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Mini parade lifts spirits in Nobleton

The residents of Wellar Avenue (North) in Nobleton have been privileged to have the annual Nobleton Victoria Day Parade go down their street for more than 25 years. This year unfortunately the annual event had to be cancelled due to the pandemic restriction on gatherings. At the last moment on Victoria Day, the residents decided to keep their spirits high despite the rain, virus and cancellation by staging their own micro parade in the neighbourhood. Naturally, physical distancing was strictly followed. Family members watched from their driveways and front lawns as quickly decorated garden tractors were driven the short route. Some children on scooters, bikes and rollerblades joined in. Great fun was had by all participants and the spontaneous parade was enjoyed by passers-by and a few who came out of their houses to investigate the sound of tractors, whistles and air horns. King Fire crews also did a drive-by for residents. Thanks for all the smiles!



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Students will finish school year at home

By Mark Pavilonis

Students in Ontario will not be returning to the classroom to finish off the school year.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced Monday that keeping schools closed for the rest of this school year will help protect the health and safety of students. This decision was based on advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, health officials on the COVID-19 Command Table, and medical experts at The Hospital for Sick Children.

At the same time, the government is planning for the re-opening of schools for the 2020-21 school year, the gradual reopening of child care and the opening of summer day camps.

"We will never waver from our commitment to keep your


child safe, while learning at home," said Minister Lecce. "Our plan will ensure students receive the best educational experience, both inside and outside the classroom during this difficult time. That is why we are strengthening summer learning opportunities, reopening summer day-camps, and it is why we will continue to make the case for synchronous, live, and dynamic learning."

"Nothing is more important than protecting our kids in this province, bar none over anything," said Premier Ford. "(The) announcement gives parents certainty, knowing that their children can continue to learn safely at home and that we have a plan for child care as we work to gradually reopen more of our economy, when it is safe to do so."

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, May 25, 2020

5 pm - 6 pm - Special Committee of the Whole Working Session re: 2020 Draft Water/wastewater master plan presentation (virtual meeting, see notice below for more information)

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

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For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link

<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Committee of the Whole Working Session
(Electronic Meeting during an Emergency, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is an electronic meeting held remotely and live streamed via <http://meeting.king.ca>

"TOWNSHIP OF KING -

2020 DRAFT WATER/WASTE WATER MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION"

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Committee of the Whole Working Session by the Engineering and Public Works Department on:

- The Township of King's 2020 Draft Water/Waste Water Master Plan - Presentation by the Engineering and Public Works Department

**Monday, May 25, 2020
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

For further information regarding the 2020 Draft Water/Waste Water Master Plan, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca/WaterMasterPlans or contact: Wayne Pinkney, Project Manager, wpinkney@king.ca or 905-833-4575.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/ By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk

Half-load restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, call 905-833-5321.

Notice to property owners to destroy weeds

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16 and 23 THAT unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of the Township of King are destroyed by date of 1st June, 2020, and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging costs against the land, as set out in the Weed Control Act.

All properties ten (10) acres or less may have noxious weeds destroyed without notice to the owner. The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement

Township of King volunteer organizations community grants program applications still being accepted for 2020 grants

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that due to COVID-19, applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2020 are still being accepted.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at www.king.ca.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit covid19.king.ca for the most up-to-date information.

With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

- King Township has closed all recreation, library, and cultural facilities until further notice.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services please visit www.king.ca.
- During the closure, council chambers has been set up for King's Emergency Operations Centre.

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COVID-19 information

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2020 Water/Wastewater Master Plan CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE (PCC)

The Township of King has initiated a review and analysis of water and wastewater infrastructure in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg which will result in a Water/Wastewater Master Plan to support projected growth scenarios outlined in the Township's Official Plan, ensuring that the required level-of-service can be provided throughout the communities. A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment has been undertaken to guide this process.

Public consultation is a key component of the Class EA process. The recommended Master Plan was previously presented to the Public in July 2015. Subsequent to this, the Township finalized an updated Official Plan and has since reviewed this in the context of the Water/Wastewater Master Plan. We would like to invite you, to participate in the Public Consultation Centre to re-familiarise yourself with the preferred servicing solutions.

Due to COVID 19 Guidelines, we are conducting this Public Consultation as a Virtual Webinar format. At the virtual PCC, you will have the opportunity to ask us questions, share your thoughts and opinions. Your input will help ensure there is adequate water and wastewater infrastructure in place for your community that can also support mandated growth in King Township. Your participation in PCCs is important to us.

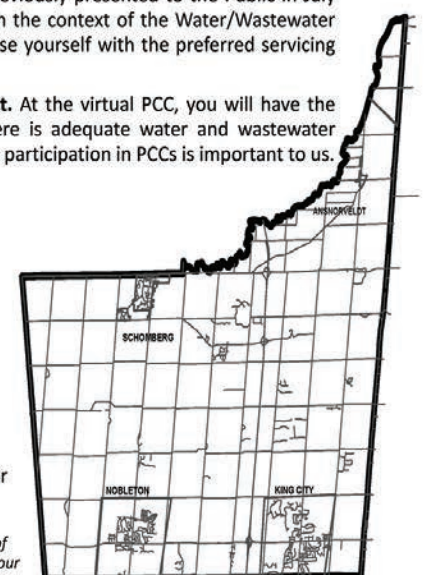
VIRTUAL PCC DATE: MONDAY MAY 25th at 2:00 – 4:00PM

Public wishing to participate in the session can do so in the following three ways:

1. **Participate Online:** A live webinar format will be established for this purpose. Details will be provided on the Project Website
2. **Participate by Telephone:** You will be able to download the presentation, and call-in to the Virtual PCC for Audio.
3. **Review Independently:** You can also request the presentation materials be mailed to you, and submit comments and/or questions via phone or e-mail

Further details will be available at <http://www.king.ca/WaterMasterPlans>. You may also send an e-mail to KingWaterMasterPlans@tmig.ca, or contact the Township's Project Manager directly: **Wayne Pinkney**, King Township Engineering and Public Works: (905) 833-4575

Please note that information related to these studies will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record. Thank you for your interest in these studies.



Students will graduate

From Front Page

“We know children belong at school with their peers for their physical and mental well-being. As I have discussed with Minister Lecce, taking the time to ensure the appropriate infection prevention and control measures are in place, along with thoughtful screening and testing protocols, is a prudent step forward as we work to facilitate a safe return to school in the fall,” said Dr. Ronald Cohn, president and CEO of The Hospital for Sick Children.

All students who were on track to graduate from secondary school before the initial school closure order was made in March will be able to graduate, and all students will receive report cards.

Later this summer, the government will announce a plan to strengthen learning and safety protocols to enable students and staff to return to in-class instruction for the 2020-21 school year. That plan will be bolstered by an enhanced province-wide virtual learning program that will allow all students to learn, regardless of the challenges that may transpire in the coming months.

Private schools, licensed child care centres and EarlyON programs will also remain closed for the safety and protection of children and families and staff through Stage 1 of the Framework for Reopening the Province. Emergency child care will continue to operate and provide support for health care and other frontline workers. A gradual reopening of child care is expected to begin as part of Stage 2, which will use robust safety protocols for the safety of Ontario’s youngest learners and their staff.

Assuming trends in key public health indicators continue to improve, summer day camps, both indoor and outdoor, may be permitted in July and August of this year with strict health and safety guidelines to be developed in partnership with local public health, the Ministry of Labour, and municipalities. Overnight camps will not be permitted to operate in the summer of 2020.

The Province also unveiled an expanded seven-point summer learning plan for Ontario students to ensure students have every opportunity to continue their learning through the summer months. Summer learning programs are being expanded to reach the most students in Ontario history, to ensure they remain on track to start the 2020-21 school year with the confidence and knowledge required to succeed.

To support at-home learning the gov-

ernment is leveraging all tools, resources, technologies, and services to assist school boards deliver equitable and effective learning through access to technology and Internet connectivity, especially for students in rural and remote parts of Ontario. To help improve access to remote learning, Ontario is partnering with 34 organizations and private businesses, along with school boards, to address key needs among educators, students and their families during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Students, Lecce said, have been able to make the “pivot” to e-learning he credits them, their teachers, teaching assistants and parents with embracing the technology. Everyone involved deserves credit for keeping students engaged and involved.

Lecce noted Ontario is the most efficient by far of any province in the country in terms of online and virtual learning. He said it’s a “powerful tool to bring people together.”

He said e-learning is a strong “backstop” to traditional education, not a replacement. It’s proven to be an effective tool to complement education in these times of crisis.

Lecce said the provincial government has been pushing technology and online learning opportunities before the pandemic. This type of forum creates more course diversity.

At this point, classes in September are still questionable and Lecce said we need to be ready for enhanced online learning should it be required for the new school year.

Lecce’s duties as Education Minister have consumed his time, but he’s adamant about being a local representative, first and foremost.

He praised King Township and its citizens for “leading by example.” He also lauded local politicians and MP Deb Schulte for working together to address COVID-19 related issues over the past several weeks.

He said he’s “incredibly impressed with the people of King” for their sacrifices during these times. The residents here, “really get it.”

He’s also impressed by the unified efforts and philanthropy displayed in King-Vaughan.

Lecce said he’s never lost sight of why he got into politics – to fight for community and assist the next generation.

“I am forever motivated to serve this community and fight for common values,” he said, adding he will always put his constituents above his ministerial duties.

OPP report increase in fatalities

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reporting an increase in road fatalities as well as the leading behaviours linked to the deaths, which are the very focus of the national campaign.

As of May 4, 71 people have died in fatal collisions on OPP-patrolled roads. This time last year, there were 61 deaths.

While speed is linked to the highest number of fatalities (17 this year), inattentive-related deaths (12) have seen the most significant spike and are up 300 per cent over last year. All other leading traffic fatality causal factors are up, as are fatal collisions and pedestrian deaths. The number of fatal collisions is up 10.5% and speed-related fatalities are up 13.3%. Fatalities due to a lack of seat belts were up 25%. Inattentive-related fatalities quadrupled over last year, up 300% from 3 to 12. Alcohol/drug-related fatalities were up by two, or 20% over last year. Pedestrian fatalities were up 75%, from 8 to 14 this year.

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Recent isolation forces inward reflection

We casually toss around phrases like "taking stock" and "glancing inward," or even "taking time to reflect."

These can be nasty things, especially when they're forced.

As isolation stretched out seven, eight, nine weeks, our nerves frayed and our patience has been tested. We've likely been frustrated to say the least.

We know exactly what the culprit is and yet this doesn't help our mental state one iota. Almost everyone would admit to being stretched to the limit in recent weeks, like a modern-day Gumby.

Polls and surveys all point to skyrocketing stress levels and daily attacks on our mental health and well being.

I think aside from the physical isolation, there's one root cause of our inner turmoil. That's being forced to look into ourselves and examine our lives like never before.

And this may have produced some unsettling conclusions.

It's not easy to look deep, opening all those locked doors inside our hearts and minds. Who knows what you'll find?

I try not to dwell on the fact I lost both my parents and my sister. When I do think of them, I try to remember the brighter moments. But I don't find prolonged grieving or sadness very productive, so I simply push these thoughts aside.

My youngest often wonders why I don't talk about them more often. My parents had tough lives, during and after the war. They started their new lives here simply and worked hard to achieve a level of sustainability. Their deaths were painful ordeals.

But this past Mother's Day, late at night after a couple of stiff drinks, I posted an emotional note on social media, indicating I missed my mom every day.

Wow. Is that how I really feel? All this time, have I just been keeping this buried inside and putting on a brave face?

My kids have been quite agitated at times and studies show that children and youth are more susceptible to mental health challenges. While we're deal-



Mark Pavilons

ing with our own woes, we forget that our kids aren't as happy-go-lucky as we think. They, too, sink and get stuck in some dark places.

Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years are three times more likely to have a substance use problem than people over the age of 24. Roughly 24% of deaths in 15- to 24-year-olds in Canada are due to suicide (Open Minds, Healthy Minds, 2011).

COVID-19 has had an adverse effect on the lives of our most vulnerable youth. We are witnessing increased stress, anxiety and depression in young people. Many more youth are reaching out to helplines and counselling agencies across the country and are worried about what the future holds in store for them.

We've been talking to our kids more and have managed to get them to open up a bit. Boy, I never imagined that young people today carry the weight of the world on their shoulders.

When I was in my late teens and early 20s, all we thought about was hitting the drive-in, getting a case a beer for the weekend and just chilling. We never worried about the world economy,

climate change, or questionable choices for president.

I have found a certain amount of peace during this COVID-19 forced solitude. I don't miss the traffic congestion at all and I have found my short trips around town quite enjoyable. I don't even mind the lineups!

I may miss going out to dinner, the movies and chats with my hair stylist, but I've come to realize that I can live without a lot of these things. We can pare down our lives substantially and still live normally, sharing family dinners, backyard barbecues, cards, movie nights and long walks.

Granted, it's not very exciting, even mundane. But isn't that okay? Isn't simplicity the key?

I remember, when it came time to choose a career, I wanted something that was different every day and not monotonous in any way. That's why I chose journalism - keeping up with current events, constantly changing, meeting new people all the time.

Even during these times, the news of the day never sleeps. There's always something new going on. But there are more lull periods and quiet times.

While I've always enjoyed "me time," I don't always like the company I keep. My wife says I love my own company, but trust me, there's not a lot of joy inside this thick skull.

In this extended period of down time, I try to find new ways to keep busy and

engaged, active and mentally sharp.

I enjoy online window shopping, but I'm restrained by my inherent cheapness.

My wife frowns upon what she calls unnecessary expenditures, but she uses much more colourful descriptions. I do shop around, always in search of a deal and I do my research and compare prices and sources.

I did make one rather unique purchase recently - a 3,000-year-old sword blade from a European dealer. It was found in Uzbekistan circa 1,200 B.C. I called upon a local craftsman to create a wood handle (of prehistoric wood from the Marsh) to complement this specimen, which will be proudly displayed (and handled regularly by yours truly). Thank you George Burt!

While I can now wave around my new plaything in my PJs, life outside remains in limbo.

Sure, things are slowly creeping toward a new reality. But I worry that the cancellation of most summer attractions, concerts, amusement parks, maybe even beaches, may drive us all mad in the coming months.

I don't have any answers or quick fixes. The only thing I can suggest is "sharing is caring" when it comes to family.

We'll never get another opportunity like this to really open up to one another and explore our inner selves.

Take advantage of it!



Letter to the Editor

Thanks for show of support!

Firefighters from King Fire and Emergency Services Station 38 in Nobleton found a new way to light up the town on Victoria Day. Firefighters decorated their trucks and toured the village with a message of thanks and support to the community. A special stop was made at John's No Frills in a show of recognition to all the retailers and business who continue to serve our essential needs in these unprecedented times.

The Nobleton Firefighters Association would like to extend their appreciation and thanks to the community for the ongoing support. Often referred to as Nobleton's "biggest day" - the town has celebrated Victoria Day with a fireworks display for the past 53 years.

"We take a great deal of pride in hosting what is believed to be the province's largest publicly funded fireworks show," commented Chief Ritson. "We are honoured to take part in the display and humbled by the generosity of the community we serve, and look forward to continuing the tradition next year."

I am proud of my colleagues at Station 38 for finding a creative way to lift the community's spirits at a time when we needed it the most, and that it will be a celebration that will not be forgotten.

Councillor David Boyd

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you think students will be back in the classrooms in September?

a) Yes	<div style="width: 70%; height: 15px; background-color: black;"></div>	70%
b) No	<div style="width: 30%; height: 15px; background-color: black;"></div>	30%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What would you like to see re-open first?

a) Restaurants
b) Hair Salons
c) Theatres

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Thought of the Week

Try laughing!

It's easy to get into an emotional slump. Laughing wakes up our entire body!

Trivia Tidbits

Worms come up and out of their holes so that they won't drown when it rains. A rainstorm of any size is likely to fill a worm's home with water. Worms may crawl to the sidewalks because they're higher ground than the dirt around them, or we just may notice them more on the sidewalks.

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It's time to reopen Ontario's economy

By Mike Baker

Commentary

When Premier Doug Ford “took back Ontario,” as he so vociferously claimed following the 2018 provincial election, he promised to usher in a new era of common-sense, for-the-people critical thinking at Queen’s Park. Now, more than ever, we need him to follow through on that commitment.

COVID-19 has really knocked the world for a loop over the past few months. Entire countries, particularly in Europe, have, figuratively, been brought to their knees. Nations have closed their borders and completely shut down their economies in an attempt to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Granted pandemic status by the World Health Organization (WHO) in March, COVID-19 has, as of Monday, infected a shade under 5 million people worldwide, and killed almost 320,000.

On the face of it, those are some pretty startling statistics. It’s only when you begin to dive a little deeper that you may wind up scratching your head, wondering why we find ourselves in the situation we’re in today.

We currently have a population on earth of around 7.8 billion people. Using the statistics published by the WHO, that means 0.06 per cent of the global population have been infected by COVID-19. Even if we acknowledge that many confirmed cases have flown under the radar and gone undiagnosed, let’s say we, generously, multiply the confirmed number by 10, it still only brings us to a fraction of a percent – 0.6 per cent, in fact.

There have been many comparisons made by the mainstream media in Canada, for some strange reason, between COVID-19 and the Spanish Flu, which gripped the world for the better part of two years from 1918 to 1920. An estimated 500 million people were infected at a time when earth had a population of between 1.5 billion and 2 billion, with deaths reported to be between 17

million and 50 million. You likely don’t need a calculator to break down those numbers.

Looking more recently, going back a decade, the H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic saw as many as 1.4 billion people infected worldwide. The virus, which was considerably more vicious than COVID-19, is believed to have claimed the lives of around 575,400 people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It should be noted, there was no real mass hysteria, and certainly no global shutdown when Swine Flu first hit in 2009.

Here in Canada, as of Monday, there have been roughly 78,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The majority of those cases have been in Quebec (43,000), and here in Ontario (23,000). Ford moved quickly to legislate lockdown measures that prohibited non-essential services from operating. That was more than eight weeks ago.

Since then, the provincial unemployment rate has ballooned to around 12 per cent – the highest it’s been in more than 25 years. An estimated 2.2 million Ontario workers, representing nearly one in three jobs in the province, have been directly effected through job losses or reduced hours at work. Ontario’s deficit is expected to quadruple to around \$41 billion due to costs incurred by the coronavirus.

While the Premier unveiled the first stage of his plan to relaunch the economy last week, a move that will allow most retail operations with a street-front entrance to open and lifts limits on construction projects across the province, it doesn’t quite go far enough. We understand why a shutdown had to happen, and commend the provincial government for successfully slowing the spread of COVID-19, but the time has come to relax those restrictions and fully restore the economy.

While every one of the 5,679 (as of

Sunday) lives lost due to COVID-19 is a tragedy, the vast majority of those deaths, around 90 per cent, occurred in people over the age of 70, many of whom had additional health problems that compromised their immune systems. For those aged 20 to 69 – the people who predominantly make up Canada’s workforce – there have been 547 deaths. That equates to around 0.003 per cent of the workforce.

Conrad Black made a harsh, but good point in a recent column published by the National Post, stating “putting between a fifth and a third of the population in grave financial danger and at risk of ancillary conditions that can also be deadly, to reduce the mortal incidence of the virus from 320 people in one million over the whole population to 200, is not a justifiable measure.”

He pointed to Sweden, who have avoided a mass shutdown of services, instead implementing less stringent coronavirus measures. The result is a little more than 30,000 of the Scandinavian nation’s 10.23 million people have contracted the virus. While its economy has been impacted by the pandemic,

it certainly hasn’t been hit as hard as some other European nations, such as the UK, Germany and France.

It’s already being said that the COVID-19 crisis is going to bring on the worst recession in modern history – even worse than the Great Depression. The financial implications are already going to be felt for generations. Pushing the reopening of the economy back any more is only going to exacerbate the problem, and increase that timeline.

We are in a much stronger position now than we were when the crisis hit more than two months ago. Hospitals are better prepared to handle any future outbreak, while businesses have introduced extensive safeguarding measures to ensure the spread of the virus is limited. We, the general public, are more in tune with what to do, too. Elderly residents, and those with health concerns, should continue to self-isolate and limit any face-to-face interaction.

But the rest of us need to get back to work. We need to do what we can to rebuild the Ontario economy, before it’s too late.

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More information about the Region’s key service areas is available at york.ca/regionalservices



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OPSEU calls for plan to provide tuition support

By Mark Pavilons

One of Ontario's largest unions is asking Ottawa and Queen's Park to look into tuition support for post-secondary students.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) is calling on the

federal and provincial governments to work cooperatively towards a national action plan addressing full tuition support for post-secondary students for the upcoming academic year.

Ontario's colleges and universities face an uncertain future with potential drops in enrollment of both Canadian

and international students.

OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas says there is a dual need to help students and preserve the integrity of our post-secondary institutions.

"Ontario is a recognized world leader for post-secondary education. Our professors and support staff are world-renowned for their expertise. Our colleges and universities are national jewels that not only bring billions into our economy but also shape minds, provide invaluable research and support towns and cities right across this province and indeed the country. It is incumbent upon both levels of government to support and expand the significant impact of these Canadian institutions. The very future of the new and emerging economy is in their hands."

Thomas noted that a national action plan should also cover government paid tuition for mature students who require retraining as well as workers displaced by the effects of the pandemic.

"This crisis has altered the employment landscape, and caused thousands of workers to lose their jobs entirely," said Thomas. "And while I commend Premier Ford and Prime Minister Trudeau for the relief they have provided to Ontario's students up to this point, much more needs to be done and this requires immediate federal and provincial coordination."

Students will be expected to pay tuition deposits by June to enroll in programs for the fall. If a clear path to being able to cover tuition is not available over the next month, Ontario's education institutions can expect to see increasingly steeper declines for the upcoming academic year. Not only are hundreds of thousands of current jobs at risk but perhaps millions of future jobs in the new economy will evaporate.

"We need to ensure that our current and future workforce is equipped with the skills to keep our economy growing," said Thomas. "This is not a cost - it's a mandatory investment in our province and nation's future. Our post-secondary institutions must not only be preserved but strengthened. Anything less puts our economic recovery at serious risk. And a lagging economy in this era will leave us behind other jurisdictions for a generation. The time to act is now."

The Ministry of Colleges and Uni-

versities is actively working with Ontario's postsecondary institutions to ensure they have the resources they need to safely respond to COVID-19 and maintain program continuity for their students.

Minister Romano is in daily conversation with post-secondary institutions to discuss short-term relief and the path to vital sustainability.

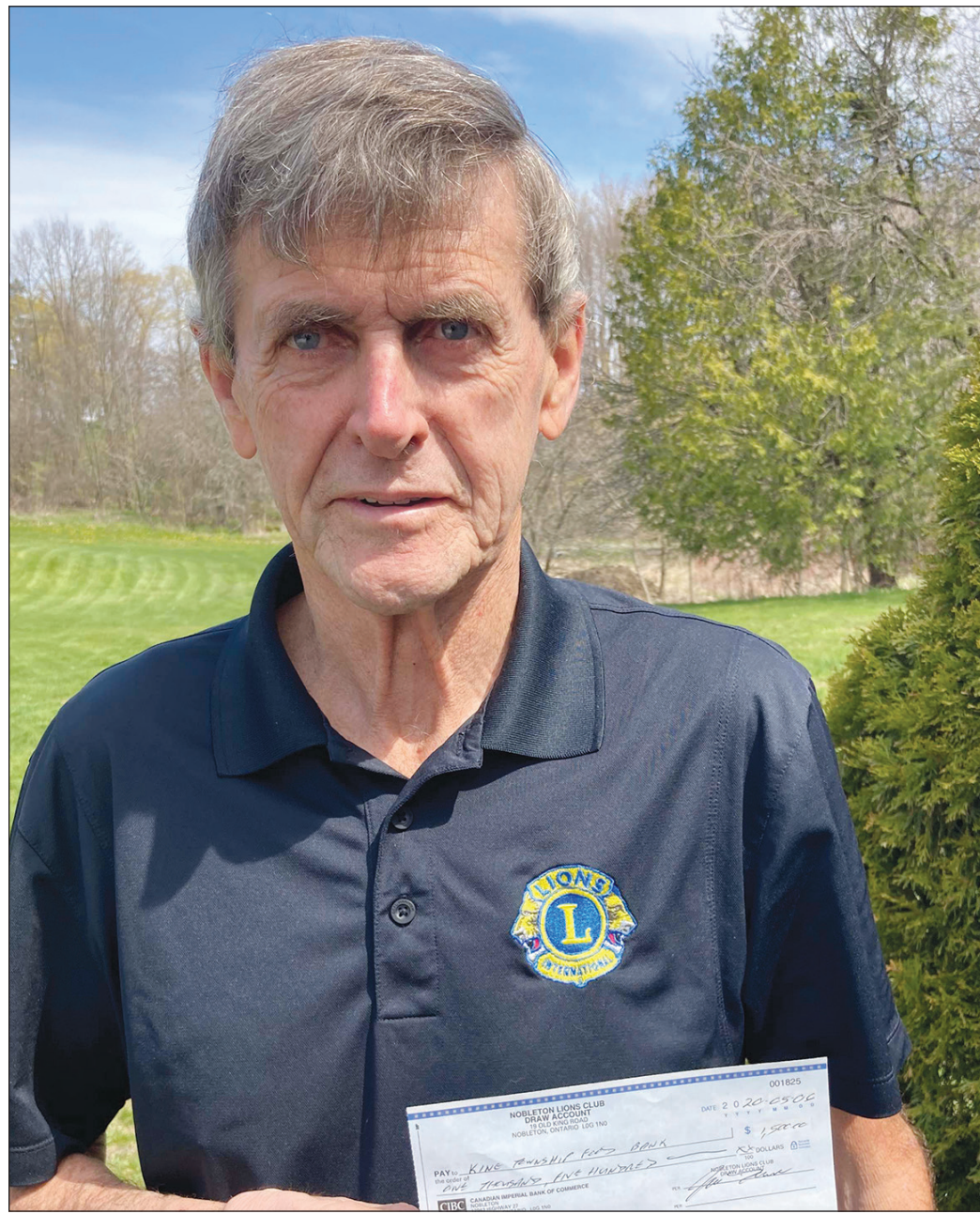
In 2019, the government introduced a 10 per cent reduction in college and university tuition fees for the 2019-2020 academic year - followed by a freeze in 2020-2021 tuition rates. By lowering tuition across the province, the Ontario government is ensuring that all qualified Ontario students will have affordable access to high-quality skills, training and education.

"The reforms our government made to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) have worked to ensure that OSAP is sustainable for generations of students - five, ten, fifteen years down the road. We made these changes so that future students can continue to access a high-quality education and contribute to Ontario's success," said a statement from the ministry.

To support OSAP borrowers during this unprecedented time, Ontario has temporarily deferred payments for Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) loans. Loan repayments will be subject to a six-month interest-free moratorium until Sept. 20.

The government has provided a number of supports to Ontario's post-secondary institutions to address their most pressing needs. This includes an investment of \$25 million to help publicly-assisted colleges, universities and Indigenous Institutes to address COVID-19 related expenses. In addition, the province is providing \$20 million in research and innovation funding to support the fight against COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

"As the situation in Ontario continues to evolve, our government is working closely with the province's colleges and universities to ensure students have access to high-caliber education and training they need to obtain rewarding careers."



Lions boost Food Bank

Lion Earl Groombridge is presented a cheque from the Nobleton Lions for \$1,500 to help fund the Back To School project that is part of the efforts of the King Township Food Bank. This year, more backpacks will be needed due to rising enrolment in the King Township Food Bank. This donation is especially helpful because the program is self-funded, and the need to fundraise adds another component to the project, now in its 7th year. As with all Food Bank activities, the Back To School project is run entirely through the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of the community.

Police services board releases 2020-2022 plan

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board and York Regional Police are pleased to release the 2020-2022 Business Plan, which clearly lays out the objectives for our police service over the next three years.

The 2020-2022 Business Plan is being released, for the first time, in a digital format. The new online format is easily accessible, includes engaging content and is environmentally friendly.

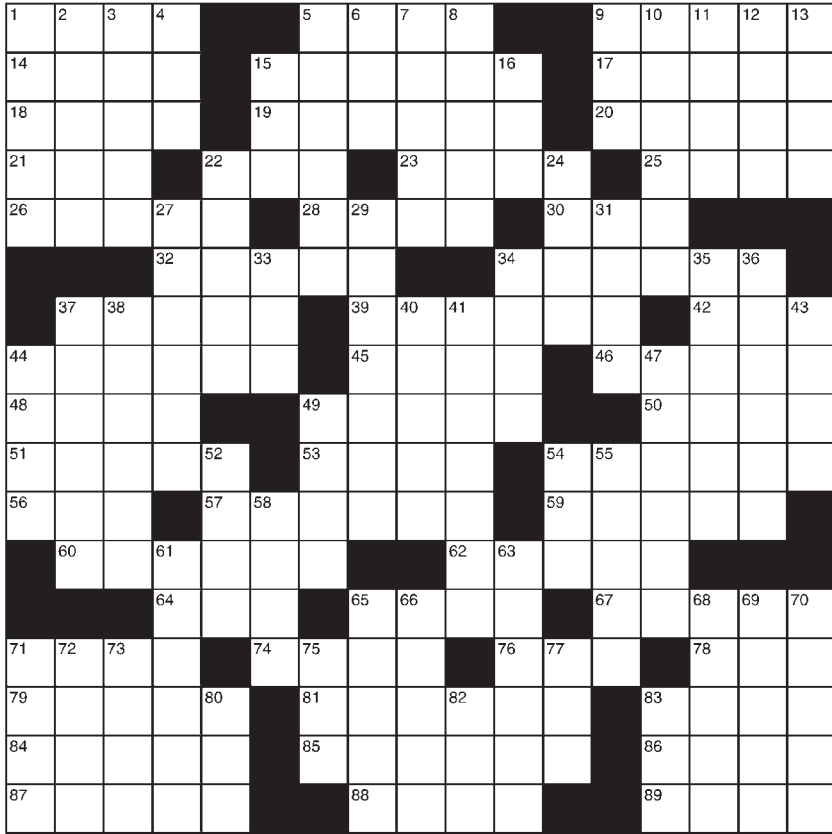
"As an organization, our goals are driven by taking care of our people and our community. With this in mind, I have no doubt that together we will continue to achieve great things," said Chief Jim MacSween.

"Highlights of the plan include the introduction of our new values and code of ethics, which support the vision and mission of York Regional Police. Within the goals and objectives, there is a continued focus on the efficient delivery of service, development and support of our members, community engagement, collaborative partnerships, investing in innovative technology and continuous improvement."

Please find the digital 2020-2022 Business Plan at <https://businessplan.yrp.ca/>

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- 1. Bird's bill
 - 5. Goopy substance
 - 9. Perfume ingredient
 - 14. Wheel shaft
 - 15. Soccer team
 - 17. Freightage
 - 18. Portico
 - 19. Spin
 - 20. Unexpected pleasure
 - 21. Electron-deficient atom
 - 22. Marvy
 - 23. Wedding-cake part
 - 25. Simple
 - 26. Transparent
 - 28. Assist in crime
 - 30. Muslim leader
 - 32. Ma's instrument
 - 34. Uproar
 - 37. Tropical eel
 - 39. Worker at an inn
 - 42. Sable or mink
 - 44. Cancel
 - 45. Green fruit
 - 46. "___ of the Ball"
 - 48. March date
 - 49. Dogma
 - 50. Short message
 - 51. Winner's position
 - 53. Before
 - 54. Higher
 - 56. Small boy
 - 57. ___ out (allotted)
 - 59. Birthday or surprise
 - 60. Knob
 - 62. Tropical creeper
 - 64. Superhero's chest letter
 - 65. Narrow valley
 - 67. Period of indulgence
 - 71. Prepare a salad
 - 74. Stewpot
 - 76. Go by plane
 - 78. Morsel for a pony
 - 79. Take advantage of
 - 81. Dwarfed plant
 - 83. Ballerina's short skirt
 - 84. Sudden forward thrust
 - 85. Merry
 - 86. Venerable
 - 87. Improve by editing
 - 88. Race assemblage
 - 89. Had being
 - 2. Praise
 - 3. Unattended
 - 4. New Zealand parrot
 - 5. Worldwide
 - 6. ___ off steam
 - 7. Egglike
 - 8. Small
 - 9. Pretend
 - 10. Runway
 - 11. Cypress, e.g.
 - 12. Seaweed gel
 - 13. Learning method
 - 15. Geologic division
 - 16. Born as
 - 22. Oddity of nature
 - 24. Isolated
 - 27. Transversely
 - 29. Shelf item
 - 31. Attire
 - 33. Drain-opener ingredient
 - 34. Dart about
 - 35. At sea
 - 36. Sweltering
 - 37. Situated in the middle
 - 38. Carry to excess
 - 40. From that moment
 - 41. Make high-pitched sounds
 - 43. Hollow stalk
 - 44. Break in friendship
 - 47. Envelop
 - 49. Mood
 - 52. In this way
 - 54. "___ Lazy River"
 - 55. Flower
 - 58. "The Sun ___ Rises"
 - 61. Plan
 - 63. Baby
 - 65. Darkness
 - 66. Harpoon
 - 68. Cosmetic
 - 69. "Peter, Peter, pumpkin ___ . . ."
 - 70. Chopin work
 - 71. Fable, e.g.
 - 72. Egg cell
 - 73. Reasonable
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King supports plan for producers to fund recycling

By Mark Pavilons

King is joining other municipalities in urging that producers cover the full costs of Ontario's blue box recycling program.

And they're hoping this transition takes place sooner rather than later, so the Township can enjoy some noticeable savings.

Currently in Ontario, producers of printed paper and packaging have to cover 50% of the net costs of operating Ontario's blue box program. The provincial government, backed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, want to shift the costs entirely to producers, away from local governments. Hope are this can take place by 2025.

King provides waste collection and disposal in a two-tier waste management system with York Region. King has a long-term contract with GFL Environmental, which expires Dec. 31, 2025.

While making the switch seems simply enough, staff noted this wide-reaching initiative "is extremely complex and has significant uncertainties which will impact each municipality.

"A transition to full producer responsibility could have significant changes to the existing Blue Box program, but details of such changes are not known at this time."

King's focus is to reduce costs, while still providing the same level of service and convenience for residents.

But staff pointed out that the actual financial benefits are hard to quantify.

Currently, the blue box program costs King almost \$300,000 a year and they receive \$116,000 through provincial funding. That amounts to only 39% of the costs, even though producers are expected to pay 50%.

Traditionally, this program accounts for 26% of King's overall waste budget, so it's a substantial portion. By making the move to full producer responsibility early, there is potential for additional financial benefits.

Staff said there will undoubtedly be changes to blue box collection in the future and this may have an impact on King's operating and capital budgets.

Staff will report back to council as more details about blue box regulation become available.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said he can see the benefit and he'd like to see the transition as soon as possible. When producers pick up the slack, Pellegrini said consumers will see a notable reduction in needless packaging.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer noted that Ontario is far behind in recycling innovation. She said it will be some time before we actually see some big differences in terms of waste diversion from landfill.



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Maple Drapery steps up, lends a hand to make PPE

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

As local businesses step up to help fight the Covid-19 pandemic, Maple Drapery and Carpet Ltd. has joined forces to make Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Like many other business, the company had to close its doors at both locations, King City and Concord, when measures were announced to contain the outbreak.

“Our workroom and showroom closed as per the government mandate,” said Agata Olivieri, lead designer and showroom manager at Maple Drapery. “We were approached by a company who asked if we had non-medical grade,

reusable masks. As a result of the request, we decided to develop prototype masks. Once we perfected the fit, sizing and fabrics, we began production.”

The company has supplied masks to local businesses as well as to the general public via past clients, referrals, friends and family. “We also donated masks to Hospice Vaughan and \$2,500 from our proceeds went to the Mackenzie Health COVID-19 Fund. Our next donation will go to the York Region Food Network this week,” said Olivieri.

There was a high demand for their masks as soon as the business posted to their Instagram page.

“We’ve made nearly 1,000 masks so



far and had to call back two of our staff members to sew, while we as owners pitched in to do the rest like packaging and delivering,” said Olivieri, who had to lay off most of their staff when the pandemic shuttered their doors. “We had the ability and the know-how to make masks so we decided we could at least do our part. We got a lot of positive feedback and people were very supportive because they knew a portion of the sales were going back to the community.”

Maple Drapery is a comprehensive interior design retailer of custom drapery, blinds, area rugs, wallpaper, custom bedding, pillows and accessories.

Ironically, with people being home, services for an interior design firm are in great demand.

“Clients have been calling us for services but we have only been doing virtual consultations. We will open the retail front soon by appointment basis only,” said Olivieri, who belongs to the second generation of a family business that was started 32 years ago, in 1988.

“My brother, sister and I are all in the family business along with our parents. My sister and I live in King and I’ve called it home for 28 years.”

Maple Drapery now has an online store on Shopify at mdc88.ca.

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Homebuilders throughout Canada were honoured with the prestigious awards for scoring highest with their customers on homebuying experience surveys. This year, 22 awards were issued to top builders in Canada, with Mattamy’s Alberta Division receiving an Avid Benchmark Award.

Each award-winning builder must score at or above the top 25th percentile in Canada to be recognized with an Avid Award. This year’s program had 571 qualifying builders from all over the United States and Canada, based on homebuyer data submitted between January and December 2019.

“It is an honour to recognize this year’s Avid Award winners. Customer experience excellence takes skill, determination and passion, and the achievements of these builders is commendable,” said Tim Bailey, chief strategy officer for Avid Ratings. “Customers are the most important evaluator of a company and these Avid Award winning builders have been rated by their homeowners as customer experience leaders in the industry.”

Avid Service Award Winners were also announced and selected based on their role within homebuilding, focused on four areas: sales, project management, walk-throughs and design.

This year, 12 members of the Mattamy Canada family were recognized with Avid Service Awards, meaning they were ranked within the top 10% in customer satisfaction nationwide.

“These achievements underline the deep belief we have in providing our homeowners with the best experience. It’s a never-ending task, and our collective focus on the customer is our top priority,” said Brad Carr, chief executive officer of Mattamy Homes Canada.

Mattamy completed a subdivision in King City, on the south side of 15th Sideroad, west of Keele Street, immediately opposite the St. Thomas of Villanova College School. The subdivision is essentially built out with occupied homes, but Mattamy is still present with final elements of the construction.

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CDS is trying to stay ahead of the learning curve

By Mark Pavilons

Students at King's Country Day School are adapting to remote learning. But staff and students long for the return of the personal environment of school life, something that makes CDS unique.

David Harvey, director of Academics, Middle and Senior Schools at CDS, said the response from students and parents to the current challenges has been exceptional.

Administration was quick to react in advance of March Break, starting to plan for contingencies.

Harvey admitted that CDS is not a "laptop school" but they were able to put together a sound plan. They discovered the best path for them to follow was sticking with their regular schedule of classes. Led by teachers and department heads, this formula has proven to be efficient.

Unlike provincial e-learning, at CDS students are required to show up.

Harvey admitted that some found the transition to be challenging.

Help has also been available for those graduating and planning to attend university this fall. Harvey said their director of university placement has been in constant contact with students to ensure that everything is on track. Just what form post-secondary education takes this fall remains unclear.

Harvey said CDS staff have stayed faithful to their core values, one of which is education with balance. They're not just an academic institution but a social, interactive school.

They continued with their annual "Coffee House" tradition this spring, but online for the first-time ever as a virtual gathering. As well, students continue to run for student leadership positions, enter math contests, compete in debating competitions, and vote for class valedictorian.

At this time of year, students order their graduation sweaters and teachers volunteered to deliver them door to door.

"Community is a key component of our facility," he observed.

One parent expressed gratitude for "creating such a wonderful online learning experience. This has been a tough time all around, and the fact that CDS students have had such good educational support has been crucial to their learning and mental health. The schedule, Google Meets, social media updates and events have made this better for the kids and the families as well. The fact that the school has adapted to the changing needs of the students and has come up with creative ways for them to learn, socialize, actively rest, and meaningfully contribute is really incredible."

Regarding academic assessment, Harvey said they encourage students to apply their knowledge, and not just recite facts.

While he accepts technology-based methods, CDS prides itself on relational teaching. Harvey noted "nothing can replace face-to-face learning."

"Students want to be there," he stressed. "Our policy is that technology is a means, but not an end."

He did admit that remote learning remains as an alternative in a pinch and may still be used when teachers are away or during snow days.

Staff are already looking at preparing for the new semester in September. Harvey said they can safely accommodate students with regards to social distancing should classes return to a "new normal."

"We're trying to stay ahead of the curve," he said.

Head of School John Liggett said in the absence of a vaccine, school will not be "normal" come September. As quickly as new information is becoming available about COVID-19, it is "a rather fruitless exercise to offer up

anything close to being definitive about what school might look like three and a half months from now.

"If schools are permitted to open up and use social distancing tools, then we are confident we can do so. At CDS, we feel our low class sizes, our outdoor education program and

extensive physical plant put us in a particularly good position to practice safe physical distancing come September. In the meantime, there is much work to be done and lessons to learn from other jurisdictions that are further ahead in re-opening than Ontario schools."



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Children-themed gardens can stir excitement and interest

By Eleonora Schmied
Schomberg Horticultural Society

Gardening and growing your own food seem to have come “en vogue” again. There is a lot of self-help information online on these topics, but nothing is more important than showing our children how food is grown and where food actually comes from.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society cannot meet right now but still wants to show their commitment to public horticultural education by sharing their Gardening with Children ideas.

Pizza Garden

It would be fun to make your pizza garden round, to resemble the shape

of a pizza. One can dig out a round garden bed or buy a raised round fabric bed online. It can be put pretty much anywhere in the back yard, where it gets at least 5 hours of sunlight every day. Fill with triple mix and you are ready to plant: peppers, tomatoes, basil, oregano, garlic (has to be planted in the fall), onions and some Marigolds to deter pests and attract beneficial pollinators. Arugula for toppings. GrowVeg (GrowVeg.com) offers a fabulous diagram of a pizza garden. Too bad we cannot grow cheese yet.

Smoothie Garden

If you have a child that does not like to eat their vegetables, making your own smoothie and growing the ingredients themselves might entice them



to consume more. Involve your children in planting and maintaining your smoothie garden. In the winter months you might want to pour over seed catalogs and discuss with them what they like in a smoothie, it could be carrots, mint, kale, spinach, beets etc. For the “sweet” addition the options are strawberries, raspberries, water melon, cantaloupe, blueberries, haskap berries, also known as honeyberries (*Lonicera caerulea edulis* “Berry Blue/Tundra” bears a lot of elongated blue berries in June). You might add some bananas or avocados and maple syrup to sweeten the taste of it.

Alphabet Garden

Whether you want to grow an alphabet garden with vegetables or flowers or both is up to you, but it would be fun to go through the alphabet and find plants for every letter in the alphabet.

A is for alyssum, B is for basil, C is for carrot, etc. ... To take it a step further you might want to make plant markers with painted stones or labels, which would help your child with spelling. Talking about colours, shapes, sizes and smell and to differentiate between edible and non-edible adds interest as well. Some flowers like nasturtiums are edible.

Bean Teepee Hideaway

There is nothing more fun for children than to hide or curl up with a great book in a hideaway spot. A bean teepee is the perfect place for that.

All you need is 6 to 10 bamboo canes (6 to 8 feet long) a string, fertile garden soil that has been amended with compost as beans are heavy feeders and climbing or pole beans (indeterminate) such as scarlet runner beans. The place where you put your teepee should get at least 5 hours of sunlight every day.

Place the poles in the ground about 24 inches apart with a wider opening for the entrance door, with enough space so at least two children can sit in there. There is no set way of doing

this, anchor the poles in the ground and just tie the poles together at the top so they don't fall down. If the soil is poor, amend the soil around the poles with compost.

Once all danger of frost is gone plant a bean about 2 inches deep at every pole, for added colour add nasturtiums. Water deeply, the beans should germinate in about a week. Tie the small plants loosely to the poles, after that they should be able to grow onto the poles, pinch the tops off so they branch out more.

Hummingbirds and butterflies love the flowers of scarlet runner beans. Harvest the beans while they are still tender and green or let them mature for dry beans.

A bean teepee is a place where plants and imaginations can grow.



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King students are among the Give Back recipients

By Mark Pavilons

Two King Township students are among a select group of individuals who give back to their communities.

The Give Back Awards are an annual cash prize donated by Magna International Inc. and Neighbourhood Network to graduating students from high schools in Aurora, Georgina, King Township, and Newmarket. The outstanding recipients of the Give Back Awards are selected based on the exceptional contributions they have made to fellow students and citizens, and their ongoing dedication to community involvement!

In light of the COVID-19 situation, the traditional Give Back Awards Ceremony has been cancelled.

Abigail Reist attends Aurora High School. She has been committed to making her community better, and has made many positive contributions to students. She's demonstrated significant initiatives and generous acts of kindness to those in need.

She has dedicated a lot of her time at the Teen Challenge Ontario Women's Centre, a rehabilitation for women overcoming substance addictions. She volunteers at her church where she participates in the band, Sunday school program, summer day camp and she also sits on the Mission Committee where she helps decide what organizations to support financially.

On top of all the hours Abigail spends volunteering she has had a story published by Polar Expressions Publishers.

Nourhan Almasri, from King City Secondary School, has been involved in Mats for Haiti, a program that weaves milk bags together to create comfortable sleeping bags for those affected by natural disasters, wars or economic collapse. She is also a member of her school's Empowering Student Partnership team, which plans and implements community-based fundraising and awareness campaigns. She also volunteers with the York Region District School Board presenting and mentoring newcomers to ease their transition to Canada.

Nourhan is an extremely well-rounded student excelling not strictly in academic subject but also in Visual Arts and Music. She plans on pursuing a medical degree and would love to become either a family doctor or dermatologist.



Abigail Reist



Nourhan Almasri

King Library holds 'Quaran-Teen' writing contest

Has social isolation got you bored? Want to bring that story idea out into the world?

In support of King Township's aspiring young writers, King Township Public Library in partnership with Write Now @ King is inviting all teens to participate in our first short story writing contest!

Check out "The Writing Desk" at kinglibrary.ca to help you with weekly writing prompts and ideas.

The topics are unlimited, it's up to you what you write about. The length is limited to a maximum of 4,000 words (16 pages typed, double spaced).

One entry per person is accepted. The age categories are 13-15 and 16-18.

The deadline is July 31.

You can submit your story to them via email at info@kinglibrary.ca with the subject heading "Writing Contest - (Title of your short story)". In the body paragraph, tell them a little about yourself, including your age (if you don't feel comfortable telling us your age, you can put down either 13-15 or 16-18) and where you are from.

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Winners will be announced on Aug. 14.



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Local philanthropist Walker boosts Operation Ramzieh

Operation Ramzieh has sent more than 7,000 packaged boxes of food and care products around the GTA to multiple neighborhoods, organizations, charities, families and shelters in order to help the vul-

nerable. With the strong backing of Sheek PR, the operation obtained further media attention, as well as mainstream coverage on CTV News, Breakfast TV, Toronto Life, CityTV News, BlogTo, Al-Jazeera, and more.

An initiative that started with a positive intention has developed into a movement. Many key profiles in Toronto have come forward without hesitation to undividedly support the cause.

The "Influencer Initiative" and social media campaigning created ample opportunities to spread awareness of the cause, as well as start the "feed it forward" drive. This movement allowed Operation Ramzieh and Sheek PR to create a significant initiative that launched May 20, with Joan Kelley Walker (philanthropist and fashion entrepreneur) and Aristotle Andrulakis (Founder and CEO at Electronica AI).

Joan Kelley Walker continues to share her message of giving back how you can and when you can during this time of COVID-19. She stands in support of strength, unity, and positivity, and her philanthropic work has not gone unnoticed. Her main focus is to shine a light on how we can help those in need right now.

"I believe we share the globe communally, and with that comes great responsibility. I am deeply inspired by this. It takes a village," Joan said about the initiative.

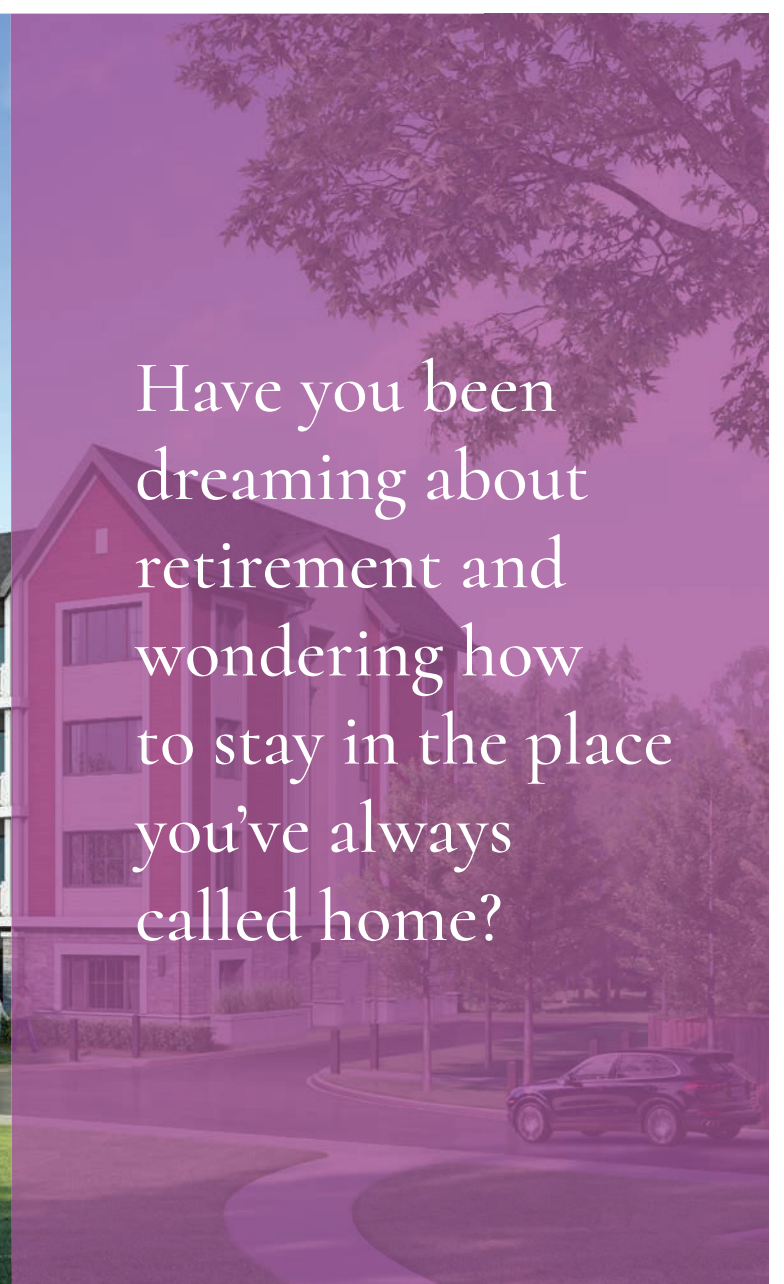
The delivery May 12 followed Mother's Day, allowing celebrations to prolong as we visit Abuse Hurts, a charity that Joan was recently connected with by Neighbourhood Network.

Abuse Hurts is a national charitable organization that has served Canadians since 1993. The centre's mandate is to significantly reduce the incidence and impact of abuse through education and public awareness. Abuse Hurts aims to raise awareness about the true cost of neglect and abuse, and currently supports dozens of organizations nationally, including children's and victims' services, shelters, and other agencies that aid tens of thousands of children, women, and men whose lives have been affected by abuse.

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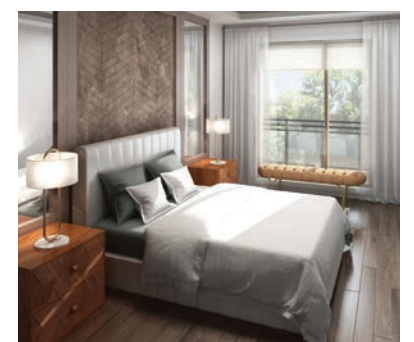
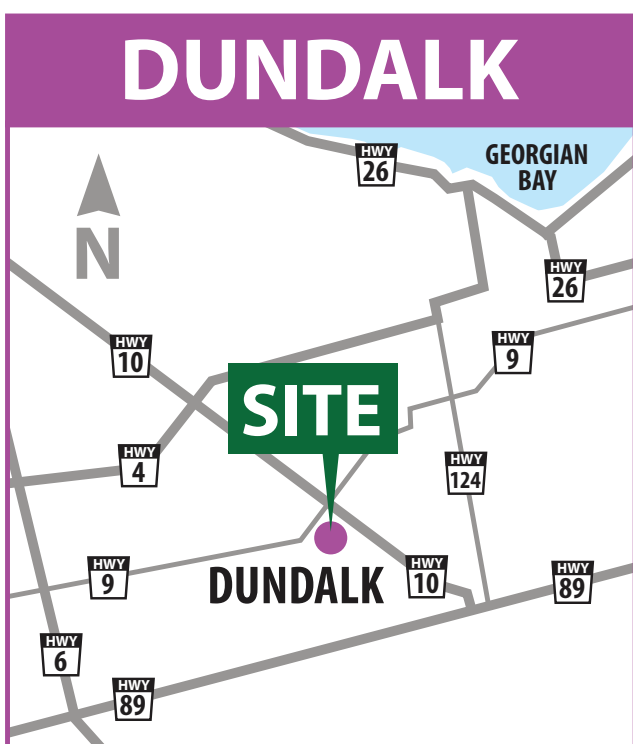


Joan Kelley Walker, (left), Erin Cerenzia (Neighbourhood Network) and Ellen Campbell (of Abuse Hurts).



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Big Brothers Big Sisters sets standard in virtual mentoring

By Brock Weir

Children across the country are adjusting to a temporary new normal not being able to get to school, be with their friends, and connect with the positive mentors they might have in the school environment.

For some children who might not have these mentors at home, the transition might be more difficult for them than others, but Big Brothers Big Sisters of York continues to provide a lifeline for kids in need across the Region.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York took centre-stage in an online forum of Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations across the country to share the success of their new virtual mentorship program, one which has been born out of necessity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Spearheaded in Aurora, the program could prove to be a model replicated across Canada, not just during this time of crisis, but in years to come.

As the extent of the emergency became clear, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York (BBBSY) sprang into action. Knowing the vital relationship between their "Bigs" (adult mentors) and "Littles" (kids in need) would not be able to continue face-to-face, the organization knew a solution needed to be found to keep these relationships going wherever possible.

"Every one of our mentors said they were not putting this on hold and there is no way we can back out now," said Katie Lowes of BBBSY. "They realize that kids need somebody in their corner, somebody they can feel comfortable and safe with and, right now, they need that more than ever. With everything else that is different in their lives, the one thing we can maintain is consistency in this aspect and giving them that safe space, that sounding board. That has been really successful and really exciting for us."

Shifting their one-on-one mentorship programs online has also helped BBBSY solve challenge they were experiencing before our lives were upended by the virus: wait lists for both mentors and mentees.

"We are not in a position to be able to encourage new relationships as we typically go out and throw a ball around [and introduce pairings], so we were looking at how we can mitigate some of those challenges that so many people were facing, particularly families with young kids at home who are feeling isolated and probably anxious and bored out of their minds," explained Lowes. "How do we support these people right now who really need a one-on-one opportunity more than ever? Our agency was able to come up really quickly with Virtual Mentoring, which will reduce our wait lists. We have a lot of kids from

across York Region who are waiting for their chance to get their Big Brother or Big Sister. For the time being, we have a really cool temporary solution to provide them with somebody they can just get to know over phone calls, text messages, video calls and that kind of thing – even just playing PlayStation together or whatever works for that person. They are going to have a virtual mentor during this time that can keep them connected; it is going beyond staying connected but getting connected.

"We have been trying to figure out how to do this for a while now. We might have a little boy in Keswick and a Big Brother in Vaughan and we can't match them because it is an hour drive and it is just not going to work long-term. This allows us to take geography out of it and bring people together in a virtual world in a way they may never have had the opportunity to be together before."

All mentors coming on board in the new virtual system have been put through BBBSY's entire screening process, have undergone training and fully understand what it means to be a mentor – and just what to bring to the table. BBBSY has developed a full program of fun virtual activities Bigs and Littles can do together to help forge these vital mentorship bonds.

Their waiting lists for both categories of clients continues to grow, so if BBBSY feels this new model will work in the long-term, that will be given due consideration.

And, perhaps, be a new standard well beyond York Region.

"Our national body is really excited about this kind of work," said Lowes. "During the first couple of days (of the crisis), we were in the mind set of, 'How do we make the most of this? We can't just wait this out, there are kids who are still waiting or their Big Brother or Big Sister one way or another.' This has been kind of exciting for us to take the lead and have some innovative ideas I think are going to get utilized across the country. Maybe not every agency will have a need for this, but I think there will be a lot of organizations where this can play a role in their wait lists and I think it is really awesome to be able to be a part of that."

Community and allotment gardens open

Living within the natural beauty of the Oak Ridges Moraine, it's no wonder so many residents of King-Vaughan take such an incredible pride in our local community and allotment gardens.

The re-opening of community and allotment gardens comes as good news for King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

"The provincial government's top priority will always be the health and safety of all Ontarians, but I also understand the importance of King-Vaughan's community and allotment gardens: they bring people together, and they help support families who are vulnerable to food insecurity. The issue of reopening gardens was brought up during a recent townhall discussion, and last month I received a letter from King Councillor Debbie Schaefer and heard from community members and farmers, who respectfully asked the province to reassess its decision regarding community gardens.

"Your voice made a difference. "We know garden clubs will follow the advice of their local medical officer of health and adhere to the requirements that pertain to the use of any facilities. This decision was made in conjunction with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

"Gardeners can grow magnificent Ontario produce – and have fun, of course – but they must stay safe. I look forward to again returning to the community gardens across the township!"

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Photographer captures business during pandemic

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

As many small businesses close their doors amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a local photographer has stepped up to help out by telling their story through photos and sharing them on social media.

Clarissa Ann came up with an initiative #NotAGoodbye, where she volunteers her time and talent to shoot photographs of small business owners from a distance.

"I have been reaching out over social media to businesses that are loved by their community, to hear their story and feature them to help them gain more traction during a time when consumers can't be shopping physically. I've featured 12 different business owners now, and have four more in my 'roster' to post!" said Ann, who is a wedding and lifestyle photographer.

Among the businesses she has featured are Pine Farms Orchard and Locale restaurant in King.

"Pine Farms was my second feature! The owners Pam and Chloe are so lovely, and I thought of them immediately when I was thinking of businesses to reach out to. They have a quaint café, and part of the experience of visiting their farm is to pick apples in the fall and enjoy delicious food in their café and country gift shop. Without the ability to walk through and browse all of the country themed décor they have, I thought I'd reach out to help spread the word. They were more than happy to be featured, and this was at the beginning of the initiative, so I drove over," said Ann, who is calling on the community to donate, buy gift cards, and share #NotAGoodbye to show support.

Ann is strict to follow protocol so no one is put in danger, and stands at least 8-10 feet apart.

"I use different lenses so I can get close without getting physically close. The beauty in the initiative is that I actually aim to have the business owner stay inside, so I can take a photo through the window. This worked perfectly at Pine Farms because they have a walk-up window for curbside pick-up

They are so loved by so many people, and I wanted to highlight some of their struggles to gather support from their community," she explained.

In a previous career, Ann was a business coach, so she loves hearing the stories of passion within business ownership.

"As a creative, I love to make art and tell stories through my image. While I'm a wedding photographer, I wanted to do something with the skills I had to spread hope and call on the community to support one another during a time when it is so needed," she pointed out.

Ann maintains that the main purpose of #NotAGoodbye is not to garner any benefits for herself.

"While yes, it is exposure for myself as a photographer and business owner, these are not paid features and never will be. I'm actually asking for the valuable time of these business owners. I created this initiative because I wanted to document this period in our lives as it is sure to be a defining moment for everyone."

As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. Ann hopes her pictures convey many more.

Newmarket teacher creates ventilator prototype to help

A Newmarket high school teacher has developed a prototype for a ventilator using materials he had at home, including a windshield wiper motor, to help developing countries with the fight against COVID-19.

Computer science subject head/teacher Gordon Payne was inspired by the frontline healthcare workers in his family and reports of ventilator shortages around the world, including in Ontario and severe shortages in developing countries.

"My wife is a family physician and I have nurses in my family," Payne said. "They're the front-line people in this battle. This is my way of contributing and helping us to overcome this pandemic."

After seeing calls for open source ventilator projects, he wanted to create a prototype that could be manufactured by someone with average technical skills, common tools, and using materials that are easily accessible. He built the prototype using materials and tools he had at home, including the motor from a windshield wiper and an Arduino microcontroller.

"I thought I could design something inexpensive, fast and simple" he explained. Payne's ventilator took him nine hours to make and costs less than \$70. He plans to enter his design, called the Village Vent, in the United Nations COVID-19 Detect and Protect Challenge.

Even if his design is not selected, he hopes it will benefit his students in their learning. He teaches his students many of the techniques used in the prototype.

"I want students to see how we can use our creativity, problem-solving and technical skills to help better the world," he explained. "At the very least, this ventilator project will continue to live on as an instructional tool in my courses."

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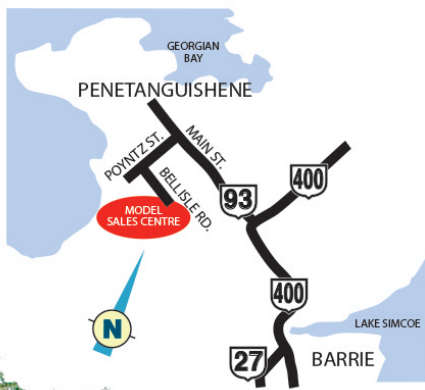
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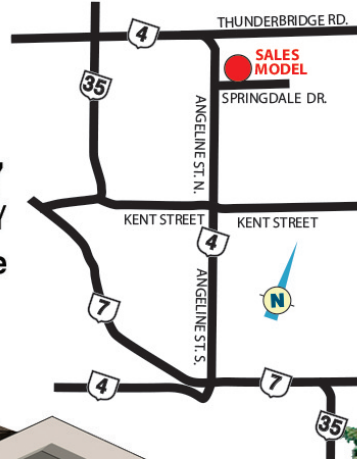
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Southlake challenge brings SL5K community together

The 2020 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake has been postponed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but that didn't stop local communities from finding a way to come together in support of Southlake.

Southlake Foundation announced the #SL5KTogetherApart social media challenge, a creative way to bring participants together virtually to celebrate their support and efforts in fundraising and training. Registered participants, along with the broader communities Southlake serves, were encouraged to engage in an activity of their choice, and post a picture on social media using #SL5KTogetherApart.

Some chose to run or walk 5K around their neighbourhood with family or pets, some did at-home workouts and some even hosted video calls with their SL5K teammates.

"We didn't want to let the day pass without acknowledging the incredible support of our participants so far this year," said Susan Mullin, president & CEO of Southlake Foundation. "Our communities have always been by our side, but particularly during this pandemic. We want them to know that it is not only deeply appreciated, but that we are all in this together."

Throughout the day, Southlake Foun-

ation cheered participants on just like they would have on race day – no matter what activity they were taking part in. All photos posted using #SL5KTogetherApart were compiled into a commemorative mosaic, bringing the collective efforts of the communities together. Each image submitted by registered participants was entered into a draw to win one of five \$50 gift cards for Nature's Emporium – which currently offers curbside pickup. To find your photo, visit runforsouthlake.ca.

Southlake Foundation is grateful for the ongoing support of Run for Southlake sponsors during this challenging time. In addition to offering prizes for the #SL5KTogetherApart challenge, title sponsor Nature's Emporium is generously providing 10% off curbside pickup orders for Southlake's front-line staff, and they continue to donate to a staff Wellness Cart that circulates the hospital providing Southlake's hard-working staff with snacks, beverages and comfort items to keep their energy and spirits lifted during long shifts. T-shirt sponsor, Magna International, has also generously donated critical supplies to Southlake's personal protective equipment (PPE) drive.

While a new date has not yet been selected for the postponed 2020 Nature's



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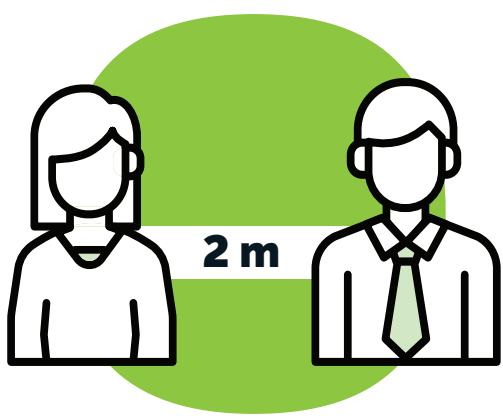
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Equestrian schools find slight hope in phase one

By Robert Belardi

To say the COVID-19 pandemic has been a wild ride for equestrian facilities across Ontario might just be an understatement.

Equestrian schools have continued to incur heavy losses and without adequate support from the Canadian government, the road was going to continue heading further south.

King City's Raynham Stables, owned by Nicole Maclellan and her family, have been avidly seeking ways to survive.

When the state of emergency rustled into action before March break, Raynham stables braced for impact. Who else saw this coming? The barn had

just exhausted all of its expenses into a renovation in the winter. The credit line is completely maxed out. There's no turning back now.

The business incurs a monthly overhead of \$40,000 at full operation. Maclellan has had to lay off all but one of her employees to reduce the wages and struggled to pay February's salaries. Wages, hay (which costs \$5,000 a month on its own), grain, shaving, and veterinarian tack on to the monthly bill as well. She has managed to incur a loss of only \$15,000 a month, in care of 44 horses on the property.

Almost immediately, a fund was created.

"We knew pretty quickly we were going to be in a bad situation. We sent out



an email to all of our clients, explaining that we were shut down and what that meant to us," Maclellan explained.

Raynham Stables began a "Sponsor a Schoolie" campaign to raise money for all of the horses. There is a bio of each horse online on the website that people can sponsor.

Maclellan says if it wasn't for this, she doesn't know where the barn would be. Generous clients have opted to donate funds to support the stable. Former employees have volunteered to work for free to aid the family.

The barn has been operating at a loss for months. Equestrian facilities make small profits per year and almost always, incur losses throughout the winter.

Raynham Stables offers their services in sessions. From March break to June is the spring session. From July until August is where the summer camp rolls around and from September until either November or December is the final months to generate as much revenue as possible.

The Maclellan family has received the Canada Emergency Business Account loan of \$40,000 from the government. That loan is now gone.

Equestrian governing bodies in Ontario and nationally have cried for help. On CTV National News on May 13, Equestrian Canada Manager of Welfare and Industry, Kristy House said the equestrian community needs help now.

According to CTV's Molly Thomas, Canada Revenue Agency defines farming as the care for race horses and not school horses. The government recently added \$125 million to the AgriRecovery Fund, none of which would be able to aid equestrian facilities.

This fund would also only support 35% of horse farmers with a registered farm number, Thomas reported.

According to Equestrian Canada, 36 percent of farmers are out of financial reserves and 50.1 per cent won't make it beyond a month of supplies.

Maclellan says she has heard rumours that some farmers might face the heartbreaking reality of euthanizing some of the older horses.

For her stables, she might have to consider selling a few of her own but with financial limitations plaguing the entire country, who would buy them?

With gruelling affects and a daunting recovery process ahead for most equestrian businesses, the equestrian

community received warming news last Thursday from Premier Doug Ford.

Individual recreational sports and facilities that board animals for visits, feed and riding were given the infamous green light to reopen at a limited capacity, beginning this past Tuesday.

Maclellan is unsure if that means holding private lessons but with respecting physical distancing and adhering to the provincial and federal governing bodies, she hopes this can be accomplished to have a chance at breaking even.

"Our provincial and federal governing bodies have released a framework for returning to activities. We have to make sure we have a handwashing station at the entrance of the barn, we have to have a waiver and sign-in sheet at the entrance of the barn as well," Maclellan said.

"We have to make sure that we are able to maintain physical distancing wherever, anyone would be in the same building at the same time."

Among other regulations currently in place, Maclellan must reduce her capacity of clients and of staff in order to earn some income.

If private lessons can be done, she plans to provide service to families who have previously paid in March. These families have left their payments with the barn without asking for a refund.

Only then, in time, she hopes to bring group lessons back once things open up even further. With what was a long-term recovery process, may be reduced to a shorter amount of years from the effects of this COVID-19 pandemic.

Maclellan believes this will be the most crucial aspect of her business, considering summer camp seems to be lost. If she can make some sort of income in the winter, then the recent construction made to her barn hasn't gone to waste.

For now, this is a good first step.



Tee times sold out in seven minutes at Nobleton Lakes

By Robert Belardi

It has been the craziest opening weekend he has ever seen, director of golf at Nobleton Lakes, Jon Mozes says.

Mozes spoke with the King Weekly Sentinel last Friday, one day before the golf course would officially have members and public players on their property for the first time this year.

"26 years I've been doing this and this is the craziest opening I've ever seen in my life," Mozes exclaimed.

"I can tell you we opened the tee times at five o'clock yesterday and at 5:07, we were sold out."

When Premier Doug Ford proclaimed that golf courses in Ontario may begin their year, Mozes's personal phone and the course's phone exploded with calls and messages of thanks.

Subsequently, Golf Ontario released their recommendations to the province, with detailed suggestions on how to run the course.

Mozes says that Nobleton Lakes will be adhering to all protocols in place.

There will be single-rider power karts issued within the price of the game. If players live in the same household, they may ride with each other, otherwise, one member can rent a kart or choose to walk on the course.

Mozes is ecstatic to notify the community and elsewhere, Nobleton Lakes is one of the few golf courses not, to upcharge for the use of a golf kart.

"We're pumped to tell everybody; there are golf courses because they are a walking and riding golf course, that they are actually up-charging. We're one of the few that's not," he insisted.

The director of golf went on to add there will be no garbage cans, ball washing stations and rakes in the bunkers set up in play. There will be an inserted cup within the hole to prevent the ball from reaching the bottom of the cup, so it's easier for all members to retrieve their ball.

If members choose to rent out a set of clubs, the course will allow you to rent clubs. Staff members will sanitize the set once the golfer is finished. The golf kart, will be sprayed down completely once the round is finished as well.

The restaurant within the facility is for take-out only. The golf shop is prepared with plexiglass at the front counter and will only allow four people in the shop at one time.

Within the recommendations from Golf Ontario, it is suggested to wait 15 minutes before each tee time.

The suggestion is based on the size of the course. Nobleton Lakes will permit golfers to begin their round in 10-minute intervals.

"Unfortunately for us, as we're a 27-hole golf course, we're only going to be opening up 18 holes at a time because of the limitations," Mozes said.

With a successful weekend back at the course, Mozes believes this course will benefit immensely, due to the cliental.

"We're pumped that we have such a great cliental and we have a great, big, giant family here at Nobleton Lakes. We know we're going to succeed because we know our people will support us."

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Arrival of coltsfoot signals spring's blooms

By John Arnott

Horticulture

In spite of the grey unseasonably cold spring 2020 has given us the forest floor in the woods near my Tecumseth Pines home (Tottenham) has started to come to life with new growth. Walking up through the bush a couple of weeks back small patches of the bright yellow dandelion-like flowers popularly called coltsfoot caught my eye.

These cheerful looking members of the aster family are probably the first wild flowering plants to bloom in the spring and are a favourite of honeybees

Named tussilago by botanists from the Latin tussis meaning cough and ago to act on, this perennial native to much of Europe and Western Asia was introduced into North America by European settlers who used it to make a syrup or tea to treat coughs and colds. In pioneer times it was called coughwort. It's bet-

ter known today as coltsfoot because its leaves somewhat resemble the hooves of colts. Whimsically it's sometimes called son-before-father because it flowers before its leaves develop. You'll find it growing along roadsides and on vacant land that has been disturbed. I see it most along the walking trails in the bush.

It spreads by seeds but most dramatically by tough slender underground white stem-roots called rhizomes and left to its own devices it soon forms a large patch. Soft tiny pointed bracts wrap around its 4 to 6 inch/10 to 15 cm stems giving them a spiky look. Unlike dandelions which sport fully double flowers tussilago flowers show a thick but single ring of fringelike petals called rays.

Unless you have a large property where colts-foot can wander at will or are creating a wild garden you certainly don't want this cheery early spring perennial in your garden as it can quickly prove invasive.

Coltsfoot/tussilago has toxic properties and any medicinal use is best left to skilled herbalists.

Now my walk just a few days ago I spotted small slender white spikes cupped in green sheaths poking up through the remains of last fall's fallen leaves in the loamy soil of the soon to be shaded areas of the woods.

Unfortunately after a brutal logging operation of some 4 years ago much of their favourite habitat has been torn up then hard packed down by the massive logging tractors and trucks. As well piles of unwanted tree branches stripped from the pine trunks were left littering the ground in many places effectively smothering the plants struggling up through the quickly thawing soil and the loss of the many pines that provided summer shade keeping the ground moist

These little delicate harbingers of spring are bloodroots and by the time you read this note the flowers will have risen above their gallant protecting sheaths and opened to form splashes of white all across the forest floor. where they have managed to survive.

Called sanguinaria based the Latin word sanguis meaning blood, canadensis Latin for of or from Canada these perennials native to Eastern North America were called according to Bill Casselman in his great book "Canadian Garden Words," pougkone by the First Nations Algonkian speakers which became "Englished" as Bill says, into puc-

coon (both words come from the Algonkian word pak meaning blood).

The fragile bloodroot petals fall soon after pollination and a single pointed seed capsule forms. By then the protecting sheaths have opened into round multi-lobed leaves (not unlike coltsfoot leaves but larger) which grow larger once the fragile bright white petals have gone and these persist until mid-summer when they die down leaving no trace of the plants at all. If you have a damp place in your garden with loamy soil (this can be added) that is open to sun at this time of year but shaded in summer try growing bloodroots. The plants grow under 6 in./15 cm high and the yellow centred daisy like flowers are short lived but well worth the effort to grow them.

There is also an expensive but longer flowering double bloodroot variety, in which hybridizing has caused the stamens to become petal like, available at larger year-round garden centres.

While related the poppy family bloodroots are the only species in their genus.

These plants spread slowly by shallow buried rhizomes and over time they will form colonies of plants. It's the red-orange sap that oozes from the rhizomes when broken that give the plants their common name.

First Nations used this sap not only as a dye but also as an emetic and to treat respiratory problems. They also used it to treat skin ailments and sometimes mixed with other ingredients as a face paint.

Like coltsfoot the bloodroot has toxic properties which can cause injury so any use for medicinal purposes is best left in the hands a skilled herbalists.

LSRCA working to reopen conservation areas by May 29

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is working to reopen conservation areas across the watershed by Friday, May 29.

"We understand these past weeks have been really tough for our watershed residents," said Mike Walters, LSRCA's chief administrative officer. "Having limited access to nature has added to the impacts of isolation and we are grateful for everyone's patience and the support of our municipal partners. We look forward to supporting Ontario's cautious approach as we resume monitoring and maintenance duties at our conservation areas to enable a phased reopening."

LSRCA anticipates reopening all conservation areas that were previously closed by May 29. While gates and parking lots will open, amenities such as picnic pavilions and tables, washrooms, natural play structures and the off-leash dog park at Scanlon Creek will remain closed until further notice.

"Knowing how important nature is to our health and wellbeing, we are thrilled that we can begin to implement our phased approach to reopening conservation areas," said Brian Kemp, general manager of conservation lands at LSRCA. "While our properties will open, to maintain safety, the amenities will remain closed until we receive further guidance from the Province and health officials."

LSRCA looks forward to welcoming visitors back to our properties on May 29 and ask that the following guidelines be observed during visits:

- Only visit with members of your household.
- Park in dedicated parking areas only.
- Remember there are no washroom facilities, so please plan for a short visit.
- Maintain physical distancing of 2m/6ft from other individuals/groups.
- Your litter; your responsibility, including pet waste – please take it home with you.
- Stay on the trail and dogs-on-leash is always the rule.

Find your closest conservation area and a complete list of safety guidelines at www.LSRCA.on.ca/EnjoytheOutdoors. Follow them on social media channels for updates to this notice or to learn about other activities you can participate in.

It is the mission of LSRCA to work with our community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy, and action.

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ed Church. Here God's word is proclaimed; community is formed; supportive service happens, and change is embraced. Welcome to our website (www.yruc.ca) and look under calendars for the URL to the service. Rev. Andrew Lee and Rev. Bruce Roffey, along with Sunny Rakovac, New Hope United Church music director, and volunteers from York Pines, King City and New Hope United Churches prepare a wonderful service each week. Please join us in worship.

Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection

In this time of uncertainty and physical distancing there is something you and I can do.

Mary Asselstine is participating in the Great Canadian Birdathon again this year to raise funds to help Canada's wild birds and habitats. This Birdathon entails identifying as many species of birds as she can find on a set day. Sometime towards the middle of May, she will be roaming around King Township (keeping a safe distance from everyone), recording each species. Then she will let you know about

her adventure and about the kind of birds that are living around us.

"I have been doing this fundraiser off and on since it first began back in 1976. Last year I raised over \$1,200 and I hope to exceed that this year. Through Birds Canada, proceeds from the Great Canadian Birdathon will sustain conservation programs and initiatives that are making a real difference. The Great Canadian Birdathon also supports the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection! Please consider making a donation to help me help birds!"

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Schomberg Horticultural Society

We have made the decision to re-schedule our highly anticipated event with Frankie Ferragine, "Garden Crazy."

This will be postponed to a date in September that suits both Frankie Ferragine and also the Township's scheduling department.

While it is disappointing to reschedule, we encourage everyone to follow the guidance of the World Health Organization and also the local public health officials and look forward to seeing you at our rescheduled event. Please watch for that date in the future.

Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

We, like other churches have currently suspended in person services. Each week I do a condensed recorded service that is sent out to my e-mail contacts. If you would like me to send this directly to you please let me know. The service is also available on the Nobleton United Facebook page and the YouTube channel.

I am also sending out links to music as well as a "Happenings" newsletter as other ways to connect with each other. If you don't have computer access and are interested in what is going on, I'm happy to drop off a text copy of the service or newsletter at your home.

You can contact me at ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at the church at 905-859-3976.

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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

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Regretfully our gathering for worship continues to be suspended indefinitely as well as all our small groups, however, it has opened up opportunities for us to connect in new and creative ways. There is a Virtual Coffee hour offered on Thursdays from 2-3:30. If you are interested in participating please send an email to Kristen at the office at kcuc@bellnet.ca.

The opportunity to worship with us online is possible through our website at kcuc.net or through an e mail link provided to those who receive the emails. If you are not receiving emails and would like to, please contact the office so that we can add you to the contact list. Bulletins, news and sermons in hard copy will also be updated via the website.

If you are in need of assistance please contact the office at 905-833-5181 and leave a message.

Ministers can also be reached by phone - Rev. Andrew Lee, 416-999-5615; Rev. Bruce Roffey, 647-500-9138. The website is kcuc.net

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St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

How can we bless you during this very trying time? Please contact us at the numbers below. The church building is closed and all church and community groups using the facilities for services and meetings have been cancelled except for The King Township Food Bank which will follow their new directive.

Although the church building must be closed, we, the church can keep active by sharing and experiencing the love of Jesus.

Lynn Vissers has encouraged all of us to continue to worship in our homes Sunday mornings and suggested that we tune in to her son, the Rev. Grant Vissers's service from Knox Church, Waterdown on Sundays. He will be live-streaming each Sunday at 10 a.m. There is a link on our website: <http://standrews-kingcity.ca>

The Women's Prayer Circle is meeting in spirit! Concerned about COVID-19's impact on you, your family and others? Let's talk and pray. Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391 or Lynn Vissers, 416-998-4652. May you know God's peace as we cast our burdens upon the Lord, for He does care for us. Philippians 4:6&7. When we're able, Prayer

Walks will take place on Tuesday mornings.

Grab a coffee or a cup of tea and meet via Zoom with Lynn Vissers and others on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. for "Tea and Conversation." Contact Lynn Vissers re topics and how to get set up.

Contact Lynn Vissers if interested in virtual "Art in the Park" classes.

To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship call 416-878-8499.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at 416-998-4652 or the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738. Our church office phone number is 905-833-2325.

All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Words to live by. In last Sunday's Gospel in John 14, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit: "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth."

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth shared her thoughts on the Holy Spirit:

"Jesus is aware that the imminent loss of his physical presence will be a big blow for his disciples. He reassures them 'I will not leave you orphaned.' The loss of his physical presence will be made up by the sending of the Holy Spirit, who will be with them permanently.

In our changing and increasingly secularized society, one can easily feel a sense of loss and abandon-

ment, but the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire us. To be open to the spirit, we must quieten first our bodies, then our hearts. Then we don't act in the world alone but are accompanied by God's ever-present Spirit - the Spirit of Truth. This Spirit of the living Christ gives allows us to trust that God is with us, for us and in us.

As the Spirit of Truth lives in us, we share in the life of Jesus, and nothing, not even death, can overcome it. The gift of the Spirit is to bring us into God's Truth - that we are one with the Father through the Son by the power of the Spirit. In this new relationship, we can find a God who loves us, that we can love in return, and we can live in ways that bring life to ourselves and to others as we follow Jesus's commands in faith, hope and love.

How do you understand the idea of 'truth'? Do you believe there are absolute truths (always true, no matter what)? What might they be? Are some truths relative (different for different people at different times)?

I believe truth is more about a person with whom we can have a relationship than an idea to be discussed and debated. Do you find it easy or difficult to believe that you are one with God the Father through Jesus the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit? What helps you to believe it? How might you live tomorrow differently if you were to go into it believing that you are one with God through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit? How might that faith shape what you do and say to others?"

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's is live online every Sunday! Visit our YouTube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), and our website, stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Bible Fun Camp will be an at-home, online experience this year! We understand parents' concerns for kids' safety, so we're taking the physical distancing approach to our summer vacation Bible school for 2020 by putting it on our website. If you're interested in engaging your kids with a fun, Bible-centred online camp experience, send an email to secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca and we'll get you registered. There will be a nominal cost of \$20 per household to cover activity packs that will be delivered to your front doorstep.

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca. Feel free to join in the live Q&A after the service!

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

**Nobleton and Schomberg
United Churches**
By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

We, like other churches have current-

ly suspended in person services. Each week I do a condensed recorded service that is sent out to my e-mail contacts. If you would like me to send this directly to you please let me know. The service is also available on the Nobleton United Facebook page and the YouTube channel.

I am also sending out links to music as well as a "Happenings" newsletter as other ways to connect with each other. If you don't have computer access and are interested in what is going on, I'm happy to drop off a text copy of the service or newsletter at your home.

You can contact me at ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at the church at 905-859-3976.

Help keep Guide cookie sales from crumbling

Your local Nobleton Girl Guides unit is trying not to let their traditional cookie drive crumble amid the coronavirus pandemic. Because of COVID-19, your local girl guides are not able to sell their cookies door-to-door and at local events the way they always have.

Cookies sales count for over 60% of Girl Guides revenue, and the proceeds from every box sold by your local unit goes directly to 1st Nobleton Girl Guides. Cookie selling is a big part of Girl Guide fundraising every year and helps supports weekly meeting activities, weekend outings and traditional Girl Guide camps. Due to the pandemic, the weekly in-person meetings have been cancelled, but unit engagement continues with virtual meetings and online activities with our leaders and young ladies.

Thankfully not all is lost! The No-

bleton Pharmasave and Nobleton Guardian Drug stores have generously offered some selling space in their store for the Girl Guide cookies to be sold.

Please pick up a box or two and help local Guiding families with their Spring Cookie Campaign. And all proceeds from the sales go directly to Nobleton Girl Guides.

For questions, please contact 1stnobletonbrownies@gmail.com

Nobleton Lions Club

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities. Like many other groups, we meet via Zoom at our regular meeting times, and continue to operate to the extent allowed. The Club has proactively reached out to those organizations which we usually support, to offer financial aid in line with what we typically provide.

Events that have had to be cancelled for this year include the Easter Egg hunt in Pottageville, the Golf Tournament (which is the club's main fundraising event, held normally at the start of June), a spring poker night, and Victoria Day Parade and events participation.

The annual Walk for Guide Dogs has been postponed, as we are hope-

ful of hosting the event later in the year. While we all have learned how to socially distance, our furry friends may not have learned this new trick as yet.

Stay tuned to this space for updates as they become available.

Hopefully events scheduled for the fall and winter may be permitted when the time comes. Updates will be shown on the club's website at <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/nobleton/> Also located on the homepage of the website is a poster contest for kids between 5 and 19 which runs until June 1, offering a chance to win a \$200 prize.

Of note is a new service that the club is offering to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988, and we will drop packages outside your door.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!

If there are any questions regarding the preceding please contact Tony Peters at 905-859-4788.

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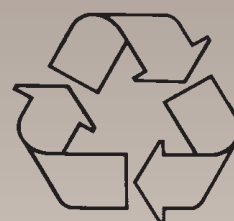
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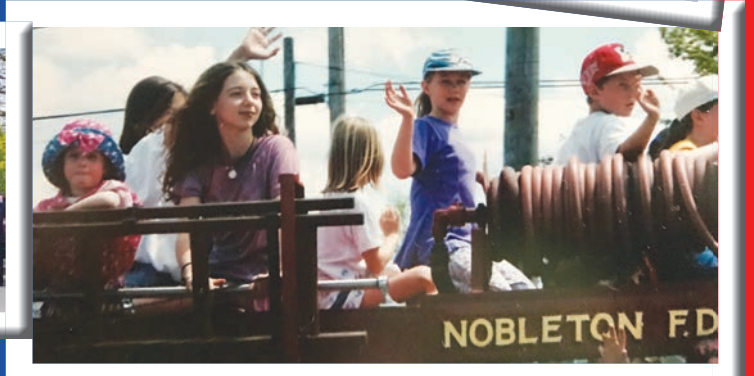


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