepayers Association pointed to the turtle's sensitivity during opposition to a local severance in late 2015.

A more thorough examination of an abutting woodland is needed, he said, to determine the impacts on the local forest cover and habitats. The MNR has indicated there is a species of risk in the area – the wood turtle. It has been considered endangered prior to 2008. This mid-sized turtle reaches roughly 20-24 centimeters long and is known for orange or brick-red colours on its legs. Wooded areas are essential habitat for this turtle and it's threatened by predators and habitat loss.

Mary Muter, KRA co-chair, said there are several Species At Risk turtles in King Township including wood, Blanding's and a species of concern – snapping turtles. These turtles could be found in the many woodlands, wetlands and streams throughout King Township.

Ranging from residential and commercial development, energy production and mining, and human intrusion to invasive species, pollution and climate change, there are a total of 11 threat categories as defined by the International Union for Conservation of



Nature (IUCN).

"From logging to housing to industrial and agricultural development, the impact of humans continues to be felt by nature," added Currie.

"There's still time to reverse the decline of wildlife, but we must be deliberate. As species are threatened by numerous compounding pressures, conservation action must address multiple threats at once."

Biological Resource Use (BRU) was the most referenced threat, appearing in 76 per cent of the 180 reports analyzed. BRU refers to the direct harvest of plant or animal species, including deliberate take through logging, hunting or fishing, or unintentional harvest, such as accidental bycatch. Canadians have already shown overwhelming support to address the threat of unsustainable fishing in Canada, and now's the time to put that commitment into action.

According to the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), there are turtles in Happy Valley Forest and across King. Conservation biologist Jenna Siu has observed them on NCC properties and in the area. They are mostly snapping (species of concern provincially and federally) and midland painted turtles (species of concern federally) in the area. Historically, Blanding's turtles have been found in the area, but not recently. Roads and habitat fragmentation continue to threaten Ontario's turtles in all areas, including King.

Sadly, the wood turtle is officially designated as being "endangered" in Ontario, according to Kelly Wallace, of Think Turtle Conservation Initiative.

"Declines to the wood turtle and the other eight species native to Ontario populations have been in large part due to habitat loss and degradation, fragmentation, predation, road mortality, illegal activities (collection of eggs and turtles). Other factors include: climate change, pollution, watercraft strikes, fishing by-catch, trapping/hunting, etc.

"The wood turtle is semi-aquatic spending more time on land than in water. As wooded areas are essential habitat logging through the decades has negatively impacted the wood turtle populations in Ontario."

Being designated as an endangered species their precise locations are protected, she said. Poaching is a problem as well so safeguarding their locate is important, she pointed out.

This turtle's slow growth, late maturity and low reproductive success rate increases its vulnerability to the threats mentioned and more.

The provincial government's proposed "Forest Sector Strategy" to double the amount of logging in Ontario has upped the concerns.



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Western Financial Group acquires King's Orr & Associates

Western Financial Group (Western) is pleased to share news of their acquisition of Orr & Associates.

Orr & Associates and their two retail locations in King are now part of the Western family. This latest acquisition continues Western's strategic expansion into Ontario, growing the total number of offices to 11 in the region and continuing to position Western on a path of growth and expansion across Canada.

Established in 1912, Orr & Associates is dedicated to personal, commercial, and life insurance. Like Western, they work with insurance partners across Canada to provide custom-fit insurance coverage for their customers. With two branch locations and a strong online presence, Orr & Associates diligently services more than 5,000 customers to ensure they have the right coverage for their specific insurance needs.

"It is an exciting day to have Orr &

Associates join our growing team," said Kenny Nicholls, president & CEO of Western. "Orr & Associates have established themselves as an innovative leader in their area of expertise. We are happy to have them on-board with us helping Western to continue to expand our scope in the Canadian insurance market."

Orr & Associates and Western share important values and a strong focus on customer service, putting customers and people first. With a history of volunteerism and community sponsorships, Orr & Associates understands that strong connections to community and customer service excellence are the foundation of success.

"As the insurance experts who create security and provide the right protection for all Canadians, Western is committed to expanding its physical presence across Canada and ensuring that Canadians get the best

advice for their insurance needs," said Nicholls. "Adding Orr & Associates to our team enriches our commitment to this."

"Joining Western is the right fit for us as a group," said Ken Orr, owner of Orr & Associates. "We share common values and business interests and becoming part of the Western family will be beneficial for our people. We are looking forward to this new era for Orr & Associates."

"We are excited to work with Western to elevate our organization and people and to help support Western's mission and vision," added Keith Wilson, owner of Orr & Associates. "Partnering with Western is a win-win and we are pleased to be part of the growing team."

Orr & Associates is an independent broker network offering personal, commercial, and life insurance to custom-

ers in southern Ontario. Originally founded in 1912, the agency grew and evolved until its acquisition by Gordon Orr in 1984. Ken Orr purchased the agency from his father in 1992 and brought in business partner Keith Wilson in 2007. The agency has two branch locations and 16 team members serving King City and Schomberg.

Western is a diversified insurance services company that has been caring for the insurance needs of over one million Canadians for more than 100 years. Headquartered in High River, Alberta, today, Western provides personal, business and life insurance services through more than 180 locations, affiliates, and online, with a skilled and growing team, providing the right protection for all Canadians.

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Sunset Grill hosts its 12th annual pancake fundraiser

By Julia Galt

Nobleton and King City's Sunset Grill locations will be participating in the franchise's 12th annual Pancake Tuesday Fundraiser. The event takes place Tuesday, Feb. 25.

For each Sunset Grill pancake sold, \$1 will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. In addition to funds raised through pancake sales, Sunset Grill will also donate \$1 for every use of the #SunsetGrillPancakeTuesday hashtag gets, and share their social media posts receive, during the day of the event.

Are you a fan of orange juice? Sunset Grill's fresh juice supplier, Juice Concepts, has also pledged to donate \$1 for every sale their fresh-squeezed orange juice receives at Sunset Grill locations throughout the event.

Since the inaugural Pancake Tuesday Fundraiser in 2009, Sunset Grill has raised more than \$144,000 to fund cancer research and programs for individuals and families affected by cancer. Schools, businesses, and community groups who wish to participate in fundraising are encouraged to place large orders online by February 21 at the link sunsetgrill.ca/pancake-tuesday.

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Arts & Entertainment

Schomberg library turns up the heat

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

A frigid January afternoon turned into hours of fun for children who attended a Tropical Party at the Schomberg Library. The room was abuzz with participants making flamingo crafts, beach hats and posing at a photo booth with tropical backdrops.

Angie Allen, a resident of Pottageville, attended with her 5-year-old daughter Olivia and 2-month-old baby Chiara.

"We love the theme for the party. Olivia loves to come to this library because it's local and we see friendly faces."

Olivia, who attends St Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Schomberg, was busy colouring a beach scene.

"I am excited to make a beach hat next," she said, as she socialized with her neighbours and friends, Trinity and Mila Castoro-Qualizza. "I'm here for the first time for crafts and I love it. The kids are quiet, the staff are helping them with everything and I'm enjoying my coffee. I can't ask for more," said Walter Qualizza, smiling.

Just like the parents, the staff at the Schomberg Library were happy with the turnout.

"We are delighted to see the continued support of Library programming by the community through the fantastic turnout this past Friday. As the community grows, we are seeing larger numbers," said Kelley England, Manager of Community Engagement & Marketing for King Township Public Library. "All of KTPL's programming is literacy based and supports STEAM (Science, Technology, En-



Livia, Myles and James enjoyed the tropical party at Schomberg Library recently.

gineering, Arts and Mathematics) learning. One-off programming, like the Tropical Party event, can sport more of an entertainment flair," she added.

The library staff were evidently busy but looked happy to ensure the children were having fun. "I would like to recognize all the programming staff who contribute to these events that serve the needs of the community over-all," said England.

Alana Sacilotto, a mother of three, has been a Schomberg resident for five

years and she loves bringing her family to the library. "It is great to have something local that's fun and free for the kids to do on a PA Day. A tropical party makes perfect sense because we want to escape this weather," she said, as her 8-year-old daughter Livia, adorned herself with a Hawaiian garland. Livia was most excited to pose with her brothers James and Myles. "I want a photo with my brothers and I also want one of just me," said the Grade 3 student, pointing to a beach backdrop to print her photographs.

School board launches podcast

York Region District School Board is launching Tune In YRDSB, the first podcast of its kind in Ontario.

The podcast will cover a variety of topics on education in York Region that matter to families.

The pilot features Associate Director of Education Clayton La Touche and Coordinating Superintendent of Education – Indigenous Education and Equity Cecil Roach speaking about Black History Month.

The first several episodes focus on YRDSB's celebration of Black History Month. Throughout February, YRDSB is Celebrating Black Excellence. In addition to the podcast conversations, social cards, written features, videos and a poster contest will highlight inspiring Black individuals and community groups.

"We have some amazing and inspiring individuals in our community, and we are excited to be able to share conversations with some of these individuals," said Director of Education Louise Sirisko. "The podcast will feature important and topical information about our Board and our education system."

"It's important that we focus on the kind of achievement that Black people are accomplishing today right here in York Region, and that's what the focus on Black excellence will do. I'm looking forward to February and further podcast episodes to hear about some of those individuals," said Cecil Roach, Coordinating Superintendent of Education – Indigenous Education and Equity.

There will be weekly episodes for the month of February focused on Black excellence, and bi-weekly episodes from March onward. Listeners can download or subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and Anchor FM, and it will be available on all major streaming platforms in the near future.

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No Waste Initiative – ‘Growing from The Ground Up’

A local community group is challenging everyone in King to aim for zero waste, and grow “from the ground up.”

The Schomberg Horticultural Society wants everyone in King – residents, businesses and special interest groups – to all create their own initiative to tackle waste.

Since its inception on April 12, 1935, the Schomberg Horticultural Society has been an integral part of King Township. One of the objectives of the society is to hold meetings with guest speakers that will encompass all aspects of horticulture to encourage all types of gardening. It promotes the protection of the environment through good gardening practices, tree plantings, public beautification and educational materials.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society does not take these tasks lightly and to mark its 85th anniversary, the society is responding to the global climate emergency, announced by King council last July, by:

- Encouraging all members to refrain from using single use plastic grocery bags, including produce bags. Every household uses and discards about 1,500 single use plastic produce bags a year. Eighty-five years ago, society members and citizens of King Township brought their groceries home in paper and/or reusable containers. The Society encourages its members and all the residents of King Township to implement a sustainable approach to grocery shopping.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society will have reusable produce bags for sale at all the meetings this year.

- Implementing a “no waste” initiative at its meetings and special events by eliminating plastic water

bottles, cutlery, plates, cups, tablecloths etc. and encouraging members and guests to bring their own reusable water bottles and coffee mugs.

- Nominating a member of the society to be the steward of this initiative, who initiates these changes within the membership and oversees its implementation.

The society challenges everyone to support this initiative and think of ways how to implement their own unique initiative.

“We encourage everyone to select a person within their organization or family to oversee the implementation of this initiative. Protecting the environment should be our main priority, especially in times when headlines of natural disasters due to climate change are now common news almost every day,” said a statement from the organization.



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MPPs tout positive mental health

On Bell Let's Talk Day, Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Minister of Education, and Gila Martow, MPP for Thornhill, met with local mental health advocates to demonstrate their continued support for mental health initiatives in the community and across the province.

It is estimated that approximately 30% of Ontarians will experience a mental health and addictions issue at some point in their lives. Every year, more than two million Ontarians go to their family doctor for help.

As part of Bell Let's Talk Day, MPPs Lecce and Martow met with staff at the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), York and South Simcoe Branch. They toured Ontario's first mobile walk-in mental health clinic for people aged 12-25, called MOBYSS (Mobile York and South Simcoe), and met with students who have benefitted from it. The service is available five days a week and welcomes over 5,000 youth seeking help each year, who can connect with the MOBYSS team without barriers or judgement.

"To every young person out there, you need to know: if you need help or you see someone who needs help, there are caring people who can assist," said MPP Lecce. "The good news is that support is available and recovery is possible. That is why I was proud to double mental health funding to support our students and ensure they have the confidence and support to overcome adversity in life."

"MOBYSS has had an enormous impact on our community and has supported thousands of young people when they needed it most," said Rebecca Shields, CEO for CMHA York Region. "However, there is far more demand than what we can meet with just the one bus, and we are extremely appreciative of Minister Lecce's visit and the steps this government is taking to work towards mental health care for every Ontarian in need."

The Province of Ontario is committed to creating a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions system that works for all Ontarians. That is why the province has invested an additional \$174 million to expand community-based mental health and addictions services this past year, including supports for people and families in King-Vaughan. Ontario is also investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to create new mental health and addictions services and expand existing programs.



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Enjoy Valentine's brunch at home while helping kids

By Brock Weir

What comes to mind when you think of a nice, cozy pair of pyjamas?

Maybe it's a warm morning at home on a cold winter's day. Maybe it's cuddling up in bed with a good book. For some youngsters battling a life-changing illness, however, it might mean bringing the comforts of home in for a hospital stay, or an early morning trek for treatment.

But a morning at home in your pyjamas this Valentine's Day weekend, tucking into a stack of pancakes with your family can help brighten the future for young kids across Ontario who might not have that luxury as Aurora's Beswick family – siblings Kate, Meghan and Jack – brings their PJs & Pancakes initiative back for the most romantic weekend of the year.

PJs & Pancakes, an initiative benefiting POGO – the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario, has been a Thanksgiving staple for the past two years, helping the Beswick siblings raise more than \$50,000 for children's

cancer programs.

This year, they've flipped the script on the Pancake initiative, bringing it once again into people's homes just in time for Valentine's.

For a \$50 minimum donation, with every dollar benefiting POGO, you can order a box that includes everything you need for a bountiful breakfast, from pre-mixed pancake batter to fresh maple syrup, from coffee and juice to fresh fruit, from Valentine's treats to even a heart-shaped pancake mould, enough to feed a family of four.

"We were inspired to bring it to Valentine's Day this year because we wanted to share the love back, not only in terms of our community and bringing people together to support POGO, but also to love the people who have supported us over the last two years and really made this event something so special. Through our Instagram page last year, we had lots of people tagging us, posting photos of them and their families making pancakes from home and people said it was something so special to gather with their families and really

make the time to have breakfast together.

"POGO's feedback has been amazing as well. They have always just supported us and tried to help us in whatever way they could. We really love that and I think that the relationship between my siblings and I, this event and POGO, is special because we're also kids in Ontario and we're doing this to support the people who live in our neighbourhood and who face a struggle that we cannot even imagine, but who are similar to us in so many ways, and I feel like it is just even more of a special connection to have kids doing this for other kids."

With a \$10,000 goal in mind for this season's initiative, the Beswicks hope they will be as successful as ever in helping to support the 4,000 children in Ontario who are currently fighting cancer.

"We're hoping every family who buys a box will share and enjoy pan-

cakes at home with their families in their PJs and also take some time to consider and think about the families of children fighting cancer in Ontario today," says Meghan. "With the support of everyone who buys a box or contributes a donation, every dollar we earn goes directly to the Paediatric Oncology Group of Ontario and the children they support.

"This initiative has definitely made my siblings and I more aware of how much it takes to make a difference and help out, how also how little it takes to find a cause that you connect with and put yourself out there. We have had such success and an amazing response from the community who wants to support us."

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The Town of Caledon also declares a climate emergency

The Town of Caledon is joining a growing chorus of local governments in Canada and around the world recognizing the urgency of taking action on climate change.

King Township declared a climate emergency in July 2019.

Council unanimously passed a motion Jan. 28 declaring a climate emergency in Caledon. The motion recognized the science behind climate change and the many impacts that are already being felt across Canada and in Caledon.

It also directed staff to report back to council on the scale of action re-

quired by the Town and community to keep global warming to 1.5°C, as recommended by the International Panel on Climate Change, and to develop a plan to ban single use plastics in corporate facilities.

“Caledon has a long history of environmental stewardship, we need to build on that and address the urgent climate change crisis,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “We’ve experienced our own share of climate impacts here in Caledon including severe flooding, ice storms, and dry summers that really affect our residents, businesses, and agriculture sector. We need to both prepare

for these climate impacts, and significantly lower our greenhouse gas emissions, and we need to do it fast.”

“By declaring a Climate Emergency, Council has shown they are committed to being an environmental leader,” said John MacRae, Co-Chair of ecoCaledon (ecocalledon.org). “The Town will be engaging the Caledon community to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the future for our children and grandchildren. We have a lot of work ahead, but ecoCaledon is looking forward to working with the Town to take meaningful action on climate change.”

The Town is currently in the process of updating its 2011 Community Climate Change Action Plan. The new

plan, called Resilient Caledon, will develop actions to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and prepare for increasing climate impacts.

In 2017, Caledon also joined the Global Covenant of Mayors, a coalition of municipal governments from around the world that are committed to taking action on climate change.

The Town has also convened a Climate Change Task Force made up of Town staff, agency partners, and local residents and businesses to advise on the development of the new climate change plan.

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King City Lions were hard at work throughout the holidays

December was a busy month for the King City Lions, who hosted several events to boost Christmas cheer across King Township.

To kick off their month of volunteer work, the Lions delivered over 100 poinsettia plants to the homes of seniors across King City.

Seniors also enjoyed a free-of-charge Turkey Dinner at the King City Arena on December 17, which was hosted and funded by the King City Lions. Over 100 seniors came out to enjoy the banquet, which featured musical entertainment from local singer Sandra Kirby and the fiddlers from Old Tyme Connection from Bond Head.

The Lions could also be found, the very next day, at the King City Lodge Nursing Home, singing carols to senior residents and hosting a special appearance from Santa. Christmas stockings stuffed with fruit, socks, and novelties were handed out to all residents.

Capping off the festive month was the King City Lions' annual Skate With Santa event on December 21, which saw the community come out to enjoy an hour of free skating and hot chocolate and hot dogs galore. Throughout the evening the Lions were able to raise \$160 and a large box of food donations for the King Township Food Bank



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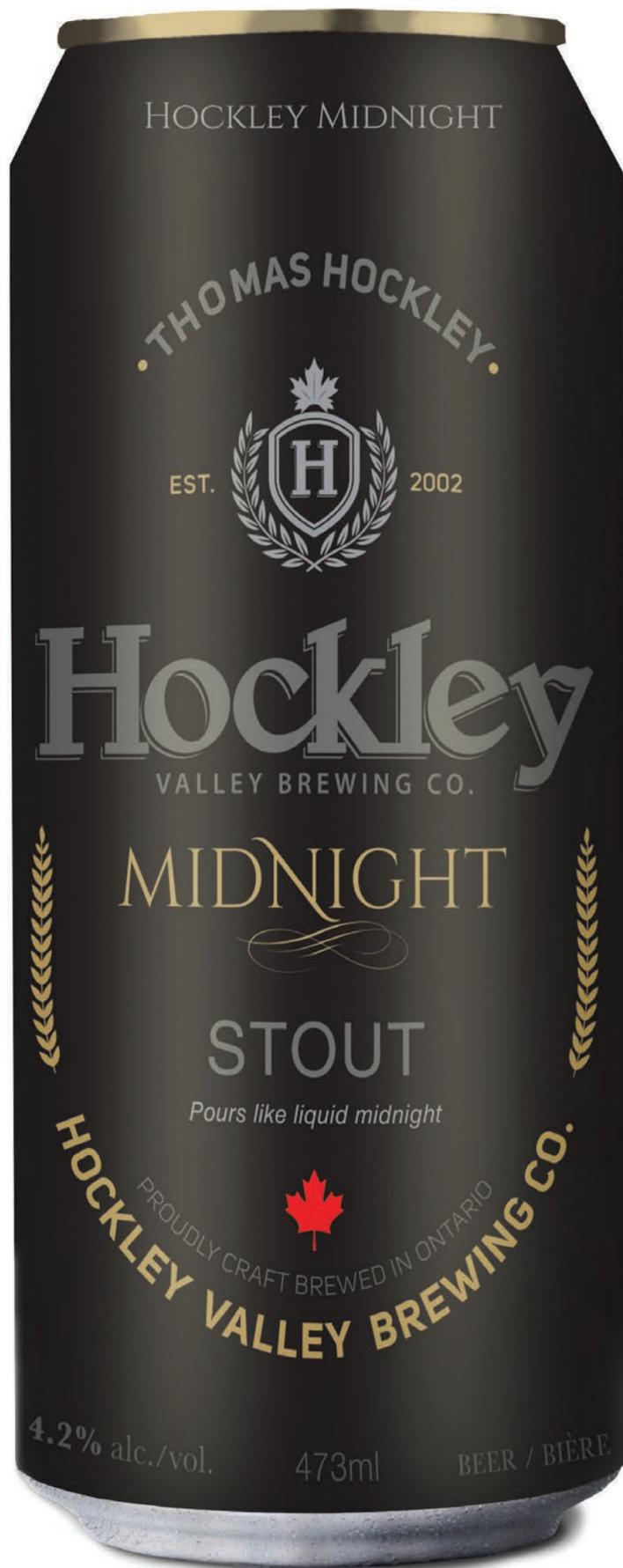


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A great playoff week for Schomberg Cougars

By Robert Belardi

The Schomberg Cougars lead the first round of their playoff series 2-1 against the Orillia Terriers.

It has been a week of stellar hockey. It could arguably be the best hockey the Cougars have played all year. It makes sense, this is the playoffs after all.

The boys came out on the ice with confidence, even though they have only defeated the Terriers once all year and entered the playoffs riding a five-game losing streak.

“Our slump’s over,” said head coach Brett Delmas, to the team before the start of the game. “We’ve had a lot of adversity, that’s what hockey is all

about.”

In the first period, the Cougars fore-checked aggressively, won battles in deep and forced plenty of mistakes from the Terriers. It was incredible to watch.

Call-up Ethan Belisle scored his first goal as a Cougar, ripping the puck off the draw passed Zach Levac to open the scoring.

The Terriers got one back, thanks to Jack Beck on the power play. That didn’t keep the Cougars in the cage. As a matter of fact, in the second period, the boys dominated the Terriers on another level.

Connor Childerhose scored twice in the period, including a nifty breakaway



Try sledge hockey on Family Day

By Robert Belardi

Children, youth and adults of all ages are invited to try sledge hockey, hosted on Feb. 17 in King City arena from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This “Try It Event” is proudly sponsored by the township of King, Richmond Hill and All Sport All People.

All participants are more than welcome to attend the day of the event. To prepare the town further, it is recommended you register at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The registration is free.

Players must bring a registered CSA helmet with a face cage, protective gloves and closed toe shoes. These are all not guaranteed, to be provided for you.

The origin of this event began back in 2018. Coordinator at the Township of King, Adam Viola describes how this transpired.

“In 2018, the Township of King was awarded a grant, which allowed us to offer more accessible programming for our community. We were able to purchase the sports chairs for wheelchair basketball, the sledge equipment.

“We’re in partnership with All Sport All People, that’s how we got Tyler McGregor because he is part of them, to come out and run this event. We actually do an eight-week sledge hockey program, learn to play, but we do these try it events to get the word out that we do have this equipment.”

In the first year of this event, the Trisan Centre hosted Team Canada vs Schomberg Cougars for 40 minutes.

Following the game, the audience was encouraged to come down to the ice and try it for themselves. Viola guessed, there were roughly 150-200 people.

In the second year of this event, the town will host this event similar to a public skate.

Leading the instructions, is two-time Paralympic medalist and member of the Canadian Para Hockey Team, Tyler McGregor.

He played triple-A hockey before moving to sledge hockey in 2011. The 25-year-old was forced to amputate his left leg due to spindle cell sarcoma – which is a soft-tissue tumour, that can start in the bone. An extremely rare occurrence, causing only two to five percent of all primary bone cancer cases according to Bone Cancer Research Trust.

He currently teaches a young boy that is unable to skate named Giovanni, every Tuesday.

McGregor is excited to teach others about the game he loves and what this game can offer to everyone.

“I think that one thing that sledge hockey offers is, people from all walks of life, whether you’re dealing with physical challenges or whether you’re able bodied or, whether you have financial challenges. We really want to make sure that everyone is included and everyone has an opportunity and I think that is the ultimate message,” McGregor said.

He also went on to explain that the Canadian national team has accepted the challenge to be the generation to promote this game further. With his accolades at such a young age, he has a lot to say how successful this country can be.

In 2013, he was the youngest Canadian on the roster, helping Canada earn gold in the IPC World Championships.

His career elevated to the next level. In the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, McGregor earned bronze medal, tallying three assists in the tournament.

It wasn’t until 2017, when McGregor dominated a competition. In the World Para Ice Hockey Championships in South Korea, he scored two goals in 13 seconds in the gold medal game against the USA, leading Canada to a gold medal against the country’s arch-nemesis in the sport.

Last year in the Paralympic games, he went back to South Korea to take part in the Paralympic games, bringing home silver.



finish on the backhand, and heading into the third period with a 3-1 lead was an excellent sign.

Just over 10 minutes in, the Cougars coughed up two goals. Josh Brown and Zane Morris ensured the Terriers wouldn’t back down.

In this teeter-totter of a period, Cameron Kokelj paraded down the ice shorthanded to tap in the go-ahead goal with just over six minutes left.

Much to the frustration of the Cougars bench and fans, Josh Brown forced this one into overtime.

In the overtime frame, Childerhose drove the net and the puck squeaked loose behind Levac.

Kokelj hopped on to it like prey, and sealed the victory, sending the entirety of the Trisan Centre into much needed, jubilation.

“We played well tonight and we got to keep raising the bar,” said Kokelj, after scoring the game winner.

Heading into Orillia for the second game, the Cougars knew they entered a building they have never won in all year and backed by a committed fan base.

In front of 326 people in attendance, the Cougars silenced the home crowd with an outstanding, 8-4 victory. Three power play goals and 42 shots on goal was too much to handle for the Terriers. Childerhose walked away with two goals, supported by Sam Pink, Anthony Roberts, Owen Heilemann, Alex Cordeiro and Rees Cameron. It was a full team effort on display.

In the third game this past Monday, the Cougars knew it was going to be a tough test. You’d imagine, it would be hard to envision, the Terriers not coming into the Trisan Centre with desperation written on their faces.

That’s exactly what it was. The Terriers won this one 5-3.

That didn’t mean the Cougars’ performance was poor. As a matter of fact, the Cougars outshot the Terriers 41-35.

The only trouble was playing from behind, falling 2-1 after the first and trailing 4-2 after the second. The power play was scoreless in five opportunities. Something to note moving into game four, this Saturday in West Orillia Sports Complex. Puck drop is at 7:30 p.m.

Villanova College athletics recap

By Robert Belardi

Villanova College experienced a jam-packed week in their winter athletics department, with a mixture of wins, losses and potential playoff opportunities.

In basketball, the school has three competitive teams, beginning with the boys U14 team, followed by the Junior and Senior clubs.

The U14 bring home some positive news. The boys captured their first win of the season against Country Day School. After receiving their first win of the year two weeks ago, the Junior team lost both of their matches against Country Day School and Ridley College.

The senior team, earned their second win in a row against The York School. In essence, it wasn’t a bad week on the court.

Over to the rink, the Varsity boys took on Upper Canada College at Sports Village last Thursday.

With the boys three points out of a playoff spot, a win was crucial for their survival in the CISAA Division 1B league. Their record thus far, is 3-8-1.

Villanova began the game, almost immediately on the power play. The boys created a few chances; however, the momentum was with Upper Canada College.

In fact, Upper Canada College scored the opening goal, but much to their dismay, it was waived off because the net came off the moorings.

As Villanova settled in, much of the run of play channelled through Christian Nunno, who danced, turned and spun around most of Upper Canada’s players on the ice.

Yet, it was Upper Canada who had the first say.

Connell Cusinato sprung free on goal against Villanova goaltender, Nicolas Palazzo and buried his chance nicely.

After a pep talk from head coach Sergio Blasi in the first intermission, Villanova dominated the second period.

Kyle Atkinson, came close to tying the game on the power play, ringing one off the crossbar.

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Winning week for many of King's curling teams

By Shellee Morning

In this past week the King Curling Club was well represented by 3 of its club teams playing in both in-house and outside competition. On Friday, the women's Mini Major League, hosted by the King Curling Club held its Section A Championship Final. Participating clubs included 2 teams from Chingaucousy, 2 from York Curling Club (Newmarket) and 2 teams from King.

King 1 consisted of Claire Murphy as Skip and her squad of Cindy Perkin-Rode as Vice, Brenda Clarke 2nd and Joan Montgomery in Lead. King 2 included Christine Warner as Skip, Nancy Morrison as vice, Beth Egan 2nd and spare Antionette Rossi in Lead position for Vivian DeFaveri.

King 1, sitting in first place heading into the final, was matched up against their counterpart from Team York. The game started off with King collecting 2 in the first before adding 3 more in the second for a 5-0 jump on the opposition.

York got on the board with a single in the 3rd but King rallied back with one in the 4th, 2 more in the 5th before York found the board earning singles in 6 and 7. King easily captured the game winning the 8th end to win the A Section Championship Title earning their spot in the league's final championship round.

King 2 was in a tough match against Ching 1 that saw the early ends close going back forth before Ching assumed control in the 4th with a 4 point end. King didn't give up, played as a team all the while making Ching earn every point of the game. King 2 lost the final match but still qualified for the league championship in 3rd place overall.

The Mini Major League consists of 4 sections with the top 3 winners of each qualifying for Championship Day at St. George's Golf and Curling Club March 2.

Men win big at Tam Heather

Team Brown of the Monday night



Team King 1 Cindy Rode-Perkin, Claire Murphy, Brenda Clarke and Joan Montgomery captured first place in Section A of the Ladies Mini Majors qualifying for the league's championship title.

Men's League participated in a Men's bonspiel this past Saturday held at the Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club in Scarborough.

Skip Doug Brown, along with Vice Sylvain Pelland, Peter Kamstra as 2nd and Lead Anthony Strickland competed in the 47th annual 3-game event where game 1 played 4 ends, games 2

and 3 played 6. After all the doubles, draws and nuclear run-backs (Pelland) Team Brown collected the highest total points after the 3 games to claim first place overall. The Men's Top Competitive Team trophy will now honour and include the King name.

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Peter Kamstra, Anthony Strickland, Sylvain Pelland and Doug Brown won the Men's Competitive Tile at the Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club Men's Bonspiel.

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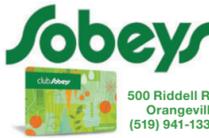
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Library presentation

On Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Schomberg Library, Ann Berman will present "George Berman - Father and Auschwitz Survivor" as a tribute to her dad, postponed from last year after he suffered a heart attack. This undoubtedly, will be a profound experience as we listen to the lessons he imparted to his family and within his chosen community, Schomberg. This all coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Holocaust, something that should never be forgotten. All are welcome to attend.

York Pines United Church

Join us for Book Club on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. This work of narrative non-fiction delves into the mystery of the 1986 fire which destroyed the Los Angeles Public Library and much of its collection. You don't have to have read the book to participate.

Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

On Sunday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mag-

dalene Church, we welcome back from vacation our regular minister Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman. Many thanks to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan for filling in these last two weeks.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 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. You could even learn how to do a stitch craft for the first time. 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 Anglicans 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. Phone the office and leave a message or even better come to church and tell Carol-Ann directly!

Each week we are having an "Affirm Moment." Recently our Moment has had one member of our committee reflect on why they have chosen to be on the committee.

Anglican Parish

This past Sunday morning Feb. 9 the Venerable Peter de Courcy Suffragan (assistant) Bishop, Diocese of Toronto and Area (York-Simcoe) Bishop made his annual visit to the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown and was sermonist and celebrant at the regular 11:15 a.m. combined parish Service of Holy Communion in St. Mary Magdalene's, Schomberg. At a luncheon in the lower level of the church following the service parishioners and visitors got the opportunity to meet and speak with Bishop Peter.

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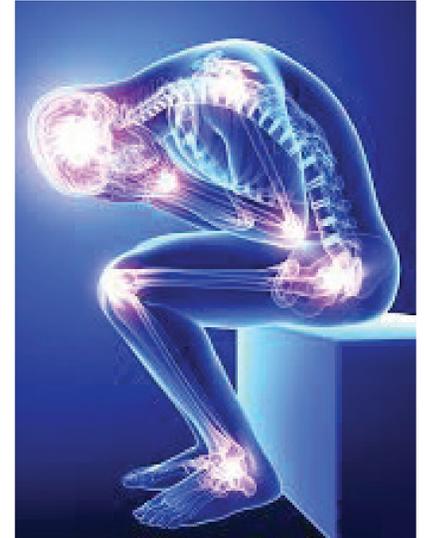
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Kim Battershell, Veronica Wilson, Sue Burman and Shellee Morning won first place overall in the Creemore Ladies Spiel.

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Women conquer Creemore

Team Morning from the club's Tuesday night Women's League went on a road trip to the Creemore curling club last weekend.

Skip Shellee Morning, Vice Veronica Wilson, 2nd Kim Battershell and Lead Sue Burman were warmly welcomed along with clubs from Stayner, Chingaucousy, Orangeville, Feversham, Burlington and Creemore. The club, established in 1930, is a 2-sheet rink that played host to a 2 game 8-end event with a '70s theme. The event has been running for over 40 years with long time sponsorship of the local IDA Pharmacy.

Team Morning played a solid first game against Burlington figuring out the sheets curl and speed with an 8-4 victory. Heading into game 2 against Team Stayner, Morning was 3.5 points back of first place overall. Opening end saw the King ladies collect 1. Steals in the next 3 ends with a 4-0 lead giving them some breathing space before Stayner earned a single in the 5th. King came roaring back with a deuce going up 6-1. Stayner earned 2 in the 7th giving hammer back to King. The final end saw a timely hit through a narrow port by Vice Wilson and superior sweeping by Battershell and Burman to setup the closing victory. Stayner skip through a rapid rock clearing the house leaving a Stayner rock in counting position. Stayner collected the point in the 8th but King won the game 8-4. Total points earned between the 2 games earned the King women the championship title.

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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

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Sunday, Feb. 16, Rev. Bruce Roffey will be presiding at worship.

Please join us for the 10 a.m. worship and we do have hearing assisted devices available for the hearing impaired. Just ask as you arrive. Rev. Bruce's sermons are available on our website kcuc.net

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

it is illness, anxiety or life situations for yourself or someone else, consider adding your voice to this ministry. For more information contact Deana at 905-833-5375.

Tea and talk meets on Friday mornings at the Sunset Grill (1700 King Rd.) at 10 a.m. All are welcome to come out and join in a cup of coffee or tea and some conversation. If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

Website at kcuc.net. Sermons are available on our website. Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

King Bible Church

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Feb. 16 as Pastor Mark will be continuing our series "Follow Me" with "The Cost of Following Jesus."

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

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

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**St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson**

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The Women's Prayer Circle meets Tuesday mornings at the Condo, 80 Burns Blvd. from 9 to 10 a.m. What a great way to start your day! Call Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391.

The King City Lodge visitation and service unfortunately is cancelled for this Thursday afternoon.

Bible Study with the Bilgens of the Greater Grace Fellowship takes place Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. in the lounge, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to discuss further with Pastor Niyazi and his wife, Irada.

For pastoral care please call the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738. Our church office phone number is 905-833-2325. We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd.

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All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Annual Ecumenical service at All Saints this year – Our church will host the World day of Prayer service at 1:30 p.m. on March 6th. All King City's Christian churches, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican and United Churches will join together for special worship which will feature the writings of the women of Zimbabwe. All are invited.

Our Diocesan Bishop at All Saints for pre-Lenten meetings – On Tuesday, March 3 from 7-9 p.m., The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil will be leading the first of five conversations exploring five symbols – light, water, food, shelter, and community – with the help of a program entitled Signs of Life. This is five-week offering from Virginia Theological Seminary and the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

It explores the riches of our worship traditions, liturgy and sacraments, as well as the art and architecture of our sacred spaces. The program is offered at no cost. The other four special meetings will be held at other church-

es in the Diocese. Check out the Diocesan website for details <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/calendar/event-details/?id=15403>. All are welcome.

Words to live by – Rev. Dr. Elizabeth spoke of Paul's amazing transformation from Saul, a Pharisee who persecuted Christians, to Paul an evangelist who preached Christ crucified.

"God transforms us for his purposes," she said. Paul's transformation occurred on the road to Damascus when the voice of Jesus asked from a burning bush why Saul was persecuting him. Referring to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 where Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," she said we all have to be open to letting the light in. Like Paul we are all called to make our broken lives renewed for God's purpose, "to surrender what we are to allow God to make us influence other people. As Jesus said 'I will make you fishers of people.'" Jesus also says, "You are the salt of the earth."

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth said that salt and light affect what is around us. "Be the salt. Show unconditional love. Light is wisdom, enlightenment – the truth of God's word – life love and liberation." She said. "What have you learned from Christ and have to teach? We have to

share the light of the Gospel with as many people as we can. The Gospel, the good news – what is it for you? Do you share your own good news story?

"For me the meaning of life is to

grow and become the creature of God we were created to be – the salt of the earth. You are the light of the word. Make haste and be kind. Our world needs a whole lot of our salt and light."



Choir performs at local church

The Toronto Male Welsh choir gave a rousing performance in King to a packed house at All Saints Anglican Church last Saturday. There were several standing ovations.

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Jane Underhill



Passed surrounded by family at Southlake Hospital on February 8, 2020 in her 84th year. Predeceased by parents Glyn and Norah Ellis. Survived by devoted husband James (Jim) Wemyss, brother Jim (Laurene), daughters Kelly (Paul), Kathryn (Patrick) and son Mark, as well as stepchildren Steve (Ainslie), Judy (Chuck) and Karen (Nik). She adored her many grandchildren: Marina (James), Mikaela (Mike), Laura, Devon, James, Katie, Michael, Connor, Matthew, John and Henry, and was thrilled to meet great-grandchildren Lily and Maverick.

Jane was an inspirational and courageous champion for many causes, most particularly for the livability of her beloved King Township and the protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine and Ontario Greenbelt. No fight was too daunting, including the "Big Pipe", which led her to found Preserve the Village. Numerous environmental issues were taken up through her work with the King Environmental group, and the saving of the blue heron rookery brought particular pleasure. She served multiple terms as a King Councillor, narrowly missing out on the mayor's chair, devoting herself to her constituents throughout; the self-funded "Underhill Report" was required weekly reading. Her vision and dedication were profoundly felt by, among others, the Concerned Citizens of King Township, the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Seniors Centre and the Trails Committee. Jane's tireless service in and outside of office was recognized with many awards, including the Moraine Hero and municipal Lifetime Achievement Award.

She brought equal passion to other interests. An accomplished tennis player, Jane helped found the King City Tennis Club. Her friendship with the "tennis ladies" was a source of great joy over the years. She enjoyed many years of sailing with Jim on "Northern Pine", and was never to be taken lightly at the bridge table. Her Christmas trifle was the stuff of legend - less so the Friday night supper of "dreaded sole". In honour of Jane's contributions, King Township will fly all flags at half-mast. A public celebration of life will be announced for later this year following a private family burial. Donations will be gratefully accepted to the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, online at www.Oakridgesmoraine.org/give.

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November 15, 2019. Love Monika, Daniel, Jacob, Nicholas, Oscar and Charlie.

708 OBITUARIES

Ivan Plus
Suddenly on February 6, 2020 at Southlake Regional Health Centre, at the age of 80. Forever missed by his loving wife of 52 years Vera, his daughter Tanya, and his "grandkids" Popsicle and Skittles. After his retirement in 1995, Ivan worked at Rona Cashway in Schomberg and then as a crossing guard for 12 years, in which he found great joy. As per his wishes, a private cremation has taken place. Forever in our hearts, forever missed.

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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. There is always a time of socialization over coffee and refreshments following the service. We offer ministry for children aged 0 to 11 during worship, and teens will be comfortable in the worship gathering. Don't hesitate to bring your kids! Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

There will be a hymn sing at Nobleview Pines on Wilsen Road on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Community Youth Group meets every Friday at 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 fo-

cus 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. Some of their latest activities have been watching a movie that has just been released on DVD, Overcomer distributing clothes that had been collected for the Inn from the Cold Program. Coming up will be a weekend away at Pioneer Camp. 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.

A2J (All to Jesus), our program for kids in Grades 1 to 6, will be meeting at 7 p.m. A2J will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the following months. Feel free to come, and bring your friends along.

We have LifeConnect Groups (smaller groups meeting to encourage and

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

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

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

Jeff's messages are posted at www.passionatelyhis.com each week. They are also available for viewing on Facebook Live, on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) and its YouTube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), and our website, stpaulsnobleton.ca. For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca.

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.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday, Feb. 16 at 11:15 a.m., we welcome back from vacation our regular minister Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman. Many thanks to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan for filling in these last two weeks.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 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, this time the story of Jesus found in the temple, and at 6:15 p.m. we eat. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Do not dress up for this!

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 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. People have been coming to Aleisha for help on various projects, so Aleisha thought that it might be good to have an evening set aside where anyone could come and get some help, or even learn how to do a stitch craft for the first time. 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."

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Our next potluck lunch will be held at the Centre on Friday, Feb. 21 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert. Everyone welcome!

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.

The next Movie Night is on Wednesday, March 4. "The Wife" with Glenn Close will be featured.

On Wednesday morning, March 25 at 10 a.m., CHATS will make a presentation about the services that are available for those of us who want to stay in our own homes as long as possible. Some of the topics to be discussed include: meals; transportation; housekeeping; visitations. Everyone is welcome.

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If you would like your own copy of this book, please let Rev. Carol-Ann know by Feb. 16. The cost is \$15. Phone the office and leave a message or even better come to church and tell Carol-Ann directly!

Each week we are having an "Affirm Moment." Recently our Moment has had one member of our committee reflect on why they have chosen to be on the committee. The members' reasons are all different and very heartfelt.

Our Schomberg Nobleton Joint Annual General Meeting is on Sunday,

March 1 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 accessible ramp, chair lifts and accessible (gender neutral) washrooms. We warmly

welcome everyone, old and young, tattooed or not, dressed up or not.

**Anglican Parish
By John Arnott**

When late winter afternoon shadows began darkening his small upstairs library, so that even the illumination from the 3 now flickering candle stubs in the holder on his ink stained desk didn't provide enough light for him to continue working, he wiped his quill pen on a small square of linen he kept handy and carefully placed it to the side of the half finished manuscript.

The place was 4th century AD Rome. The writer was Amminanus Marcellinus, sometimes called just Amminan, from ancient Antioch (modern Antakya in Turkey) a Roman soldier turned historian but whose first language was Greek though most of his writings are in Latin his second language.

His best known work is "Res Gestae" ("Achievements"), a history of life and times from the reign Emperor Nerva (96 AD) to the death in battle of Emperor Valens (378 AD). Amminan was the last major author and historian produced by the Roman Empire. He was not a Christian but he is the first to mention Epiphany as a Christian celebration, that in 361 AD and in the Latin speaking western half of the Roman Empire. In his writings, Amminan mentions Epiphany twice suggesting he believed it was a two-fold event, one marking Yeshua's birth and the other his baptism 30 years later.

That Christians in the Greek-speaking eastern half of the Roman Empire had marked Epiphany many years before it was recognized in the West may be because an offshoot Christian sect, the Gnostics (from the Greek to have

knowledge) in nearby Egypt who held an Epiphany observance marking Yeshua's baptism spending the night before reading from the Gospels as one of their early leaders, Basilides, had taught them to do. A later Gnostic group, calling itself the Basilides, claimed that if a congregation began reading each day starting on the first day of the year a prescribed number of verses from the gospel bearing Mark's name the readers would reach the story of Yeshua's baptism by his cousin John the Baptist by Jan. 6 - Epiphany!

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes the church leaders of early mainstream western Christianity denounced all Gnostic groups as hell-bound heretics and their teachings as heresy. Thus western Christians distanced themselves from anything to do with Gnosticism including Epiphany. These early Western Christian leaders were so successful at damning and destroying anything to do with Gnostics that most of we know about them today was written by those who vehemently hated them!

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