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## Local youngsters enjoy exotic animals

About 60 kids packed into the Schomberg Library on Thursday to get a glimpse of some interesting creatures. Kids laughed and stared in amazement as the animals were put on display. Making appearances were "Stinky Stu" the hairy armadillo, a hairy tarantula, a lizard, a large blood python and an owl. The kids were given the chance to learn and ask questions about the creatures and even got to touch the owl and python at the end of the show..

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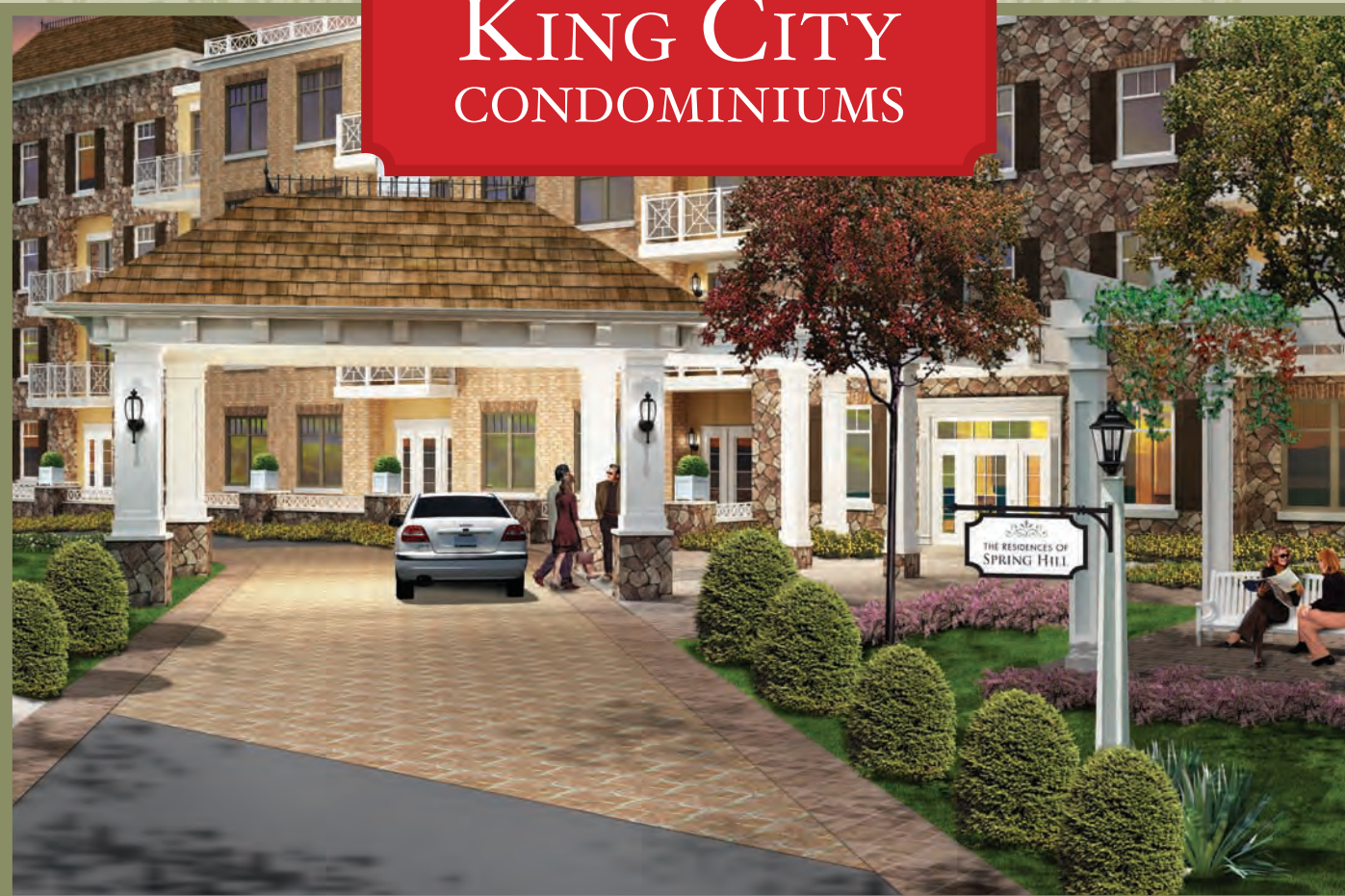
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# Proposed subdivision well received by community

By Angela Gismondi

It's not every day that a developer and residents work together to create a plan of subdivision that all parties can agree upon.

A public meeting was held in King Monday regarding the SigNature development proposed for Keele Street and McClure Drive in King City. The meeting was attended by many local residents who voiced their support for the revised subdivision proposal.

Stephen Kitchen, director of planning for the Township of King explained the owner, SigNature, is proposing to build a new subdivision consisting of 18 single detached residential units fronting onto a proposed cul-du-sac right-of-way, accessed via McClure Drive. The subject lands, about five acres in total, are located at the southwest corner of Keele Street and McClure Drive at 13400 and 13424 Keele Street. The intersection of the new street and McClure Drive is proposed to align with Auckland Lane to the north.

Although local residents are now in support of the proposed development, Kitchen pointed out there was a time when the

developer and the residents did not see eye to eye. The applicant's initial proposal consisted of 45 townhouse units and four single detached dwellings, he explained.

A public meeting was held in December 2011 and many residents were opposed to the proposed subdivision, particularly the high density, which they said was not in keeping with the character of the existing community. The property is located in a low density residential area of King City and is surrounded in all directions by single detached residential units.

After that meeting, the owner and surrounding residents began discussions directly with each other and addressed the residents' concerns. The owner has decided to revise the plans and applications from 49 units to 18 units, resulting in a reduction of 31 residential units.

The proposed new lots will have 50-, 60- and 70-foot frontages onto the new cul-de-sac and nine of the 18 units will have rear yards backing onto Keele Street. One outstanding issue staff has with the revised plan is the reverse lotting in the subdivision and having the houses

back onto Keele Street, an arterial road and front onto an internal street.

"The design principles and policies of the Community Plan state that reverse lotting on all streets shall generally be prohibited," Kitchen explained. "Planning staff understands that the proposed draft plan of subdivision is the result, in part, of a considerable amount of consultation with the surrounding residents but it is planning staff's preference to avoid reverse lotting in order to promote an attractive streetscape and pedestrian-friendly environment."

In his deputation, Brad Rogers, agent for the applicant, told council, staff and the public present at the meeting that the project has evolved significantly since 2011.

"We believe this particular site has the potential for infill development which would contribute to meeting the township's intensification targets," said Rogers.

He also suggested that construction access be provided from Keele Street instead of McClure Drive to minimize the impact on the existing community.

Jeff Brookhouser, a King City resident who

lives adjacent to the proposed subdivision, spoke on behalf of 155 households who make up the McClure Keele Area Ratepayers Group. He said the group is supportive of the revised application submitted by the owner, adding the owner has included many of the resident's requests and conditions in the new plan.

"Many people in this audience have spent time and money and worked diligently and enthusiastically for over a year to get to this point," said Brookhouser. "We believe the developer and the community have created a balance between intensification and maintaining the character of this community. You can't always find a balance but I believe we have found one."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini congratulated the community members and the developer for working together.

"I wish every developer would work with the residents like they worked with you," said Pellegrini. "I applaud you and your group for everything you've done."

Councillor Debbie Schaefer applauded the community for their efforts.

"There is a tremendous amount of creativity here," she said. "This really is a benchmark for us overall. It shows how to figure out what's really important and how to achieve it."

Henry Beaven, chair of the steering committee, thanked council and staff for their patience and guidance with the matter.

"I would like to thank those of you who support-

ed us in the community, not only morally but financially," said Beaven, adding he believes the project is close to becoming a reality. "I think this is an example of what can happen when problems are approached with common sense and good faith."

The comments were received and the matter was referred back to staff for a further report.

## Enjoy the dark during Earth Hour at Marsh

The Dufferin Marsh Committee reminds you to turn off all things electric in your house for Earth Hour and join them for a fire on the marsh Saturday, March 23 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy roasted marshmallows over a the fire. Telescopes will be available for stargazing if skies are clear. Donations are kindly accepted to support our work. Check out [www.dufferinmarsh.ca](http://www.dufferinmarsh.ca).

## Free diabetes seminar at King City Guardian

A free seminar on understanding diabetes is being presented by King City Guardian Pharmacy.

Did you know that 1 in 4 Canadians has diabetes or pre-diabetes? If you or a loved one has diabetes then come to the seminar on Monday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at King City Public Library. Get the knowledge you need to control the disease before it controls you!

Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by calling the pharmacy at 905-833-5304.

## Township staff collect 17,000 pennies for Food Bank



Over the past two weeks King Township held a "Penny Challenge" among staff to celebrate the demise of the penny by making a contribution to the King Township Food Bank. It was a departmental challenge and the department bringing in the most pennies was announced last week.

Carol Ann Trabert from the Food Bank accepted the donation.

Overall, 87.4 pounds of pennies were collected from Township staff. The Finance Department was announced as winners as they collected 31.4 pounds of these pennies. Instead of counting all the pennies, staff calculated there were 17,000 pennies, which amounted to \$170 for the Food Bank.

"I am truly thrilled with the amount we were able to collect, and Carol Ann Trabert is extremely thankful to everyone who participated," said Sara Puppi, King's sustainability coordinator. "The Township challenge shows support for our Socio-cultural Pillar of our Sustainability Plan – building a caring, complete, and inclusive community by supporting families."

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If you have money in the bank, some in your wallet and a few coins in your pocket, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can read my column, you are more fortunate than the 3 billion illiterate souls on this planet.

If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back and a roof over your head, you are more fortunate than 75% of people in the world.

If you woke up healthy this morning, you're much better off than the 1 million people who will die this week.

And if you never experienced war, imprisonment, torture or starvation, you are luckier than 500 million people who are alive and suffering at this very moment.

Most of us are well aware of these almost unbelievable world-wide statistics. On a planet of more than 6 billion, is it any wonder we have such disparity, disease, starvation and death?

There's no shortage of

grim statistics, both here at home and around the globe.

In the U.S., the world's superpower and one of the most advanced nations on the planet, more than 225,000 rural households lack indoor plumbing and more than 600,000 households still do not have basic water and sanitation services that most of us take for granted. In 2012, the U.S. Census Bureau noted more than 16% of the population lived in poverty and in 2013, child poverty reached record-high levels, with 16.7 million children living "food insecure households."

To put that number in perspective, that's more than the entire population of Ontario.

I'm not sure about current stats in Canada, but it's been well publicized that Canadians are currently burdened by record high levels of personal debt.

Living pay cheque to pay cheque is no longer a rarity, but commonplace in our land of opportu-



**Mark Pavilons**

nity.

For those who've travelled to disadvantaged countries, poverty is more blatant and more shocking. Even in a nation like India, which we regard as being a hotbed of technology, a substantial portion of the population live in extreme poverty. A local minister noted most people have cell phones in that country, but there are fewer land lines and the majority of work is done by manual labour, and not automated factories.

We are the lucky ones, even though it doesn't appear that way sometimes.

My mettle is tested weekly, by the things like ever-rising household costs; the demands of three children; car repairs; insurance and the like. Many of us work simply to survive.

How close are we to that grey line of abject poverty - a lost job or month's worth of missed mortgage payments?

Human nature is such that we either long for

more, or complain about things we lack. Given the list of blessings we take for granted that I mentioned at the outset of this column, I'd say most of us really don't lack anything. Sure, most people's lives could be better or stand a little improvement. Fine-tuning or tweaking one's plight in life can be done. We can move up the ladder, albeit one rung at a time.

For many of our brothers and sisters around the globe, their place in life is set, and in fact has been so for hundreds, if not thousands, of years.

Again, we are the lucky ones.

Think about it. A "bent" or "broken" family tree and we could have ended up being born to poor, Third World parents. Or, the worst-case scenario - we wouldn't have been born at all.

But we are here, today, talking about this issue. That very fact meant our ancestors survived - they overcome horrible odds; beat disease, starvation and the spoils of war; lived through The Plague or more recently, the influenza outbreak at the end of the First World War that claimed 50-70 million lives, the worst in human history. It killed 50,000 Canadians, compared to 60,000 lost during the Great War.

In that one single incident, generations of families perished and literally millions of family trees vanished from the history books.

But you and I survived, somehow. Our distant relatives escaped to continue on.

Is this by luck, by design or some divine intervention?

We will never know. But now that we're here, firmly planted and rooted in our Canadian homeland, we can only move further ahead from here.

While we may suffer hurdles, setbacks, injuries, twists, turns, trials and tribulations we are backed by generations of our ancestors. They're looking over our shoulders from their heavenly perches, guiding us gently to carry on.

By ensuring our children are not only healthy and well fed, we arm them with the essentials to meet life's challenges head-on. We send them out into the world to make their way; make progress and make a difference.

We can't predict the future. Nor can we prevent another global pandemic from occurring, and threatening half the population. Our family trees are fragile.

What we can do is take heed. We can take comfort in knowing we are among the minority who are fed, clothed, have shelter and a few coins in our pockets.

We are the lucky ones!

## King's Colourful History

### Trouble in King City!



Christopher Stokes built the mills at King Creek. His son James C. was born in 1836 in Vaughan Township, moved to Springhill (King City) and founded several thriving and profitable businesses, earning a reputation as a prominent citizen, serving for years as a member of the King council.

However, that energetic entrepreneur stirred up a hornet's nest of controversy.

On May 12, 1895 the council meeting held in John Hogan's Hotel, received a motion declaring, "that whereas J.C. Stokes, a resident of King, has forever closed the street south of the Anglican Church, as laid out ... by way of ... building a barn on the said street in front of the Anglican Church, and selling a lot extending to the fourth concession. Be it resolved that we, the loyal citizens of King, assembled in a public meeting, do now enter into most solemn protest against the action ... as above set forth in closing said street ... This meeting, in consequence, thereof pass this motion of censure of said J.C. Stokes for this unwarranted action and that ... this motion may be written in to the records, so that generations yet unborn may know who did this wrong against our village of which we are so proud."

Can we guess that J.C. Stokes smiled, nodded and went on to be elected Reeve and later, Warden of York County?

Apparently the controversial barn stayed put, but in 1954 was struck by lightning and was gone forever. Sic transit Gloria mundi!

Adaptation from Jim Wemyss's King City Cemetery record, based on Elizabeth Gillham's Early Settlements of King Township, Ontario.

## Our new website

The King Weekly Sentinel is pleased to present our new and improved website, www.kingsentinel.com. Given its highly technical nature, we are continuing to tweak the site. We are working on our archives and they will be available in the coming weeks.

### Brain teaser



Who is your mother's only sister's son's brother's aunt's daughter's sister's father?

Last week's answer: You would be in second place.

## KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL

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Results from last week's poll:

**Did you check the batteries in your smoke detectors when you set your clocks ahead over the weekend?**

a) Yes  27%

b) No  73%

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

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you celebrate Earth Hour?

a) Yes  
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!



# Ten years later – A reflection on the 2003 SARS pandemic and the lessons learned for the future

By Dr. Helena Jaczek  
MPP Oak  
Ridges-Markham

It's been 10 years since the SARS pandemic took the world by surprise and forever changed health care in the province of Ontario. The 2003 SARS outbreak was a frightening time for our health care system, front line doctors and nurses, public health officials, and for everyone around the province. Our health care system has changed dramatically since those dark days and we have made many improvements to our health care system and developed a province-wide pandemic plan.

After Toronto, York Region was the second largest area hit by SARS in North America.

SARS affected 86 York Region residents. There were eight deaths and the region serviced 7,011 people in quarantine.

Like health units around the province, the York Region Health Services rapidly mobilized to implement an emergency plan, which was a co-ordinated response with Health Canada, the Province of Ontario, hospitals, public health units and community partners. The region was a leader in emergency implementation. Within a week of activating the York Region Emergency plan, a dedicated SARS assessment clinic was opened with the partnership of the Province of Ontario and the Markham Stouffville Hospital. This clinic was the only one in the province operated by a public health unit.

As the former commissioner of York Region Health Services and Medical Office of Health, I'm proud of the dedication, commitment and professionalism that York Region staff and our community partners offered throughout this critical health emergency.

While our region was a leader in implementation and emergency services, the response wasn't perfect. At the time, our province's health care professionals were doing their best but there was no provincial pandemic plan. Ontario's health care system's frontline staff were receiving different directives and all around the province, people were afraid.

The government had no way of knowing how many critical care beds were available in the province nor what patients were in them. This was something we knew we had to fix.

The provincial government consulted broadly,

put information systems in place so that at any given moment we know the province's critical care capacity and can trigger surge plans to deal with an influx of patients. As a result of the SARS pandemic, our government:

- Developed a province-wide pandemic plan which we coordinated with the federal government.

- Supplied frontline staff with the tools they need to provide the best patient care and training in best practices.

- Began publicly reporting patient safety indicators.

- Made strategic investments in critical care capacity and infection control.

- Created Public Health Ontario, which provides support for infection prevention and control, disease surveillance, epidemiology and emergency preparedness.

- Ensured that the chief medical officer of health has enhanced powers to issue directives to boards of health and medical officers of health as well as to health care providers and health care entities during public health incidents.

The SARS illness changed how we respond to a health care crisis. It changed how York Region and the Province of Ontario work with infectious disease control and emergency control. It changed how various health agencies around the province and throughout our communities work together.

In 2009, when our sys-

tem was tested again, by H1N1. We were able to handle the situation with greater precision and care due to the lessons learned through the SARS crisis and the important changes made to our health care

system by the Liberal government. Along with these improvements, we will need to continually improve and be diligent so that our health care system remains strong and we are prepared.

Critical health emergencies like SARS and H1N1 serve as a reminder that it is our health care professionals who form the foundation of our system. They are the quiet heroes and heroines whose

selfless dedication to patient care is paramount.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the health care professionals for the important work that they do every day.

## Parliament Hill

By Peter Van Loan

MP York-Simcoe



## Delivering on job creation and growth through a low tax plan

Another 50,000 Canadians have found work this past month. Since the economic downturn, more than 950,000 families have seen a breadwinner get a job. The Conservative's Economic Action Plan is working.

We believe that low taxes – by leaving more money in the hands of families to spend on their priorities – deliver economic growth.

What's more, through the Economic Action Plan, we have made it easier for families to pay the bills. We've made it easier for businesses to hire workers and get people back to work. Our plan is working. We have the best job growth of the major western economies.

Canada is not immune to global economic challenges. There are still many Canadians that are struggling to find a job. We must continue to make it easier for businesses to create jobs. With a stronger economy and job-creating initiatives like the Hiring Credit for Small Businesses, we are seeing results as evidence of this month's job numbers.

Since we formed government, we have lowered taxes more than 120 times, reducing the average family's taxes by over \$3,100 a year. We are confident that our low tax plan is helping Canadian families.

We have introduced measures like the Children's Arts Tax Credit, on up to \$500 in registration fees. The

Children's Fitness Tax Credit applies on up to another \$500 in sports registrations. Getting children active, through activities like dance, music classes, soccer, hockey, is extremely important to their growth and learning. Families can take advantage of this benefit right now as registration time rolls around for summer sports leagues and arts programs.

Not only have we come forward with measures like the children's arts and fitness tax credits, but we are investing in important community infrastructure which helps to bring communities together. This is helping to create volunteer and job opportunities for all members of the community.

As an example, residents of York-Simcoe have seen our government invest in their local ice rinks and community parks.

There are many more new tax credits – from the Family Caregiver Tax Credit to the Working Income Tax Benefit (to help people entering the workforce), to apprenticeship credits, and more. We have worked to make life easier for your family.

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**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers

**Mon. March 25, 2013**

**6:00pm** - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, See Notice Below

**NOTE:** To be held at the King City Community Centre

**Mon. April 8, 2013**

**6:00pm** - Council/Committee of the Whole

**NOTICES**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A Special Council and Committee of the Whole, Meeting will be held on: **MONDAY, MARCH 25th, 2013**

In the Upstairs Meeting Room of the King City Community Centre and Arena - 25 Doctors Lane, King City, ON

The purpose of this special meeting is to accommodate two (2) necessary Committee of the Whole Meetings regarding the following items:

1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, SPECIAL MEETING - SITE PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.

Planning Department Report

Site Plan Application and Zoning By-law Amendment Application  
File Numbers: SPD-12-13 and Z-12-02

Owner/Applicant: King North Developments CR Inc.  
Part of Lot 6, Concession 3; King City

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, SPECIAL MEETING - PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

Planning Department Report

Applications for Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment  
File Numbers: 19T-10K01 and Z-2010-16

Owner/Applicant: Victor Culotta/Mary Lake Estates  
Part of Lot 10, Concession 4; King City

**GRANTS PROGRAM - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2013 GRANTS**

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2013 must be completed and submitted to the Township by March 29th, 2013.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township Website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), or please contact:

Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk Telephone (905) 833-5321  
Township of King or 1-800-688-5013  
2075 King Road Fax: (905)833-2300  
King City on L7B 1A1 E-mail: [ksmyth@king.ca](mailto:ksmyth@king.ca)

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a public meeting on:

**MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.**

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Sections 34 and 39 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application concerns a 1 hectare (2.5 acre) parcel of land, legally described as Part of Lot 6, Concession 4 and municipally known as 2920 King Road. The subject lands are located on the north side of King Road, east of Jane Street and are the current location of the King Township Museum.

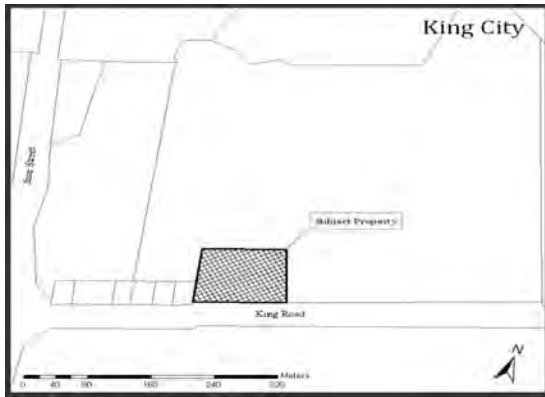
The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to allow for a portion of the King Township Museum building to be used as a temporary new home sales office.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of King Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the site, is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2013-06 at (905) 833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013.



DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

**HALF-LOAD RESTRICTIONS**

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per axle has been implemented on designated Township roads effective Friday, March 1st, 2013 to May 31st, 2013.

For further information, please visit the website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) By-law Number 2010-141 or call 905-833-5321.

**COMPETITIVE BIDS**

**Expression of Interest 2013-EOI-01** Re-purposing of the Schomberg Agricultural Arena and Community Centre; Closing April 25, 2013 at 3:00pm local time.

The Township of King is proud to be seeking innovative, creative and sustainable ideas through 2013-EOI-01 from all interested parties, individuals and organizations. Submissions should be based on a public/private partnership that will result in a multi-purpose, community use and/or mixed community/commercial use.

Requests for Tenders, Proposals and Expression of Interest can be picked up electronically at [www.biddingo.com](http://www.biddingo.com) or with reception at the Township offices located at 2075 King Road, King City Ontario, L7B 1A1. Questions can be addressed in writing by contacting the Purchasing Coordinator at [purchasing@king.ca](mailto:purchasing@king.ca) or via fax at 905-833-2300.

**KING FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL**

The Township of King is currently accepting applications for the position of recruit volunteer firefighter.



King Fire & Emergency Services dedicate our being to the residents, visitors and businesses of the Township of King. We will promote, educate, and demonstrate fire and emergency safety to our customers with the goal of proactively reducing the response need of our service.

Applicants must meet the following minimum criteria upon submitting their application;

- \* Must be over the age of 18
- \* Must currently reside within 8kms of any of King Fire & Emergency Services Fire Station (King City, Schomberg, or Nobleton)
- \* Must currently be free and clear of a Criminal Record for which a pardon has not been granted (Criminal Background check from York Regional Police)
- \* Must have a valid Ontario Driver's License (and insurance)
- \* Vulnerable Sector clearance through York Regional Police

For more information, or to pick up an application, please contact: Laura Bastien - Assistant to the Fire Chief's Office 905-833-2800. Applications are available at Station 34 in King City (2045 King Road) 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Applications will be accepted in person at Station 34 in King City until Friday April 5th, 2013 at 4:30pm

**OFFICE CLOSURE**

KING TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY MARCH 29TH AND MONDAY APRIL 1 FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY. ALL OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 8:30 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE: TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY MARCH 29TH, SUNDAY MARCH 31ST, AND MONDAY APRIL 1ST.

ALL LIBRARIES WILL BE OPEN FOR REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS ON SATURDAY MARCH 30TH.

IN CASE OF AN URGENT TOWNSHIP MATTER PLEASE CALL (905)833-5321 AND THE TOWNSHIP ANSWERING SERVICE WILL RELAY YOUR CALL TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL.

**NOBLETON SANITARY SEWER PROJECT**

The Township of King would like to remind Nobleton residents that the progression of sanitary sewer construction will result in ongoing road closures in Contract Area 7A.

Streets that may be affected include Faris, Kinsley, Wellington, Parkview, Janet and Crestview. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask everyone to drive safely on the alternate routes.

Anyone with special transportation or medical needs, such as those receiving home-based care, should notify the Township. Please call the Project Phone Line at 905-833-4073.

The Township would like to thank all residents for their continued patience through this project. Questions can be directed to the Project Phone Line or by email to [nobletonsewers@king.ca](mailto:nobletonsewers@king.ca).

**YRT IN KING UPDATE**

**YRT WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

YRT/Viva will be hosting a Public Information Centre on Thursday March 21 at the Township of King Municipal Office. This session is to assist with the planning of the 2014 Annual Service Plan.

Please come out and share your thoughts from 4:00-7:00pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



Council of the Township of King

Cordially invites all Volunteers

To attend our  
Community Showcase and  
Volunteer Appreciation Night

Wednesday, May 1st, 2013

Showcase

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Ceremony & Reception  
7:15 pm

Location

Kingbridge Conference Centre & Institute  
12750 Jane Street, King City

RSVP by Friday, April 19th, 2013

Teresa Barresi

905-833-4029

[tbarresi@king.ca](mailto:tbarresi@king.ca)

Light refreshments will be served

Cash Bar

**EARTH HOUR 2013**

Don't forget to turn out your lights and join us for Earth Hour on **March 23 at 8:30 pm** at the Dufferin Marsh



There will be a bonfire with hot drinks, marshmallows, and games for the kids. If the skies are clear we will set up telescopes to watch the moon.

**INDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Trisan Centre - **Saturday May 4, 2013**

Purchase your tables today! Contact [jbelle@king.ca](mailto:jbelle@king.ca) or 905-833-5321 ext. 5223. For more info visit [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)



We need to hear from YOU!

**Parks, Recreation and Culture MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Get involved and fill out a survey at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)



Recycle your old cell phones and batteries! Collection pails to deposit your consumer generated batteries and old cell phones are located at the

Township Municipal Office (West Entrance), Nobleton Arena and Community Centre, Trisan Centre and all four King Township Public Library Branches.

For information on King's Sustainability Plan visit [www.sustainableking.com](http://www.sustainableking.com) or contact Sara Puppi, Sustainability Coordinator (905) 833-4080 or [spuppi@king.ca](mailto:spuppi@king.ca)



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## Royal LePage offers tips on getting your property ready for sale

You've taken your real estate agent's advice and gone through pain-staking repairs, remodeling and renos, all to make your house more sellable.

So what do you need to do before you declare your home open to the public? Here are some home staging tips to help drive up the interest in your home:

### Clean it up

An open house should be a clean house. Clean your home from top to bottom, and make sure all appliances are spotless. Steam-clean carpets and drapes, scrub kitchen and bathroom tiles, and wash floors, walls, windows, ceilings and trim. Clean around tubs and sinks, removing water stains.

This is also a good time to spray for bugs if you suspect you have an infestation.

### Dispose and de-clutter

Potential buyers like to see lots of space when viewing a property. Get rid of anything that you don't need by holding a yard sale, donating it, or tossing it.

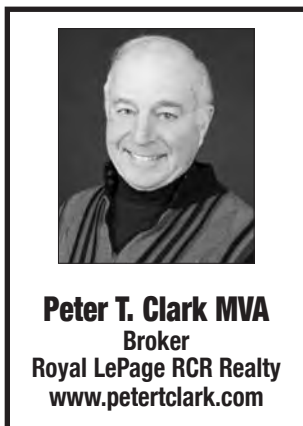
Consider pulling up old carpets or removing area rugs if they're covering hardwood floors. Hardwood floors are a big selling point for buyers.

Don't forget to organize the basement and attic, and clear kitchen and bathroom countertops.

### It pays to reorganize

Tidy up cabinets, and neatly store toys, books and knick-knacks to maximize space. Reorganize the closets and pack away some of your belongings. Storage room is a priority for buyers, and a full closet does a poor job of showcasing the amount of storage room available.

If you've been using a



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spare room for storage, put away the clutter and ensure the space is properly furnished. Limit the number of items stored on the closet floor or overhead.

### De-personalize and detach your emotions

Remember, you're about to sell this house, and the goal is to create a space that as many people as possible can envision as their home. To do that, you

will have to remove many of your personal items. Avoid displaying photos, souvenirs, personal collections and medications.

Secure valuables, or consider storing them in a safety deposit box at the bank. Remove any items you're taking with you, such as chandeliers and mirrors.

### Furnish empty houses and rooms

While creating the illusion of space is important for house staging, too much empty space can work against you. People buy homes, not houses. Empty rooms make it hard for buyers to get a good sense of the space: large rooms look cavernous, and small rooms look even smaller when empty. Oddly shaped rooms make it especially hard for buyers to visualize how to arrange furniture.

Staging your property with the right furniture is key to ensuring buyers can imagine living in the space, especially with smaller units like condos. Arrange your furniture to make rooms appear as spacious as possible.

### Kick up the curb appeal

Staging should start at the curb. If you haven't already, get your lawn, porch or entryway looking pristine. Apply a fresh coat of paint to doors, shutters and siding if possible, and plant or display colourful flowers. The more inviting the outside of your home, the more excited people will be to see the inside. To find out the best ways to get your particular home staged, take our Home Staging Quiz. It's a quick, fun quiz that will analyze your homeownership style and give you personalized advice on how to ensure

your property appeals to more potential buyers. Print our Home Staging Checklist to ensure everything to do with your property is buyer-ready. Both will be available in the next article.

For more information on staging your house to secure the highest possible price contact Peter at 905-859-7676.

*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this article. However, the information provided is general in nature and those with specific questions should seek professional advice that meets their particular requirements. Not intended to solicit properties currently listed for sale.*

*Peter Clark is a Broker with Royal LePage RCR. He can be reached at 905-859-7676, by e-mail at [petertclark@royallepage.ca](mailto:petertclark@royallepage.ca) or at his web site [petertclark.com](http://petertclark.com)*

## Campaign kicks off this week

# Test the water from your well on a regular basis

Is your well water safe? Residents with private wells in York Region are encouraged to find out during "Test Your Well Three Times per Year," a campaign kicking off

World Water Day on Friday, March 22.

This year's World Water Day theme, International Year of Water Cooperation, focuses on working together to manage water

effectively, including understanding the importance of routine well water testing.

Residents with private wells can pick up well water sample bottles and

drop samples off Monday to Wednesday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at York Region Community and Health Services locations.

In King, water sample bottles can be picked up only at the Township offices on King Road, Dr. W. Laceyby Nobleton Arena and Community Centre, 15 Old King Road and the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Drive.

Water samples are submitted to Public Health Ontario to measure the presence of total coliform and Escherichia coli (E. coli), both indicators of bacterial contamination. If found in the samples, water can be unsafe to use and drink and can cause stomach cramping, diarrhea and other problems.

Municipal water samples are not accepted as they are routinely tested by York Region and local municipalities.

Private well owners should also inspect their well annually to ensure it is damage-free and in good working condition. Information on Windfall Ecology Centre's Well Aware Program for private well assessment is available at [www.windfallcentre.ca](http://www.windfallcentre.ca).



## Old, unused private wells in York eligible for program

The Rural Clean Water Program (RCWP) offers assistance with upgrading or decommissioning of old and unused private wells that are located in York Region within Toronto and Region Conservation's (TRCA) jurisdiction.

Upgrading or decommissioning an old well is important. Unsealed abandoned water wells and improperly sealed or maintained drinking water wells can potentially provide a direct link between surface pollutants and groundwater. Identifying, and upgrading or decommissioning these types of wells will reduce the risk of contamination to drinking water sources.

"The program's purpose is to protect York's groundwater sources," said Nadine Abrams, coordinator, Rural Clean Water Program, Toronto and Region Conservation. "Contamination such as bacteria can easily enter an old well through cracks in the casing or through a broken lid. Old wells, especially those at ground level, provide a direct path for contamination to reach the groundwater table. I encourage any resident who owns a private well to consider applying for program funding to assist with upgrading or decommissioning their well; it's easy to do and you're protecting your family's health and the health of York Region's source water."

The program is funded by the Region of York and assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The program is administered by TRCA and each request is evaluated prior to the start of any work. A well upgrade or decommissioning must be carried out by a qualified and licenced well contractor. By law, it is a requirement that a well upgrade or decommissioning is in accordance with Ontario Regulation 903 (standard well abandonment requirements).

If you are a resident of York Region living within TRCA and you have an older or unused well on your property and you would like to upgrade or decommission it, you are eligible for assistance.

For questions or for more information on the technical and financial assistance offered through the Rural Clean Water Program, please contact Toronto and Region Conservation at 416-661-6600 ext. 5349 or visit [www.trca.on.ca/get-involved/stewardship/private-land-stewardship](http://www.trca.on.ca/get-involved/stewardship/private-land-stewardship).



# Resident launches campaign in aid of epilepsy

By Mark Pavilons

Whitney Goulstone is full of life and energy. It's almost as if she's holding back an avalanche of joy behind her smile.

But that's something relatively new for the Kettleby resident.

Whitney got her life back and that's a claim few can make. Her life changed, literally over night, after a challenging and rare surgical procedure that virtually removed the cause of her epileptic seizures.

Today, the mother of two young children has plenty of hugs to go around. And being part of her children's lives on a daily basis is all she really needs.

Just a couple of years ago, Whitney was bed-ridden

waiting for her new lease on life. Suffering from chronic epileptic seizures for all of her adult life, she hit rock bottom, literally. Going against the odds, Whitney and her husband Richard opted for the delicate surgery, performed only a handful of times.

Fortunately for the Goulstones, the days are much brighter now.

Whitney's ordeal has not only changed her physically, but also in the way she looks at life. Something as simple as spending family time with Andrew, 5, and Lillian, 3, fills her with joy. For her, seizing the day is not just a catch phrase, it's the real deal. Time is precious and there's no time like the present. Reading bed-time stories and checking un-



Whitney Goulstone

der the bed for monsters actually brighten her evenings.

Whitney no longer waits for the next seizure. But, there was a time

when seizures were part of her daily routine that prevented her from accomplishing many simple tasks.

She wore a helmet when out in public and as her seizures worsened, was confined to a wheelchair and then bed-ridden.

Her epileptic seizures originated from the right perietal lobe of the brain, which, unfortunately for Whitney, is not only uncommon, but presented medical challenges. There is an abundance of studies and evidence regarding temporal lobe-based epilepsy but only anecdotal information on Whitney's condition.

Whitney underwent a craniotomy to insert a grid and electrodes into her brain to monitor the pattern of her seizures. That was in the fall of 2010. Once enough data was collected, the surgical team was ready get to work. Whitney had a lesion of mostly scar tissue, the size of a tangerine, interfering with normal brain function. While the lesion was large, the surgeon removed it bit by bit, being careful not to damage any surrounding tissue.

Given the intricacies of her case, there was a risk she could lose her vision or be partially or totally paralyzed.

For Whitney is was "blind faith," and she literally placed her life in the hands of skilled neurosurgeon, Dr. Taufik Valiante.

While physicians don't like to use the term "miracle," Whitney was just that.

Since the November 2010 surgery, Whitney's life has never been the same - thankfully.

"I got my life back," she said. One of the first things she did was walk alone, unaided, on a busy downtown Toronto street to meet a friend for coffee. She remembers feeling free and liberated. She also remembers cooking meals and going apple picking with the family as simple pleasures that were once beyond her grasp.

Whitney has definitely been challenged. There's no denying that and there's no point in burying the bad memories. They're part of who she is.

Now, she's a bit of a crusader and has taken up the cause of helping to spread awareness and raise funds for epilepsy programs. She admits she has a "real need to give back."

She just launched Whitney's Wish, a campaign aimed at helping to raise \$5 million for the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU) at Toronto Western Hospital's Krembil Neuroscience Centre.

While Canada is a world-leader in epilepsy treatment and surgery, there aren't enough funds to help everyone. There's an estimated waiting list of 18 months to two years for beds at Western's EMU alone. Whitney's Wish hopes to double, even triple, the number of beds made available to patients.

It's estimated epilepsy affects one in 100 people and is one of the most prevalent neurological disorders. Some 300,000 Canadians suffer from the disorder.

Every penny counts and Whitney is extending a challenge to everyone to contribute. If they reach their goal, "this can change the lives of so many people," she said.

She wishes a Canadian celebrity would step forward to help spread awareness and offer a "face" to the cause.

There's still a stigma surrounding epilepsy. "It can and should be talked about," Whitney observed, adding "I have nothing to be ashamed of."

She's sending out the call for an athlete or just one famous person in Canada to step forward.

In the absence of celebrity umph, Whitney is more than happy to lead the charge.

An eight-minute video that chronicles Whitney's journey is posted on YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/>

This video has made the rounds, and has even become part of the curriculum at several U.S. and UK schools.

For more on Western's EMU and Whitney's campaign, visit [www.tgwhf.ca/wish](http://www.tgwhf.ca/wish). You can find out more on the topic by visiting [www.epilepsyork.org](http://www.epilepsyork.org).

She's more than happy to answer any questions you may have. You can contact her directly at [whitneygoulstone@gmail.com](mailto:whitneygoulstone@gmail.com).

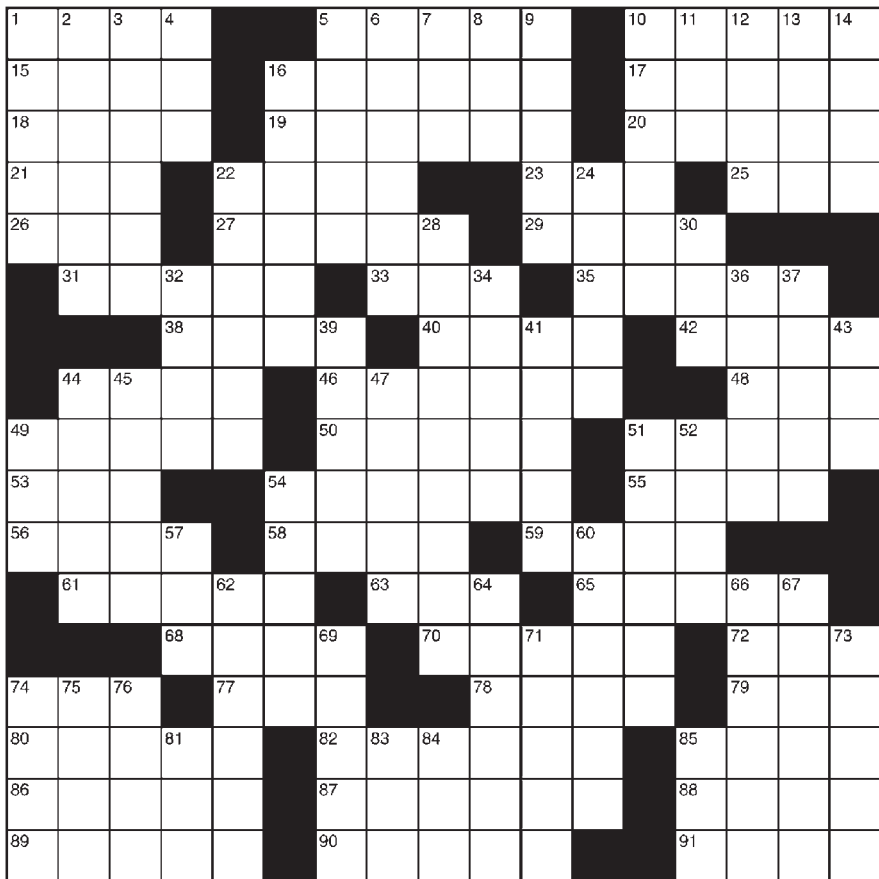
March is Epilepsy Awareness Month, and a time to rally support for this "silent disorder." March 26 is "Purple Day," when people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness.

For people like Whitney Goulstone, every day is purple.



## CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Old lace hue
- 5. Allow to enter
- 10. Gold bar
- 15. Word of regret
- 16. Record envelope
- 17. Horse sound
- 18. Antitoxins
- 19. Tropical fruit
- 20. Flood foiler
- 21. Type of silkworm
- 22. Maiden
- 23. Aegean, e.g.
- 25. Still, in poems
- 26. Kindled
- 27. Knight's garb
- 29. Censor
- 31. Go by ten-speed
- 33. Babble

- 35. "Talk turkey," e.g.
- 38. Zip
- 40. Catch the waves
- 42. Extol
- 44. Mentally healthy
- 46. Fish hawk
- 48. Shrewd
- 49. Unfilled
- 50. Violin's kin
- 51. Variety is the \_\_\_\_ of life
- 53. Masculine address
- 54. Avenue
- 55. \_\_\_\_ browns
- 56. Covered walk
- 58. Spinning sound
- 59. Racetrack
- 61. Come next
- 63. To's companion
- 65. Protozoan

- 68. British baby buggy
- 70. Certain agave
- 72. Liable
- 74. Take it on the \_\_\_\_
- 77. Bikini part
- 78. "More \_\_\_\_ You Know"
- 79. Dennis Quaid film
- 80. Soul
- 82. Tyrant
- 85. Frittata fundamentals
- 86. Passenger car
- 87. Excite
- 88. Sock fillers
- 89. Once too often?
- 90. Paint finish
- 91. Deuce follower

**DOWN**

- 1. Art stand

- 2. Churchman
- 3. Nonesuch
- 4. UN member
- 5. Startle
- 6. Arrange, as troops
- 7. "Cry \_\_\_\_ River"
- 8. College vine
- 9. Bedevil
- 10. Like parquetry
- 11. Named formerly
- 12. Bestow
- 13. S-shaped molding
- 14. Next
- 16. Rose-family shrub
- 22. Skipper's kitchen
- 24. Enlighten
- 28. Bronx cheer
- 30. "Dusk \_\_\_\_ Dawn"
- 32. 1/100 of a dollar
- 34. Blender button
- 36. Haven
- 37. Gardener's material
- 39. Compass point
- 41. Right-hand page
- 43. Artificial color
- 44. Strike
- 45. Cook's garment
- 47. Letter stroke
- 49. Sibilant sound
- 51. Tribal medium
- 52. Turn white
- 54. Pledge an oath
- 57. Cleo's serpent
- 60. Leave
- 62. Well-mannered
- 64. Product
- 66. Pester
- 67. Climax
- 69. Term of address
- 71. Opted
- 73. Toothsome
- 74. Stick with
- 75. Afresh
- 76. Average skirt
- 81. Slicker
- 83. Timespan
- 84. Tippler
- 85. Small newt

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# Local churches gearing up for Holy Week events

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
905-859-5174

### St. Paul's Church

The St. Paul's Community Youth Group will meet this Friday, March 22 at the church starting at 7 p.m. If you are in Grades 7 to 12, come check us out.

Join us Sunday, March 24 at 10 a.m. as we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jeff concludes the series "Flying Sola." The message this week - Sola Deo Gloria. Our FirstLink child care (for children 2 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our NextStep and Kidz-Konnection programs (for children ages 3 to 5 and those in grades 1 to 6) take place at the same time.

Mark your calendars for our Easter services. We will have a Good Friday worship gathering at 10 a.m. Join us as we begin our Easter celebrations with our traditional pancake breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 31. The Easter Sunday worship gathering will take place following the breakfast at 10 a.m.

For more information about any of our activities or events, please contact the church office at 905-859-0843 or visit our website at [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca).

### Nobleton Seniors

The winners of the March 5 bid euchre were Joan Todd, Reta Borg, Herb Workman, Iva Hilliard and Coreen Beesley. The winners of the March 12 evening euchre were Joy Lostchuck, Reta Borg,

Mary Bullock, Iva Rhind, Ethel Ireland, Carol Burbridge, Bob Fleury and Bernice Tasca. Most lone hands won by Iva Rhind and Bob Fleury. The lucky draw winners were Cathy Kiekebelt and Carol Sharer. The next evening euchre will be March 26.

### Spring Skating

The Nobleton Skating Club is offering spring skating at the Trisan Centre, Schomberg. Our spring session runs from April 8 to May 30. We are offering Canskate on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Space is limited. New this year, we are offering an Adult Learn skating class at the same time as Canskate. For all you parents looking to learn to skate, this is a great opportunity to learn at the same time as the kids! Both the Canskate and Adult Learn classes are offered as an 8-week session.

As per Skate Canada rules, all skaters not passed Stage 5 Canskate must wear a helmet. Our Starskate primary, intermediate and senior programs are offered as either a 4- or 8-week block. There are two test days planned for May 2 and May 30. Registration forms are available from our website and can be mailed to the club or dropped off at the Nobleton arena.

For more details, please call or club office at 905-859-4943, or visit our website at [www.nobletonskating-club.com](http://www.nobletonskating-club.com). Remember, all it takes is a pair of skates.

### St. Mary's Church Schedule

April 3 - Baptism Class - 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.  
May 18th - fundraiser

Garage Sale - St. Mary's parking lot, 8 a.m.

Palm Sunday, St. Mary's, 5 p.m. March 23, 9:45 a.m. March 24.

St. Patrick's, 8 and 9 a.m. (Latin) march 24, and 11 a.m.

Holy Thursday, Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper, March 28, St. Patrick's, 8 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29, St. Patrick's, 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. St. Mary's 2:20 Italian Stations, and 3 p.m. service.

Holy Saturday, March 30. St. Mary's, 10:30 a.m., St. Patrick's, 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, March 31, St. Patrick's, 8 a.m., 9 a.m. (Latin) and 11 a.m. St. Mary's 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### The story of St. Patrick

St. Patrick (385-461), the Apostle of Ireland, was born in Britain in 385. When he was 17, he was sold as a slave in Ireland, where he tended sheep. He lived for six years among mountains and forests, growing in faith and holiness. After a miraculous escape, he returned home. Shortly afterwards, he was told in a dream by some Irish people to go back to evangelize them. In 431, having completed his theological studies in the monastery of Lerins, he was sent as missionary to Ireland. The following year, Pope Celestine I had him consecrated bishop.

His first mission was in the north of the island, where he had pastured cattle as a slave. Then he traveled the whole country, converting many pagans by the force of his faith and the many miracles granted by God.

This aroused the envy of the pagan priests, the druids, who plotted to kill him. One day, he exchanged his seat with the one of the charioteer, who was killed in the journey by a spear intended for himself. After 30 years of prayer and labour, the Catholic Church was successfully established throughout Ireland. In 461, St. Patrick gave his last blessing from the summit of Mount Aigli, the tallest of the island. There, after a fast of 40 days, he had a vision of thousands of future Irish saints, who were singing out: You are the father of us all. He died soon afterwards and was buried at Saul, where he had built his first church.

### Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society

The first meeting of the Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society will be held on Monday, March 25

at 8 p.m. in the Nobleton Community Hall on Old King Rd. just off Hwy. 27 north of the arena complex.

The speaker is Sean James whose presentation will be "Bring New Life to an Old Garden."

There's still time to have a little fun by putting that prize winning dish garden together, and conducting a kitchen experiment by growing a plant from a grocery item such as an avocado, pineapple, orange lemon or grapefruit etc. If you start now one or both can easily be ready to put in the flower show!

### Immanuel Reform Church

What is Easter all about? Eggs, bunnies and candy?

Just like other holidays, the celebration of Easter has come to include many traditions, decorations and fun events which have nothing to do with the real meaning of the day. Coloring and hunting for Easter eggs, eating candy and enjoying a big family dinner are fun things to do, but the true meaning of Easter is not found in any of them.

Easter is the time of year when Christians remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You may notice that the date of Easter changes each year. This is because, historically, the timing of Easter has been linked with the Jewish Passover feast, which was taking place at the time Jesus died and rose again. In fact, the Bible links the sacrificial death of Jesus with that of the Passover lamb: "Christ our pass-over is sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Why celebrate someone's death?

It might seem strange to some people that we remember and even celebrate the death of Jesus Christ. Why? Just like we would honour the loss of

a soldier who died for our country, or a hero who lost his life while rescuing someone dear to us, Christians commemorate the death of Jesus Christ because He died for us - He died to rescue us.

You see, each of us has a problem called sin. Sin is the Bible's word - God's word - for everything we do that goes against what God wants.

Jesus, the Son of God, is the only person who ever lived a perfect life without any sin. Because He is sinless, He was perfectly qualified to become our substitute: "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). That is the very reason God sent Jesus here; He came to open the way of salvation by bearing "our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24).

Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Yes. He did. The Bible is very clear on this, and even gives a list of witnesses who saw Him alive again. In addition to the apostles and others who are named, Jesus appeared to more than 500 people at one time (read John chapters 20 and 21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8). The resurrection is not only a demonstration of God's power and majesty, it is a proof that God is satisfied with the work Jesus did on the cross when He suffered for our sins.

Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton meets for worship service every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All are welcome to join us. 6076 King Road, Nobleton. [www.immanuelreformed.ca](http://www.immanuelreformed.ca). Pastor Maurice Luimes 905-859-8581.

There is a ladies coffee break at the church (same as address above), Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Any ladies interested in studying the Bible (currently the book of Genesis) are welcome to join. Call Mary at 905-729-2728 for more information or email im-

[manuelcoffeebreak@gmail.com](mailto:manuelcoffeebreak@gmail.com).

### St. Alban's

Throughout much of the Christian world this coming March 24, the Sunday before Easter, is observed as Palm or Passion Sunday. St. Alban's will mark this observance with a 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion during which in readings and song the story of this special day will be retold. As always all are cordially welcome to attend.

Palm Sunday remembers the day almost 2,000 years ago when Jesus, riding on a donkey, an animal that in the Middle East is associated with peace, was hailed by palm waving crowds lining the road into Jerusalem.

Palms have long symbolized goodness and victory thus in ancient times people in the Middle East traditionally stripped branches from the most common tree at hand, the date palm - an act that would today shock and dismay environmentalist - to wave them or strew them along the road to welcome a king or hero.

As a gesture of respect and reverence men might also spread their cloaks on the ground for the person being welcomed to ride or walk over. This is the one and only time Jesus allowed himself to be treated in this fashion.

For the first few years after Jesus's death and resurrection Palm Sunday was celebrated in Jerusalem by a procession of his followers, each carrying a palm branch, to make its way along the route he travelled from the tiny village of Bethany into the city on that fateful day. Then in later years, until the destruction of the city by the Romans in 70 AD, people now called Christians would carry palms and travel from the place where it is thought Jesus

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## Family yoga fundraiser is this weekend

This coming weekend, local families will have a chance to try play-based yoga while raising much needed money for Students Crossing Borders.

Sunday, March 24, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. is Family Yoga Play Day at the gorgeous new Oak Ridges Community Centre, overlooking breath-taking Lake Wilcox on Bayview Avenue.

Rebekah Murdoch, of The Yoga Nest, Terry Kelly of BlissKids, and the Seneca Early Childhood Education Program join together with other whole family organizations to host this dynamic afternoon fundraiser.

Students Crossing Borders makes grass-roots trips to inner-city Kingston, Jamaica to help in areas such as literacy development, family support, children's mental health, and intervention with children with special needs. The focus of their trip is on professional development for basic school teachers and caregivers of children with special needs.

"Our goal is to introduce families to a beautiful afternoon of play and yoga with your friends and family," said Murdoch. "All shapes, ages and sizes are welcome to come and explore the bonding and vitality of playing with and connecting with those you love!"

This event is by donation and free refreshments will be served. Please call to book your space or for more information, [info@theyoganest.ca](mailto:info@theyoganest.ca), 416-556-6119.

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## Designer puts new spin on old growth

**By Brock Weir**  
When a black walnut tree, which stood proudly in northwest Aurora for well over a century, was beginning to feel the weight of its age, it was deemed a safety risk and put unceremoniously on the chopping block.

A chance encounter with a local artist gave the tree, however, a new lease on its afterlife, deflecting it from landfill or other less noble destinations.

Carpenter Steve Meschino of King's Cherrywood Studios saw an opportunity with the poor old tree, hauled off its remaining trunk and transformed it into a variety of rustic but modern wooden desks, tables, benches, magazine stands, and other accessories.

Meschino has always had a love of woodworking. As a senior VP for information systems for a call centre company, it was always a hobby. He found the people he came into contact with every day through this business had a similar creative streak, whether it was through visual art, music, or the written word.

To build upon his hobby, he built himself a wood shop, working on the odd piece here and there, but about six years ago he decided to "get out of the rat race" and focus on his passion.

"(My work and my hobby) were both strangely very creative," said Meschino.

Evidently his reputation preceded him as when



he decided to shift his full focus, he had already accumulated a number of logs from people in the general vicinity.

"People who knew I built stuff with wood contacted me and I had to go

pick them up," he said of his raw materials. "It just sort of blossomed from there. It wasn't something I set out to do, but it just happened.

Although Cherrywood has branched out, tables are his primary focus. He sees the end result both as a utilitarian piece of furniture, but also a work of art that just happens to be functional. He doesn't see a design as either aesthetic or functional, but noted the two go hand-in-hand.

With the business going full steam ahead, he has three or four arborists

in the York Region area in regular contact and he's often near the top of their call list if they have a really great piece of wood to cut down. It works out well for them too, as he is willing to come and help them get the job done. He puts in the gas and the elbow grease, they get some assistance with the removal, and the prize is "beautiful old growth logs."

Cherrywood Studio is a truly local and green business. They use their own milling and drying equipment, which allows them to control and monitor the process, and they source only local materials, drying the wood in outdoor drying stacks, instead of transporting it to high temperature/high carbon footprint kilns. And when the build requires craftsman partners, Cherrywood calls upon local metal smiths to fabricate their steel bases. The process is good for the environment, the local economy, and, ultimately, the finished product.

It's a process that is more fine art than factory. Each piece has its

own story.

One recent example here is a homeowner looking to expand their property. An old tree stands in the way of the plans, but their new course of action is to remove the tree and incorporate the lumber into the new home as well as furniture.

"From a sustainability standpoint, it is all about local sourcing," he said. "We had a customer last year who wanted an outdoor table and asked if we would be interested in building in team. We don't deal with foreign hardwood, but I said we do have a beautiful local hardwood that is very sustainable and an excellent outdoor wood - white oak.

"We built her this lovely white oak table with a steel base for her garden, so you take that idea and people have this image in their mind of what an outdoor table is. You say it doesn't have to be imported from Africa, South America, or a rainforest somewhere. It can be a sustainable wood which is grown right here in southern Ontario and the customer feels so much better about using something that is local."

Cherrywood's design philosophy is to follow the source wood's natural lines and contours, with a particular focus on revealing each piece's individual grain and edge. Using both hand tools and the highest quality joining and machining technology, Cherrywood creates tables that are works of both art and nature - contemporary hardwood furniture that highlights its organic origin.

Cherrywood Studio's contemporary tables are created for discriminating consumers who seek contemporary fine furniture that is sustainable in origin, individual in personality. The growing movement toward local and sustainable products makes their tables a preferred choice for those who want unique furniture that not only achieves the balance of form and function, but does so without creating imbalance in the environment.



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# King City United holds successful Irish dinner

## King's Corners

King City United  
By Eleanor Fry

This is one of the most difficult parts of our Easter story. About 15 hours have passed since the Last Supper. Jesus washed feet, prayed in the garden, was kissed, arrested, sentenced, and then handed over to be crucified.

But this is all part of the story, part of our faith. We hear people saying "I love you" over and over and eventually we say "enough, already." Then when they die, we have no doubt that we were truly loved. Do we respond with love?

As a human race we continue to torture people with words of hate, acts

of vengeance and humiliation. Bombs are still dropped, bullying continues. All the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of Jesus's life speak to us of the brokenness of humanity. He chose the path of love for us that caused him great pain.

Can this kind of love change the world? Can we make this our goal, one, by one, by one? "Jesus Loves Me, This I know." Excerpts taken from Rev. Evelyn's reflection "The Pain of Love," presented on the 5th Sunday of Lent. We continue to study "The 24 Hours That Changed the World," by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Join Evelyn Wednesday at 10:30 in the chapel to discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday.

Each Sunday night at 9 p.m. on History Channel you can view "The Bible"

- a 10-part series of best known Bible stories. If you would like to share your thoughts on each episode join Evelyn for a coffee at 10 a.m. in the chapel on Tuesday mornings.

Join us for the delayed UCW meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. The program will be "the story of the Fred Victor Mission." The UCW contributes each year to this well known home for the less fortunate. The story of its beginning and the work it still does tells us how our donations help the cause. Join us for a great afternoon. Refreshments will appear, as usual.

Thanks to all who helped in so many ways to make the Irish Dinner such a success. Our very capable MC Wayne cer-

tainly helps to move the evening along smoothly. See you next year? Come early!

Good news. We did recruit 6 new subscribers for "The Observer." This makes the cost only \$10 per year. Thanks, "newbies." Payable by April 7. Place your payment in the folder on the office door with your name on the envelop or give it to Eleanor Fry. Cheques make payable to King City United Church marked "Observer."

Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast which runs 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the auditorium. For worship this day, Rev. Evelyn invites you to put a cross that holds a special meaning for you on the communion table. It can be handmade or

bought, large or small, old or new. This will make an impressive visual display.

Holy Week schedule - Wednesday, March 27 meet at KCUC at 10 a.m. to be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for 10:15 to discuss the Stations of the Cross with the priest to help us to understand them better. Thursday, March 28 - 7 p.m. at KCUC with All Saints Anglican Church. Friday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Sunday, March 31 at 7 a.m. at KCUC for Sunrise Service with All Saints and St. Andrew's. A light breakfast will be served. Sunday, March 31 at KCUC Easter worship at 10 a.m. Please mark these important dates on your calendar to attend some or all of your choice to understand and

celebrate the Easter story.

Fred Jesty always likes new comments and/or suggestions along with digital pictures of church events to post on our website. Items for local paper send to donaldely@sympatico.ca. For information, call 905-833-5181. We are located at 50 Elizabeth Grove. We welcome one and all to our Sunday morning services at 10 a.m. with Sunday School then stay for refreshments after. Join us for this special time in our church calendar.

### King City Bridge Club

The club plays bridge at the King City Seniors' Centre weekly, Monday afternoons 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesday evenings 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. For information call Dave Platt at 905-859-4704.

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## St. Alban's service

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rose into heaven and called the Mount of the Ascension into what is now Old Jerusalem.

By the 9th century the practice of marking Palm Sunday had spread across the Christian world with a procession starting in each church after the blessing of the palms and then proceeding outdoors and around the building before re-entering it to hear the account of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem as found in the Gospels. Interestingly enough only in St John's Gospel are the branches waved actually called palms.

This latter custom has been re-enacted at St. Alban's for nearly 123 years and, weather permitting, will once more be a part of this year's Palm Sunday observance.

Once again the two altar vases will each hold a palm frond (branch), not necessarily from the date palm, while pussy willows, branches of yew, spruce and birch all substitutes for palms in communities around the world where palms are hard to come by, especially at this time of year, will also be in evidence. Each person attending will receive a strand of palm tied into the shape of a cross. These palm crosses, having been blessed, should not be garbaged but rather kept or burned or returned to a church before Lent next year, where they will be burned and the ashes used in the Ash Wednesday service.

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# Palm Sunday leads into Holy Week observance

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

The Lenten Journey to the Cross continues. St. Andrew's invites you to join us for worship during this time of Lent and Hope, Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and stay afterwards for coffee and fellowship in the lounge. Sunday School and Nursery care run concurrently.

The 5th Sunday in Lent, March 17, the Rev. Fred Stewart led us in worship. The sermon entitled "God's Time" reminded us of how God used Queen Esther and how God can use us to bring about His purposes. We are to "Trust and Obey" - every day. After worship, we stayed for our second "town hall" lunch where there was a "Touch o' the Green" evident for the Irish amongst us! Fred, our Interim Minister, led an excellent transitional discussion which had everyone thinking and participating. Marianne Emig Munro will be celebrating Palm Sunday with us this Sunday, March 24. Fred will lead the Maundy Thursday's service, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. the Good Friday Service with the United Church, March 29,

10 a.m. at St. Andrew's and the Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. The Easter Sunrise Service is at 7 a.m. at the United Church. Prayer is key to our ministry at St. Andrew's. Currently we have 2 prayer groups: Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. before worship for everyone and the ladies' group which meets Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. You're welcome to come as able. Contact Kathy Patterson for more information, call 905-833-0391.

Should you need pastoral care, call Kathy Patterson, clerk of session at 905-833-0391 or the Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers, 905-895-5512, our Interim Moderator from St. Andrew's, Newmarket.

If you have any prayer requests or praise items, questions, concerns or need a ride call the church. Our website is [www.standrews-kingcity.ca](http://www.standrews-kingcity.ca). We have a ramp on request to accommodate accessibility. We're located 2 blocks north of the King Rd. at 13190 Keele St. We look forward to your worshipping with us.

**All Saints**  
**By Nicola Skinner**

This coming Sunday we

invite you to join us for the start of our Holy Week celebrations as we follow Jesus's journey to Jerusalem for the last week of his life. Palm Sunday begins with the joyful journey into Jerusalem with Jesus riding on a humble donkey, the crowds waving palms in celebration. The donkey symbolizes the fact that Jesus did not come as a warrior king but was ushering in a new kind of kingdom, a kingdom radically different from the might of Rome. Jesus's kingdom, the kingdom of God, is instead one of justice, peace, forgiveness and love.

This theme continues on Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m., when we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. Here he knelt and washed their feet, demonstrating his own leadership based on humility and service. Then he broke bread with them, telling them that he too was soon to be broken, and that from henceforth when they break bread together they should do it in memory of him. From this event comes the service of Holy Communion or Eucharist which we celebrate week by week. On Good Friday at noon we commemorate the death and passion of Jesus, as

he is handed over by the religious authorities, tried by the Romans, and put to a cruel death on the cross. Although for us this is a solemn occasion, it is also one with the most beautiful and moving music and liturgy.

Finally, on Easter Sunday, we rejoice together in the story of Jesus's resurrection from death. We believe that death no longer has a hold on any of us, for resurrection life is available to all. As Christians we try to live each day in the knowledge of that resurrection and to see signs of the Kingdom of God all around us. Daily life is about being Christlike to one another, because of the example we have seen in Jesus Christ.

All Saints is an inclusive and welcoming Anglican church in the heart of King City. Services are at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We strive to be a community of compassion and hope, following in the footsteps of Jesus. We are located at 12935 Keele Street, King City. See [www.allsaints-kingcity.com](http://www.allsaints-kingcity.com). Office hours are Thursday and Friday, 10 to 2 p.m. Leave messages for Rev. Nicola Skinner at 905-833-5432.



King City United Church was bursting at the seams on Friday night, as roughly 150 patrons were out for the Irish Dinner. The event featured performances by the Miller School of Irish Dance. "G" Maskopi, Chance Maloney, Cole Maloney, Erika Maskopi got into the spirit.

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# SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL



## King's Kate Martini an example on Yale team

By JEFF DONER

Kate Martini is a name you might be hearing more in the future – especially if you're a hockey fan. The King City native is making a lot of noise down in Connecticut playing on the women's hockey team at Yale University and has had a season to remember.

In her first year, Kate has accomplished something that doesn't happen often, by leading her team in scoring as a freshman defenceman.

"I am having a great first season and year," she said. "I am really enjoying school, love the team, my coaches, the rink I'm playing in, my living situation. I don't think I could have asked for a better situation."

The 18-year-old hockey star was modest about her accomplishments, but her coaches said they knew they had added a key piece to their team before the season even began.

"We put her in all the key situations from day one and that helped Kate become a go-to defenceman more and more as the season went on," said assistant coach Eddie Ardito. "She ended up leading our team in points and every game Kate got better and better."

"She was playing her best hockey as we were trying to make a play-off run and has one of the hardest shots in the league. She scored a goal against Union College a few weeks ago and the puck was in the net before the goalie even moved."

Even as a freshman, Kate showed herself as a leader on and off the ice, something her coaches noticed.

"Kate's attitude towards hockey and learning is one of the best I have seen," Ardito said. "She is very truthful about her game. She knows when she played well and she knows when she didn't and is always willing to listen and give feedback. She is someone I always look to for an honest answer."

Kate figures her leadership skills as something that have come naturally.

"I am the type of person that if I see something that needs to be worked on or I could help somebody

with something, I'm going to say something – I'm not going to just sit by and watch and I want to help my teammates be the best they can," she explained. "It's definitely something that I work on, because I can also have a bit of a temperamental personality sometimes, but I always try to channel it into something positive and try to take more of that leadership role."

Before heading south to Yale, Kate went to Country Day School in King City, something she remembers fondly. There she played a variety of sports including soccer, volleyball, rugby and shot-put and even learned to play the flute.

"They were more than I ever could have asked for," she said without hesitation. "They were super accommodating when it came to my academics and trying to combine it with my athletics. I was playing three and sometimes four sports at school as well as rep hockey outside. The academics there were tough, but I was well prepared coming to university and there were some great teachers that definitely helped me along the way."

To keep busy this summer, Kate said she will come home and most likely play rugby with the Barbarians in Aurora.

Even though she is enjoying her time at Yale, Kate said she is looking forward to coming home for the summer and spending time with her family who encourages and inspires her.

"My brother is probably my biggest inspiration," Kate said proudly. "He played hockey at Niagara University and being a guy playing hockey, it's a tougher road and he had some bumps along the way, but he worked hard and ended up being captain his senior year and he's just somebody I've always looked up to."

Kate also offered some words of wisdom to young girls who might want to follow in her footsteps.

"Don't be afraid to go against the grain. I played boys' hockey and boys' soccer growing up, whereas a lot of female athletes think that if they play with boys they won't be accepted and bullied, it's not the way it is. Just do what is best for you."

## TIME OUT

### SPORTS TRIVIA

There are a lot of trivia buffs out there, especially when it comes to sports. Here is this week's trivia quiz. Test your knowledge!

1. How many games made up the Canada-USSR Hockey Series of 1972?
2. How many games did Team Canada win?
3. How many games did the Soviets win?

4. Who was the coach of Team Canada?
5. What was the final score of the first game of the series?

ANSWERS  
1. Eight  
2. Four  
3. Three  
4. Harry Sinden  
5. 7-3 for the Soviets



# Sweepers in full playoff action in King Curling Club

By Shellee Morning

"We should have picked the yellow rocks," Skip Nancy McCarron said after their first game in the Wednesday night league playoff round. McCarron and her squad were raring to go for their first match against the team of Wilf Robinson, especially after watching a spectacular week of curling at the Men's Brier Championships on TV.

Excited to try out some of their own "specialty shots" like they had watched during the Brier, the McCarron team had high hopes for game one in their playoff race for the title. The first end went according to plan for McCarron using the red rocks, as her front end of Doug and Teresa Shorthill along with Clay Jackson set up the house for their skip to earn a point. Playing with the yellow rocks, Robinson and his team of Barry Glen, Janice Gervais and Shelly Courneya had playoff plans of their own.

With the hammer in the 2nd end, Robinson's team used strategy and great sweeping to claim the end and the go ahead point. McCarron, feeling like they were still in the game, tried to gain control of the house but allowed Robinson a steal in the 3rd and the confidence to keep the rhythm going in his favour. A couple of close ends followed with multiple rocks in play, allowing both skips to pretend they were Glen Howard and throw to the button for the chance of a dramatic finish. Robinson, a veteran skip known for his calm demeanor, guided his team brilliantly through each end taking control of the rings and silently moving up the score board. Taking 7 ends to complete the job at hand, team Robinson sealed the victory point and claimed the 7-4 win for game one.

The Groen versus Welch game would have been one of those TSN highlighted games we watch on the sports channel full of high risk shots, and a turning point of the game that would have made any top ranked curler on the circuit proud.

Team Kaye Groen and her team of Teresa Laronde, and Ray and Margaret Martin fell behind quickly 6-0 after only 2 ends to Skip Chris Welch and his troops of Mario Parete, Mike O'Hara, and Melody Duggan. The 5 point steal by Welch in the 2nd took the brush right out of the Groen brooms setting the team back who clearly

needed to re-group and re-bound fast if they wanted any chance at this game. Gaining 5 points between the next 2 ends then another 3 to take the lead certainly ranks as one of the biggest turn around games in King's young curling history.

With the exception of a 3 rock removal in the 6th and getting a point back by Welch, Groen's crawl to the top could have had an even greater success to the story. Allowing the Welch team to win only 3 ends in total, after a remarkable head-turning opening, Groen clearly took over the rings and the game. The final score was 9-5 for Lady Kaye and the gang, after her impressive guard-raise to freeze for shot rock in the last end, which Skip Welch was unable to eliminate. Welch commented afterwards that he hopes for a re-match as he believes his team now has the Groen team figured out.

### Youngest curler wins Rock Star award

Six-year-old Davis Forrest, who is a member of King's Little Rocks program, may be the youngest curler, but he is the biggest star this week.

Davis is being awarded the "Rock Star of the week" for his practice and determination from hogging his rocks to placing them in the house. Davis's comes each week with enthusiasm and a willing to learn. Way to



Davis Forrest (left), 6, wins the Rock Star of the week award for his outstanding improvement on getting his rocks into the house.

tgo Davis!

Giulian Spizzirri has been assisting new Little Rockers with their position and delivery. He has mastered the ability to play all positions this season and can sweep his team mates stones into the house and position called. His award for the Rock Star of the week comes from demonstrating excellent team work. Congratulations Giulian!



Giulian Spizzirri earns his Rock Star of the week award for his excellent team work and dedicated help in assisting the younger curlers.

### 6th straight win

## Alliston Hornets claim GMOHL championship

The Georgian Mid-Ontario Junior C Hockey League's 2012 / 2013 season ended Friday night (March 15) with the Alliston Hornets claiming the league championship in five games over the Midland Flyers.

The Hornets blanked the Flyers in three of those games, shutting out the Midland squad in games one, two, and four, before returning to home ice in Alliston for game five.

That game ended with a 6-3 win for the Hornets and the right to advance to the provincial round and vie for the Schmalz Junior C cup.

"I think our guys deserved to win. We capitalized on our opportunities and we had some guys step up for this series," said Hornets head coach Sandy McCarthy.

The Caledon Golden Hawks, who faced the Hornets four times in regular season play, were knocked out of competition in the quarter-final round losing to Midland in five games.

Depending on the outcome of the provincial series, some teams will be playing right up to the end of May when the Schmalz cup final takes place.

The Hornets will now face the Walkerton Hawks of the Western Junior C Hockey League.

In the south end of the province the Essex 73s of the Great Lakes League will face the Ayr Centennials of the Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

In Niagara, the Grimsby Peach Kings will go to the final against the New Hamburg Firebirds.

In the east the Picton Pirates of the Empire B League will face the Lakefield Chiefs of the Central League.

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# Highland Powerlifting Club hosts open lift 'test day' March 23



The Highland Powerlifting Club has been growing steadily since forming in July of 2011 and a number of its members have enjoyed success at the regional, provincial and national levels of the sport. Currently its lifters hail from Dufferin County, The Region of Peel and York Region.

On Saturday, March 23, between 1 and 4 p.m. Highland Powerlifting will be hosting an open and informal "Test Day" for lifting enthusiasts (men and women) who are interested in discovering their strength levels in any or all of the three official power lifts: the Squat, the Bench Press and the Deadlift.

This event will take place at the ACTS Athlete Institute (AAI) – a world-class athletic training facility located at Highway 9 and Heart Lake Road – and

prior competitive experience is not required. Participants will have an opportunity to improve their lifting technique via feedback and coaching from Highland Powerlifting's seasoned member lifters in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment.

There is no cost to participate for ACTS and AAI members, however, non-members are obliged to pay the AAI's drop-in fee of \$15.

Powerlifting is a sport that tests total body strength. Athletes compete in three separate events to achieve a combined three-lift total. The squat requires the lifter to first stand with a weighted bar-

bell across his/her shoulders, then squat down until the hips are below the tops of the knees before standing back up.

In the bench press the lifter lays on a bench and lowers a weighted barbell to the chest and holds it until the referee gives the command to press it back up to arm's length.

For the deadlift competitors simply bend over and lift a weighted barbell, which is resting on the floor, until they stand completely straight with the shoulders back.

In powerlifting competitions, all lifts must comply with a strict set of rules and at least two out of three judges must agree that the lift has been properly executed for it to be successful. Competitors are given three attempts to register their highest successful lift in each event, which are added together to record a three-lift total. Final results are determined by ranking the three-lift totals from highest to lowest in each weight division.

The Highland Powerlifting Club also holds open training sessions each week on Saturdays and Sundays between 1 and 3 p.m. at the AAI. All are welcome to participate and no prior competitive experience is required.

For more information about the Highland Powerlifting Club, or the "Test Day" on March 23, please contact Charles Banfield at [charles.banfield@sympatico.ca](mailto:charles.banfield@sympatico.ca).

## Local speed skaters from King Tornados take gold

Two young local speed skaters brought home medals as part of a contingent of youth who took part in a short track speed skating competition in Barrie recently.

The young skaters practice weekly with the newly formed King Tornados Speed Skating Club in Nobleton. As a member of the Ontario Speed Skating Association, the King Tornados club is looking to increase awareness of speed skating in Ontario, not only as a competitive sport but as a recreational sport as well.

"It's a great way to develop and maintain fitness," says club organizer Rose Kimber. "It's really a life-long sport, you can compete or you can just come out to skate to keep in shape."

New members are always welcome to come out. The club offers sport tryouts for people of all ages and equipment can be rented from the club. Everyone of any age is encouraged to try.

Practices occur weekly at the Nobleton arena and further information and opportunities for corporate sponsorship can be found on their website, [www.kingspeedskating.com](http://www.kingspeedskating.com) or by emailing [info@kindspeedskating.com](mailto:info@kindspeedskating.com).



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 "As a party, I don't usually support them, but I do think she's doing a good job. She's standing up for what she believes in."



**John Brunt**  
 "Well, she hasn't done much yet."

## Athletes of the Week

**Country Day School**  
**Craig McFarlane**

Craig McFarlane was captain of the senior boys' soccer team this past fall and was awarded Most Valuable Player at the end of a successful season.

The Grade 12 student currently plays point guard on the senior boys' basketball team. The team travelled to Montreal recently to compete in the Selwyn House Invitational tournament where they placed 3rd overall. Craig, 17, was awarded MVP of the tournament.

He was also awarded MVP of the senior boys' basketball team at the CDS Winter Term Athletic Awards.

Craig plans to once again play fly half for the senior boys' rugby team this spring.

Craig lives in Kleinburg with parents Jane and Peter McFarlane.



**Villanova College**  
**Daniel Carestia**


Daniel Carestia is a Grade 10 student at Villanova College.

He plays centre on the first line of the junior varsity boys' hockey team.

Of the 37 goals scored by the team at Villanova College, 15 of them came from the furious feet and silky hands of Daniel. In the final three games of the regular season played last week, Daniel contributed five goals and one assist.

The Grade 10 centreman is an exceptional team player who has led by example all season. Only missing one game due to injury, Daniel is always counted on and looked to by coaches and teammates alike in key moments of each and every game.

Daniel demonstrates great stick-handling skills and the ability to create offensive opportunities for his linemates. He is a very coachable and responsible athlete who demonstrates great leadership skills both on and off the ice. He has been a great addition to the hockey team.





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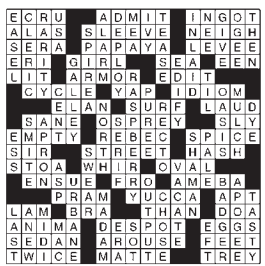
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# CDS student talks her way to the podium

By Mark Pavilons

While public speaking may be the number one fear for most people, a talented group of students will be flocking to South Africa to quite literally talk their way to the podium.

And a young student at Country Day School hopes to break some records along the way.

Newmarket debater and provincial champion, Grade 9 student Natalie Ganzhorn, is fast on her feet. And, the 14-year-old can present a persuasive argument better than most adults.

She has been a member of the CDS Debating team for the past three years and was recently named provincial champion at the Kaufman Cup Junior High Public Speaking Championships held in Toronto.

At the provincials, Natalie finished first in Persuasive Speaking, second in Impromptu Speaking, and first place overall. More than 75 Grade 6-9 students from across Ontario competed in three different events. As provincial champion, Natalie will represent CDS and Ontario at the national championships in Calgary in May. But the world awaits.

Before she heads off to Calgary, Natalie will be travelling to Durban, South Africa at the end of this month to participate in the World Championships. She will present her provincial-winning seven and a half minute persuasive speech on the alarming level of germs in hotel rooms. Natalie qualified for the Worlds at the International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Competition (IISPSC) last October in Calgary. There she competed in Dramatic Interpretation, Persuasive Speaking and Radio Newscast.

She sees her topic as being a bit "disgusting" but she'll engage the audience and take a light-hearted approach to her topic.

Natalie simply loves performing and competing and public speaking offers both, in spades. Unlike the old days of boring, prepared topics, competitors today bring stories to life in different categories to show off individual talents. That makes it very entertaining and enjoyable for the audiences and judges.

For her dramatic reading, Natalie has chosen a passage from *The Lovely Bones* (a 2002 novel and



Natalie Ganzhorn and her coach Kerstin Wyndham-West.

2009 movie), where she will narrate the story and "act" in several of the characters' voices.

To prepare, Natalie has found a "lucky room" at CDS and a "magic carpet." Unfortunately, these will be left behind during this trip half-way around the world.

"Natalie is incredibly dynamic, she's a great actress, she has incredible vocal range, great use of gesture and eye contact ... she also has a very smart head on those shoulders," says her debating coach, Kerstin Wyndham-West. "At 14, she will be by far

the youngest competitor (on the Canadian team) because the majority of them will be 17 or 18 years old."

Wyndham-West has been at CDS for the past 18 years and has grown the program to 40 students, who compete regularly. In fact, CDS has had competitors at the world events for the past six years.

For competitors, they have to have a natural love of performing and a comfort level being in front of crowds. They have to think on their feet, particularly in the impromptu category, where they're given a subject, or even just

a single word, and only two minutes to prepare a 3-5-minute speech.

Natalie wants to pursue drama and already has some TV appearances to her credit.

Where Wyndham-West's experience comes into play is helping students select appropriate pieces and helping them project the proper emotion and connect with the audience. Body language, and vocal tones are all part of the delivery. And it all comes down to practice and preparation.

She has gotten to know what works, and she's been pleased to see her public speaking students go on to careers in law, government and advocacy.

At the 2012 IISPSC Natalie made it to the finals in all three of her categories placing second in Dramatic Interpretation, fourth in Persuasive Speaking and sixth in Radio Newscast. This placed her as the 4th Canadian speaker, which qualified her to compete in the World Championships this April; an extraordinary accomplishment for a Grade 9 student. This is the sixth year in a row that a CDS student has qualified for the Worlds.

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# Workshop Saturday on local forest birds

## Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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### King Township Public Library

King Township Public Library is hosting an open house for newcomers to the Township of King. The open house will provide information on the availability of services in our community and the surrounding area.

These include employment opportunities, language training resources, education and training opportunities, library programmes and services etc. Please join us at the King City branch on Saturday, April 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to get connected to your community. For more information please check our website [www.king-library.on.ca](http://www.king-library.on.ca).

Every "Bunny" loves

Easter so come celebrate the joys of Easter at the King City, Schomberg and Nobleton branches on Saturday, March 23 at 11 a.m. You do have to pre-register your children and space is limited. Call or visit your Library of choice and get your child signed up for this program.

### Schomberg Lions

Friday, April 19 the Schomberg Lions Club Fish & Chip Dinner at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main Street. Make sure to get your tickets early as we usually sell out! Two sittings, 5-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. For reservations and tickets, call Lion Susanne at 905-939-4024 or visit [www.schomberglions.com](http://www.schomberglions.com) to purchase tickets online.

The Lions Foundation of Canada "Purina Walk for Dog Guides" is happening in Schomberg on Saturday, April 20. It is easy to participate, just go to

[purinawalkfordogguides.com](http://purinawalkfordogguides.com) - click on find a walk - Choose Ontario - Choose Schomberg then register to walk. Collect pledges, the more pledges you collect the more chances you have to win prizes. You can also pick up pledge forms at various places throughout Schomberg.

All participants will receive a thank you bag filled with gifts from Purina and other companies from around the area.

Meet at the Schomberg Community Hall (325 Main Street) at 10 a.m. for Registration, 11 a.m. the walk starts.

If you do not want to do the walk you can still donate and join us for festivities in the afternoon in the fairgrounds and at the community hall. There will be a silent auction, animal demonstrations, interesting exhibits for everyone to enjoy. Bring the whole family including your dog! All donations go directly to raising and training dog guides for

eligible people all across Canada.

If you have any question please contact Liz Butterfield at 647-522-3063 or email, [lizbutterfield@gmail.com](mailto:lizbutterfield@gmail.com).

### Schomberg's 1st male ambassador sought

The ambassador records indicate that Mike Ray was the Schomberg Fair Ambassador 1997. Some people seem to think his name might have been Mike Wray or possibly Harris. We would like to correct the records if indeed they are incorrect but we would also like to contact Mike to perhaps encourage some other young men to participate in this contest that will be coming up in a couple of months. If you are "the" Mike we are looking for or know of him please contact Cyndy Rowlands at 905-939-7158 the Schomberg Agricultural Society would love to hear from you.

### Dufferin Marsh Committee

Nature Conservancy Canada and the Dufferin Marsh Committee invite you to a winter workshop to learn about the forest birds of the Happy Valley Forest and Pottageville Swamp area. There will be presentations on birds in the area, why they are declining and what you can do to conserve important habitats. The highlight will be a talk by York University professor Bridget Stutchbury, author of "Silence of the Songbirds" and "The Bird Detective." You're sure to leave with a wealth of information.

There will be displays, hand-outs and door prizes!

Lunch will be provided and then we invite you to join us on a walk (or snowshoe) to the new Love Mountain nature reserves in Happy Valley Forest. You can come for a portion or the entire event.

This is an entirely free event at the Schomberg

Community Hall, 325 Main St., Schomberg on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and beyond.

To RSVP please contact Ali Giroux, by March 20, at 613-769-4797 or [ali.giroux@natureconservancy.ca](mailto:ali.giroux@natureconservancy.ca).

Also remember to turn off your lights on March 23 at 8:30 p.m. and join us at the Dufferin Marsh to celebrate "Earth Hour." There will be a bonfire with hot drinks, marshmallows and games for the kids. If the skies are clear we will set up telescopes to watch the moon.

It is a great chance for an evening walk and to meet your friends and neighbours.

### Community Yard Sale

The Township of King is hosting an indoor Community Yard Sale at the Trisan Centre on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It is \$20 per table or two for \$35 and participants have the option to donate

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# Galloway to speak at horticultural society

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all unsold items to Goodwill on site after the event completion.

For further information or to book a table please contact Jon Bell at jbell@king.ca or 905-833-5321, ext. 5223.

## Horticultural Society

Schomberg Horticultural Society is ramping up for the first meeting of the year Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Schomberg Community Hall 325 Main St.

The Society is also pleased to announce its speaker's program for 2013: March 26 - Water in the Garden: Lily Ponds and Leopard Frogs, Mar-

tin Galloway.

April 23 - The Joys and Hazards of a Large Country Garden, Trish Symons.

May 28 - Peonies: The Imperial Flower, Diana Pooke.

June 25 - Hedges and Living Walls, Tony Mori.

Sept 24 - Components of an Outstanding Perennial Garden, Sheila Cording and Shirley Miller.

Oct 22 - Magnificent Magnolias and Ravishing Rhodos, David Hinton.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is pleased to announce that we have a wonderful speaker, Martin Galloway, coming to give a talk at our club on water features for the garden titled, Lily Ponds and Leopard Frogs. Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 at Schomberg Com-

munity Hall.

Martin is the owner of Chalk Lake Nurseries in Uxbridge. His specialities are perennials and native plants. In the past he was the writer and presenter for Harrowsmith Country Life, which you may have seen on HGTV. Also on the network you may have seen him hosting The Secret World of Gardens. Currently a lecturer at Seneca College he has a Master's Degree in environmental biology and an extensive background in botany. Martin carries a wealth of knowledge and his talk on water features for the garden promises to be both entertaining and full of great information.

When Martin comes for his visit to us the topic will

focus on water lilies, bulrushes, arrowhead, and other water plants. In addition to these lovely water features we will learn about frogs and other animals that love these environments.

Martin's lecture last year on shade gardening proved to be a great hit; this year's promises to be equally entertaining and educational. Please come

along and enjoy our fantastic speaker. All are welcome. Guests are just \$3 and membership is only \$15 or \$20 for a family. Talk one on one with Martin while enjoying refreshments and get to know our members.

## Spring Skating

Once again this year, the Nobleton Skating Club

is holding spring skating at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. Skating begins Monday, April 8, and runs until May 30.

Registration forms are available on the website, and can be mailed into the club, or dropped off at the Nobleton Arena. For further details, please call 905.859.4943 or visit www.nobletonskatingclub.com.



Keeping memories alive

Bob Ogden was one of seven local World War II veterans interviewed by the Memory Project at the King City Library Branch recently. The King Township Public Library, in partnership with the Memory Project, is participating in capturing and recording the stories of Canada's Second World War and Korean veterans. Visit the library's dedicated Remembrance Day web page honouring local heroes at www.king-library.on.ca/Remembrance Day or check out the Memory Project website.

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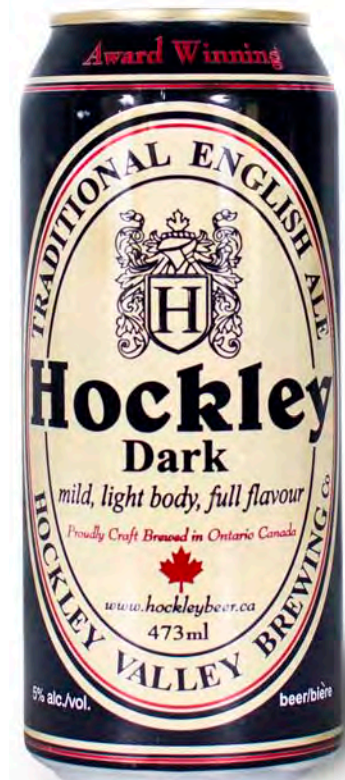
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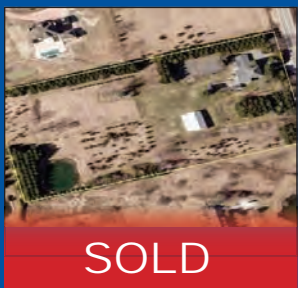


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