

September

The community was out again in King City, taking part in the annual Terry Fox Run. There were 184 participants who helped raise a little more than \$8,500.

Several area schools also held events to boost the effort to raise money for cancer research.

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King Township was a blooming place in August, and the Communities in Bloom judges said that much in their report.

They gave the local effort an impressive five blooms, and 831 out of a possible 1,000 points.

“A visitor must experience the Township of King to appreciate the green rural farms and forests,” they reported. “Here, there is an oasis from the fast food and coffee shops, the pace of life is slowed and traffic is reduced to mainly that on the through highway leading to Toronto or Barrie.”

The King Township Museum was cited for honourable mention by the judges. Rogers said they were impressed with the way a number of features, like the old train station, church and the old dredging barge from the Holland Marsh, have been brought together onto one property. “They thought that was just a marvelous feat,” she commented.

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Councillor Cober closed out the month by learning he could pack away his campaign materials. He was returned to his Ward 4 council seat by acclamation. Fellow Schomberg resident Elizabeth Crowe was also acclaimed to her seat as local trustee on the York Catholic District School Board.

A couple of candidates jumped into races at the last minute.

King City resident Mark Healy made the mayor’s race a three-way affair.

Nobleton resident Emil Alilovic signed on to run or the ward 3 council seat.

And King City’s Christopher Pape announced he would take another shot at becoming the local trustee on the York Region District School Board.



Monique and Chantal Duclos were hamming things up in the Haunted Train Station at the Halloween Harvest Festival at King Township Museum.

October

The month opened with four alumni being added to the King City Secondary School Class of Distinction. Those added were Ed Millard, class of 1966; Wendylee Stott, ‘85; Greg Betty, ‘83; and Louise Gilchrist, ‘74.

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Members of the Class of ‘06 at KCSS collected their diplomas and plenty of well-deserved recognition at the annual Commencement.

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The fire department in King closed out Fire Prevention Week by hosting a series of open houses at their respective stations.

The highlight of the event at the King City station was a presentation in honour of Ontario Fire Marshal (and King resident) Bernard Moyle, who has since retired.

King Fire Chief Bryan Burbidge presented him with a ceremonial firefighters’ axe. He said Moyle was the first fire marshal to come from a fire chief’s background, adding he spearheaded a number of safety initiatives, including those governing the installation of smoke detectors in homes. “We thank you for that,” he said.

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Members of the Nieuwland family marked the 55th anniversary of their arrival in Schomberg from Holland with the dedication of Nieuwland Park on Cooper Drive.

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More volunteers came out for the fall clean-up held by War Against Litter in King (WALK).

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Even MP Lui Temelkovski was surprised at how success-

ful his private member’s motion on rural postal delivery was.

His motion, calling on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Minister Lawrence Cannon to use his power to direct Canada Post to maintain the traditional delivery practices in rural areas, while protecting public safety for rural residents who have to collect their mail some distance from their homes, didn’t even come to a recorded vote in the House of Commons. It didn’t have to, after it became obvious none of the assembled MPs were going to vote against it.

“This is a historic occasion,” Temelkovski declared the following day. “I would take unanimous any time.”

“Now it’s up to the minister to communicate this to Canada Post and let them know the will of the House to maintain the rural mail delivery,” he commented. “They’ve got to find out ways to do that.”

November

There were a lot of happy people in the Nobleton area to commemorate the acquisition of 170 acres from Slokker Canada.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) assumed ownership of the site and, while protecting it from development, plan to rehabilitate the land by restoring it to a natural state. York Region will manage an approximately 94-acre portion of the land as part of the York Regional Forest tract. Beginning in the spring of 2007, the Trees Ontario Foundation will help fund tree planting efforts.

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Mayor Black had been concerned she might have trouble holding on to her office, but in the end, she was all smiles.

Election night saw her returned for her fifth term, out-pacing Councillor Pellegrini by more than 500 votes.

The Ward 1 seat, which was vacated by Pellegrini’s mayoralty bid, was taken by Cleve Mortelliti, while Jeff Laidlaw upset incumbent Peter Grandilli to take the Ward 2 seat.

Linda Pabst, Bill Cober, Jane Underhill and Jack Rupke were returned to their respective council seats, and Gord Kerr became the local trustee on the York Region District School Board.

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OPP reactivated two unsolved murder investigations, including one involving a body found almost 40 years before in a field north of Schomberg.

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York — Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan might have missed the first cut, but he made it into Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s cabinet the second time.

Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Michael Chong resigned because of problems with Harper’s motion to have Quebec recognized as a nation within a united Canada, so Van Loan was invited to the table to fill his shoes.

He took on all of Chong’s cabinet duties, which included Minister of Sport and President of the Queen’s Privy

Council.

“That’s a big business card,” he joked. “I’m going to have to get extra large pockets to carry them.”

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King resident Dr. Henry Barnett was among 21 recipients of Ontario Senior Achievement Awards from Lt.-Gov. James Bartleman and Jim Bradley, minister responsible for seniors.

Barnett, 84, was cited as a world renowned neurologist, physician, researcher and teacher, well-known for conducting clinical trials that showed that aspirin on a regular basis reduces the risk of stroke.

But his work as an active environmentalist and a long-time leading volunteer and supporter of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) had drawn much attention in this area over the last couple of years. He was instrumental in the success of its conservation efforts in the preservation of Happy Valley – the largest intact deciduous forest on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

December

The new King Township council was sworn in in a ceremony at The Kingbridge Centre by Rev. Nicola Skinner of All Saints’ Anglican Church.

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There wasn’t much snow on the ground, but that didn’t stop people from having a great time at the annual Main Street Christmas in Schomberg.

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York Region officials told residents attending a public consultation session that they were seriously looking at piping water from Lake Ontario into King City

Deborah Ross, vice-president of KMK Consultants Limited, told the audience they looked at using ground water, but also considered the fact that York has a lake-based water supply to serve Aurora and Newmarket, and those pipes pass close to the village.

She also said they did extensive investigation into groundwater, with test wells going into four candidate sites.

Only one of them showed much promise, and Ross said it would still fall about 17 per cent short of meeting the anticipated needs.

Ross told one of the people at the meeting the plan is to have the village entirely on lake water, although the time frame for getting there had not yet been spelled out. The existing municipal wells would eventually be closed down.

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Trustee Elizabeth Crowe was returned to her ninth year as chair of the York Catholic district School Board.

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Councillor Cober was elected deputy mayor of King for the coming year by his colleagues.

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Councillor Mortelliti asked Township staff to report on the possibility of giving King City residents more time to connect their homes to the new sewers in the hopes of relieving

ing some of the feared financial burdens.

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OPP credited information they received in November to conclude the remains found almost 40 years ago in a Schomberg-area field were those of 17-year-old Richard “Dickie” Hovey, of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Hovey had moved to Toronto in 1966 or ‘67, and was reportedly a musician in clubs in the Yorkville area. He disappeared sometime in the late spring or early summer of ‘67.

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The federal government directed Canada Post to come up with a plan to restore rural mail delivery.

Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Minister Lawrence Cannon announced the crown corporation was directed to develop and implement an operational plan to restore and maintain mail delivery to rural roadside mailboxes within the next 18 months.