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MPPs Stephen Lecce, Daisy Wai and Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health, join to celebrate funding for the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

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## New funding for Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

To help strengthen the financial stability of public hospitals across the province, MPP Stephen Lecce and MPP Daisy Wai announced that the Ontario government is investing up to \$696.6 million this year to qualifying hospitals, with a focus on small, medium as well as specialty and rehabilitation hospitals.

Lecce, the MPP for King-Vaughan and Daisy Wai, the MPP for Richmond Hill, announced that locally, this will result in a new investment of \$19,842,000 for both Mackenzie Health hospitals in Vaughan and Richmond Hill.

"This is the largest provincial investment in Vaughan's Cortellucci Hospital that will directly improve our quality of life – from mental health, to child and birthing, emergency care, and a stroke unit – that will save lives and help new ones enter the world," said Lecce. "I am proud to deliver this increase in funding to the Cortellucci Hospital to allow for the hiring of more staff and improved care for our loved ones."

This funding is a part of the over \$1.2 billion investment previously announced to help hospitals recover from financial pressures created and worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, while ensuring they can continue providing

the high-quality care Ontarians need and deserve. This funding will also help to ensure that Ontario's hospitals are able to respond to any scenario as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. The provincial funding increase to Mackenzie Health enabled hiring of staff, additional critical care beds and vaccine clinic expansion, among many benefits through the pandemic.

Many Ontario hospitals are struggling with annual funding deficits which have been exacerbated by the pandemic. To ensure Ontario's hospitals remain on stable financial footing at a critical time, the government is allocating this funding to help cover historic working funds deficits for qualifying public hospitals.

"Ontario's hospitals have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic and our government is using every tool at our disposal to support them," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This funding will ensure Ontario's hospitals can continue to provide high-quality care to all Ontarians and that our hospital system is ready to respond to any scenario this fall."

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Monday, April 4  
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, April 11  
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Wednesday, March 30  
6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed)

If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by email at [solivieri@king.ca](mailto:solivieri@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Thursday, April 7  
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee (virtual meeting)

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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- Administrative Assistant – Clerks (Contract; Student) – Deadline March 25
- GIS Student (Contract; Student) – Deadline March 25
- Parks Seasonal Staff (Contract) – Deadline March 25
- Parks Maintenance Worker (6-Month Contract) – Deadline March 25
- Administrative Assistant – Office of the CAO (Contract; Student) – Deadline March 25
- Recreation League Convener (Contract) – Deadline April 8

**REMINDERS**

**Half-load Restrictions**

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per axle starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022 per our By-law 2010-103. For further information call 905-833-5321 or visit or visit [www.king.ca/roads](http://www.king.ca/roads).

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE**

**VOLUNTEER NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN KING ANNUAL 2022 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

(DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 KING GRANTS)

Non-profit volunteer community organizations which PROVIDE OR DEVELOP RECREATION, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES OR ENHANCES ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES for the residents within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2022 are now open and must be completed and submitted to the Township by the **FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022** deadline.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or [King.ca/CommunityGrants](http://King.ca/CommunityGrants).

Alternately, please contact Corporate Services – Clerks Division at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) for further information.

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Director of Corporate Services E-mail: [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca)  
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Township of King  
2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

The Township of King has received an application to amend the Schomberg and King City Urban Areas Zoning By-law 2017-66 to provide for the re-development of the subject property consisting of a 6-storey building containing 73 residential units with a floor space index of 1.047, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

The Township has determined that the application is considered complete and the Planning Division has commenced processing. We welcome your comments regarding this application.

**SUBJECT PROPERTY**

Location: 326 Main Street, Schomberg  
Plan 87, Part Lot 26  
Owner: Marcor Realty Ltd.  
Applicant & Agent: Weston Consulting  
Township File No.'s: Z-2021-14

**PROPOSAL**

The subject application proposes:

- To amend the Schomberg and King City Urban Areas By-law 2017-66 to facilitate the development of a 6-storey apartment building with a total of 73 residential units and 111 parking spaces. In addition, the application proposes to convert the existing heritage dwelling for commercial uses. A Site Plan Development application has also been submitted with a detailed design for the development.

At such time as a public meeting is scheduled in accordance with the Planning Act, the Township of King will provide further notice specifying the date and time of the meeting. Any person may attend the public meeting (or participate virtually if the meeting is remote due to public health restrictions), and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application and Site Plan Development application, as well as related background and supporting information, are available for inspection by contacting Paul Kulyk, Planner II at [pkulyk@king.ca](mailto:pkulyk@king.ca) or by telephone at 905-833-5321, ext. 4063, quoting File Number Z-2021-14 (326 Main Street). Written comments may be emailed or personally delivered to the Planning Division and will become part of the public record.

Dated at the Township of King this 24th day of March, 2022.



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# Funding will boost Mackenzie Health

From Front Page

“Mackenzie Health has been on a unique journey as we opened our second hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, and operated one of the busiest emergency departments in the province with volumes consistently increasing year over year at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital,” said Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health “The pandemic only added to these existing capacity pressures. This ad-

ditional funding will put Mackenzie Health on a more secure financial footing so that we can continue to provide the care that our community deserves.”

As Ontario’s first net new hospital in over 30 years, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital was built to help solve hospital capacity challenges in the Greater Toronto Area and end hallway health care. The Ontario government is the largest investor, providing \$1.3 billion towards the \$1.7 billion Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital project.

As part of Mackenzie Health, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital will feature fully integrated smart technology systems and medical devices that have the capability to interact directly with one another to provide real-time information and anticipate the patient’s and the hospital’s needs to enhance the patient experience.

A working funds deficit occurs when an organization’s current liabilities exceed their current assets. All hospitals that had a working funds deficit in 2019-20 qualified for this funding.

As part of a wider, comprehensive surgical recovery plan to provide patients with the care they need, the Ontario government is investing up to \$324 million in new funding to enable Ontario’s hospitals and community health sector to perform more surgeries, MRI and CT scans and procedures, including on evenings and weekends.

Under the 2021 Budget, Ontario is investing an additional \$1.8 billion in the hospital sector in 2021-2022, bringing the total additional investment in hospitals since the start of the pandemic to over \$5.1 billion. This includes creating more than 3,100 additional hospital beds to increase capacity and reduce occupancy pressures caused by COVID-19.



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## No injuries in large house fire

A King Township home was destroyed by fire last week and fortunately no one was injured in the incident.

King Fire and Emergency Services responded to the fire at a home at Dufferin Street and Fairfield Drive March 15 at roughly 8:30 p.m. All three of King’s fire stations responded with 12 pieces of equipment.

The house was fully involved when Engine 341 first arrived on scene. Ladder 366 from Schomberg engaged in defensive aerial operations. Fire Chief Jim Wall noted because the fire was burning throughout the entire house and the roof trusses were failing, fire crews could not enter the structure as it was deemed unsafe.

Tanker trucks shuttled in water from a storage tank a short distance away plus from a hydrant close by. Three additional water tankers were also utilized from neighbouring departments.

The fire was brought under control and the Office of the Fire Marshal was notified. No injuries were reported, and all occupants were accounted for.

A total of 40 King Township firefighters were on scene throughout the night with another 8 firefighters providing station coverage. The property was eventually released back to the owner the following day.

“I’m extremely proud of our team of firefighters as they continue to protect the lives and property of our King Township residents,” said Chief Wall. “Our firefighters did an amazing job in fighting this fire right from the first in engine crew, to the pump operator and water sector officer, right to the tanker crews and the ladder truck. As well, a big thanks to the crews that were on hand covering the other stations.”

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

*“A newspaper is the center of a community, it’s one of the tent poles of the community, and that’s not going to be replaced by websites and blogs.”*

~ Michael Connelly

## Immortality may already be part of our DNA

The complex tug-of-war between life and death has plagued humankind from the very beginning.

Looking up at the stars in the night, even our cave-dwelling ancestors wondered about “what’s next.”

Humans have been driven to uncover the answers, through gods, various religious texts, even the search for the fountain of youth and Shangri-La.

I will admit it, death scares the hell out of me.

But iconic rockers Queen warned us of the pitfalls of wanting to live forever: “This world has only one sweet moment set aside for us ... Forever is our today.”

Be careful what you wish for – because forever is a very long time. Time itself may last forever, but biological beings don’t. Science may extend our lives, but immortality may be always out of reach.

“Always; for everlasting time; eternally” are some definitions of forever. And our lexicons are quick to point out that no one can live forever. An interesting entry and reminder.

And yet, science is continually finding fault with that accepted fact.

If an insect, embedded in amber for 100 million years, can be revived, well that changes everything. Okay, science isn’t there yet, but hope remains. And then we’re in store for many more Jurassic Park scenarios.

There is also an argument that we can live longer in space, without the stresses of gravity on our bodies.

But the biggie in terms of forever is whether space is infinite. Does it go on forever? If not, where and when does it end? What’s on the other side? These are mind-tripping thoughts.

Some also argue that energy can’t be created or destroyed, so the energy contained in our bodies when we pass has to go somewhere. It doesn’t just cease to exist.



Mark Pavilons

Does it float up to the heavens, join with all other human souls who have ever lived and died? Do we become one with the universe? That would be really cool.

We don’t even fully understand the miracles associated with human creation and life itself. From microscopic cells, the unbelievable journey of conception/fertilization creates a new, unique human being. That in itself is crazy complicated and yet oh, so simple. It’s still a miracle if you ask me.

Some important texts indicate that “the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”

There’s the amoeba-to-man journey on earth, which took literally millions of years. If we want to go back even further, the creation of the universe and sun and planets are equally impressive and almost unbelievable – almost like conception itself.

The cosmos exploded, and bits and pieces came together to form suns and planets. Ours settled nicely into an orbit around our sun, without which nothing could survive. What are the odds?

Then, once the sun warmed our globe, it took billions of years to become hospitable enough to host life.

From the primordial ooze sprung life in its simplest form, a single cell of gooey goodness. Was it a natural evolution? Or was it somewhat divine?

Our evolution can be explained by science, fossils and a dash of speculation.

Humans have been roaming this rock for roughly 300,000 years. We only put on pants, skirts and shirts in the last 10,000 years or so.

So let’s review. Our planet, and all life therein, resulted from a cosmic roll of the dice. It happened by accident.

And then life began by accident, by a collision of all of the right conditions, elements, gases and substances.

And here we are, modern, intelligent creatures making a mess of things.

We beat the odds baby, and have evolved to make some really cool gizmos, buildings, art, music and beverages. We still make bad fashion choice.

They say our DNA actually harbours memory, not our own, but tidbits passed down from our very first ancestors. Isn’t that a form immortality? If bits of me and my family tree are passed through DNA to my children, grandchildren, etc. maybe our collective “souls” are

eternal.

It’s estimated the universe began some 13.8 billion years ago and has been growing ever since. Now, I don’t know about you, but 14 billion is pretty close to “forever” isn’t it?

Will the universe continue evermore? If it does, then why would life not carry on until the end of time?

We’ve witnessed that given the right conditions, life can just appear out of nowhere. It can grow and learn and drive a car. It can fly. It can chew gum but it has trouble opening a carton of milk.

If we reduce or remove the stresses on the body – gravity, tissue decay and organ failure – could we not live forever? Is it science fiction or fact?

Scientists believe that we will learn how to grow or clone new organs, replacing our old ones as they wear out. It will be much like a tune-up or oil change. If we can keep replacing organs, we can increase our lifespan indefinitely.

Then, when it’s just physically too much, we will just download our consciousness – our essence – into a USB or computer brain. We may carry on as androids or floating balls of intelligence.

Who wants to live forever? Maybe we already do, on some level.

The universe, at least in our limited minds, appears to stretch on forever. If that’s the case, the Creator’s handiwork is truly marvellous.

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**Quote of the Week**

“Surely God would not have created such a being as man, with an ability to grasp the infinite, to exist only for a day! No, no, man was made for immortality.”

—Abraham Lincoln

**Trivia Tidbits**

**Vampire bats live in North and South America.**

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# Fuelling a climate of uncertainty in a time of war

By David Suzuki

Comment

It's a tragic truth that some people are willing to inflict unfathomable suffering and death for the sake of power and wealth. From Russia's aggression in Ukraine to the push for continued climate-altering fossil fuel expansion, selfish gain means more to some than the health and well-being of our children and grandchildren and those yet to be born.

Take the decades-spanning efforts to downplay and deny the evidence of human-caused climate disruption – efforts that have accelerated in recent days, as the fossil fuel industry and its political and media allies cynically use the Russia-Ukraine crisis to advocate for increased development and expansion of the products and infrastructure they tout.

Alberta's premier tweeted, "Now if Canada really wants to help defang Putin, then let's get some pipelines built." He fails to acknowledge that the pipes are largely being made by a company 60 per cent owned by Russian oligarchs – one with close ties to Putin – and that the Alberta Investment Management Corporation owns half a million shares of a Russian investment fund whose largest holdings are in Russian fossil fuel companies Gazprom, Sberbank and Lukoil.

He did halt Russian alcohol sales, though (which is mostly just Russian Standard vodka, not really popular in

Alberta).

UN secretary-general António Guterres had a more rational take, tweeting: "As current events make all too clear, our reliance on fossil fuels makes the global economy & our energy security vulnerable to geopolitical crises. Instead of slowing down decarbonization, now is the time to accelerate the transition to a renewable energy future."

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, explains the dangers of deception: "Rhetoric and misinformation on climate change and the deliberate undermining of science have contributed to misperceptions of the scientific consensus, uncertainty, disregarded risk and urgency, and dissent."

It adds that "strong party affiliation and partisan opinion polarization contribute to delayed mitigation and adaptation action, most notably in the US but with similar patterns in Canada" and that "Vested economic and political interests have organized and financed misinformation and 'contrarian' climate change communication."

It's not that everyone who denies or downplays climate science is uncaring or, worse, sociopathic. Those with power often exploit the uneducated and uninformed to further their own ends

– and in many cases work to degrade education systems to prevent people from acquiring critical thinking and logic skills.

The excuse that the world will need fossil fuels for years to come so it's better to support our own industries wasn't a great argument even 34 years ago when the IPCC was established – and fossil fuel development and use have accelerated since then. Failure to heed the evidence has propelled humanity into a climate emergency.

Those who know better have no excuse. The fossil fuel industry's own scientists accurately warned about the climate consequences of profligate fossil fuel burning 45 years ago. Most opinion writers who sow doubt, confusion and misinformation about climate disruption aren't ignorant enough to outright reject mountains of accumulating evidence – including what people everywhere are plainly experiencing!

So, why do they so strenuously oppose what is clearly necessary, especially knowing that many measures to shift to cleaner energy, reduce consumption and protect carbon sinks like forests, wetlands, help forests and more will also lead to less pollution, improved public health and better, more equitable economic outcomes?

Part of it may be fear – fear of change, of losing illusory power and wealth, of having to think differently. Much of it's rooted in selfishness, of taking what they can while they can, under the assumption that negative consequences won't affect them, either because their wealth and power will insulate them, or because impacts won't kick in until after they're gone. Some of it is ego. It's been surmised the Putin is only wreaking such horrible destruction because he wants to cement his imaginary legacy as a great leader who helped restore a failing empire to its former glory.

It's profoundly sad that we're being led by so many short-sighted, narrow-minded people. It's sad that children have to march in the streets and protest for something as basic as survivable conditions. It's sad that young people are being sacrificed – sent to kill and be killed to protect billionaires' interests.

It's time for a radical shift.

*David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington.*

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## Soaring gas prices convince Canadians it's time to get an EV: KPMG in Canada Poll

Soaring gasoline prices and vulnerability in oil supply have convinced three in five Canadians that it's time to buy an electric vehicle and more than half say they "will never buy a gas-powered vehicle again," finds a new poll by KPMG in Canada. Almost a third (30 per cent) regret not having bought an EV already.

"The poll results show that rising fuel prices are a big catalyst in changing Canadian attitudes towards EVs," said Peter Hatges, National Automotive Sector Leader, KPMG in Canada. "Canadians were already on edge about the spike in inflation and are now afraid soaring gas prices will make it impossible to balance their budgets. Buying an EV will allow them to take some control by reducing their fuel and maintenance costs."

Six per cent of 1,005 Canadians surveyed had ordered an EV in the past month – representing a 50 per cent increase in the share of EVs sold in 2022.

Key Poll Findings:

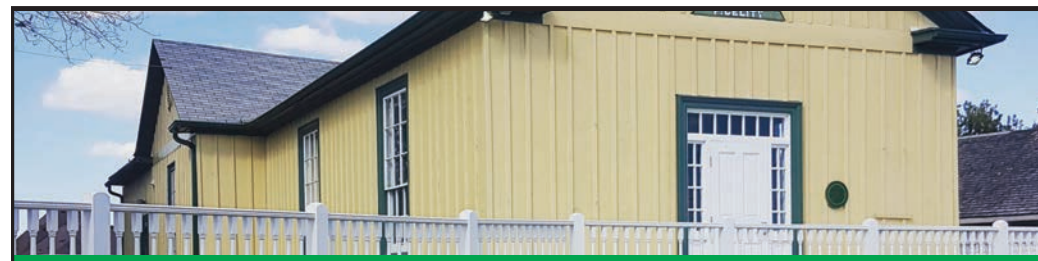
- 61 per cent of Canadians say soaring gas prices and vulnerability in oil supply have convinced them it's time to buy an EV.
- 18 per cent say it "solidified" their decision.
- 24 per cent say it "greatly influenced" their decision.
- 19 per cent say gas prices changed their mind; they weren't considering an EV before and now they are.
- 47 per cent say they "are buying an EV or a plug-in hybrid EV (PHEV) right away" even though it might take a year before they receive it due to supply chain snarls.
- 6 per cent of Canadians say they "just ordered an EV in the past month."
- 51 per cent say they will "never buy a gas-powered vehicle again."

This jumps to 63 per cent in British Columbia and 60 per cent among 25-to-34-year olds and 68 per cent among 18-to-24-year-olds.

Nearly half (48 per cent) say they are definitely buying an EV" because they "don't think gas prices will ever normalize again, especially as economies transition off oil and gas."

This new poll supports the findings from KPMG's earlier EV survey this year that explored EV adoption and consumer concerns, with 72 per cent of Canadians saying they will consider buying an EV the next time they're in the market for a new vehicle.

KPMG in Canada surveyed 1,005 Canadian adults on Schlesinger Group's Asking Canadians panel between March 11-14.



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# Groups launch lawsuit against federal environment minister

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Seven environmental and community organizations filed a lawsuit in Federal Court March 14 against the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault. The lawsuit challenges the Minister's failure to designate the Bradford Bypass highway project for a federal impact assessment.

The organizations previously made two requests for a federal impact assessment on the proposed Bradford Bypass (or Holland Marsh Highway), which would cut through the Greenbelt, the Holland Marsh provincially significant wetland, and the headwater rivers at the south end of the Lake Simcoe watershed. The federal government turned down both requests.

The lawsuit challenges the government's decision to turn down the second request.

The purpose of the litigation is to hold the federal government accountable for the proper review of the impacts of the proposed highway, which is needed to understand the full impact of the proposed project on vital habitats, wildlife and watersheds in the area. The case for building a highway is thin at best and we must better understand the impacts of the project on natural heritage, migratory birds, fisheries, greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, and First Nations cultural heritage.

"The second request noted that there were significant changes to the context of the project," notes Bill Foster, chair of Forbid Roads Over Green Spaces (FROGS). "Including a significant decline in popular support for the project, and a seriously weakened provincial

Environmental Assessment process that fixes the route based on 1997 information. As a result MTO is now no longer required to consider reasonable alternatives to or alternative locations for this highway. Given the serious impacts to fish in Lake Simcoe, we expected the federal government would intervene."

Despite the new evidence and strong alignment with the federal mandate to protect biodiversity and mitigate climate change, Minister Guilbeault decided not to designate the highway for an impact assessment, following in the footsteps of the previous minister. The groups argue that the Minister Guilbeault's decision was based not on evidence, but rather unreasonably deferred to the previous Minister's decision.

"There are errors of fact in the Minister's decision that cannot be allowed to go unchallenged," said Tim Gray of Environmental Defence. "For the sake of Canada's environment and the communities dependent on it, we must make sure that destructive projects, such as bulldozing a super-highway through one of Ontario's largest wetlands, receive a proper and thorough review."

"Federal impact assessment can play an important 'safety valve' role by ensuring the full extent of environmental impacts are assessed before the project moves forward," added Ecojustice lawyer Ian Miron. "Ensuring that the Minister fully and fairly considers requests for federal impact assessments on their merits is all the more important here, where the Ontario government has recently gutted its environmental assessment laws and policies and has now ex-

empted the Bradford Bypass from any meaningful assessment or public consultation despite the potentially severe impacts of the project on Lake Simcoe, the Holland Marsh, and public health."

The province of Ontario has just released a Transportation Plan that would essentially wrap the south east side of Lake Simcoe in highways.

"We already know that highway crossings create salt hotspots in our freshwater rivers. Lake Simcoe is on a trajectory to reach ocean level salinity in 37 years. This is extremely worrying for our members. We need all levels of government to do better, and we need to know that the federal government will step in when their areas of jurisdiction, like endangered species and climate, will be negatively affected," said Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition Executive Director Claire Malcolmson.

"The federal government says it's committed to mitigating climate change and halting the accelerating loss of biodiversity. Are these just hollow promises?" asks Dr. Anne Bell, director of conservation and education at Ontario Nature. "The need for an impact assessment is painfully obvious in this case - a no-brainer if the government stands by evidence-based decision-making."

Katie Krelove, Ontario campaigner with Wilderness Committee, added "the federal Environment Ministry agreed to do an impact assessment for Highway 413 based on the presence of endangered species such as the Red-headed Woodpecker. The route for the Bradford Bypass is also habitat for endangered species, so why was it rejected for assessment? These decisions should be based on science, not politics, and this sets a dangerous precedent. That's why we are going to court."

The parties involved in the litigation are FROGS (Forbid Roads Over Green Spaces), Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, Ontario Nature, Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Wildlands League, Earthroots, and Environmental Defence, represented by Ecojustice.

Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek said she respects processes, and "as I follow this project closely, I will continue asking informed questions."

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said while she can't comment on the

strength of the legal arguments, she is very concerned about an "increasingly cavalier attitude about environmental risk."

She welcomes this legal action for two reasons. First, it again gives attention to the Bradford Bypass with its high risk of environmental damage and inadequate assessment. Second, it confirms public expectation about federal government accountability; the latter is particularly valuable as "we have been so disappointed with the Province's total lack of concern about the environmental impact."

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts pointed out the provincial government is already undertaking an assessment for this project. Given that a federal assessment would merely consist of a review of the work already conducted by the province, it follows that federal re-evaluation is unnecessary.

Jody Mott, Executive Director of the Holland Marsh Growers Association, has made clear that only three operating farms will be affected by the path of the highway; the construction of the Bradford Bypass will not put the fertile farmland in the Holland Marsh at risk, despite suggestions otherwise.

In fact, there have already been other developments in the northern part of the Marsh which has resulted in limited or no impact on the farming taking place.

"The need for this project in our community is clear: investments such as the Bradford Bypass will guarantee future food security for much of southern Ontario, as many of our farmers use Highway 400 to transport their produce to the Greater Toronto Area. In addition to helping farmers get their products to markets, this new road will have an indispensable role in the local economy by providing increased access to employment, social and health services, and easing gridlock. Our communities will receive more opportunities and our residents will enjoy an improved quality of life."

The need for the Bradford Bypass is widely apparent, and the project's environmental impact is being prudently investigated by the Government of Ontario without the need for a federal review.

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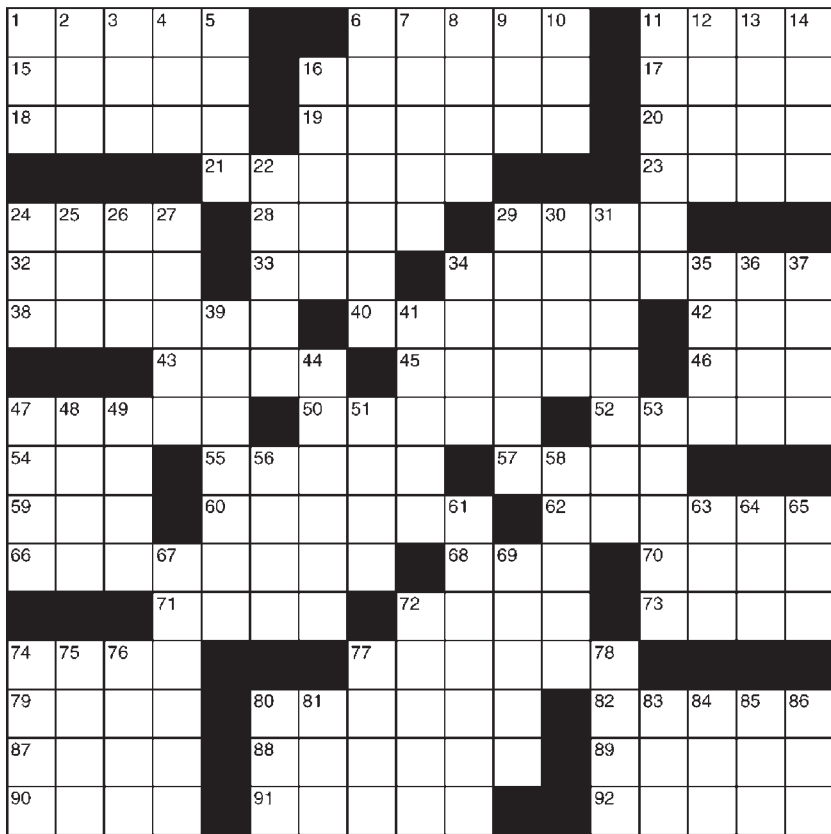
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- 6. Atlantic codfish
- 11. Offering
- 15. Pale yellow
- 16. Manuscript copyist
- 17. Actor Wyle
- 18. Basil sauce
- 19. Boorish person
- 20. Killer whale
- 21. Formal procession
- 23. Woodwind instrument
- 24. Sharp-tasting
- 28. Default result
- 29. Fertilizer component
- 32. Indian nursemaid
- 33. Homophone of "you"
- 34. Basketball shoes
- 38. Put down
- 40. Pirate
- 42. More, in music
- 43. College group, shortly
- 45. Steep rock face
- 46. Keats poem
- 47. Golf strokes
- 50. Cook slightly in oil
- 52. Not a winner
- 54. Greek letter

**DOWN**

- 55. Opt
- 57. Nature's bandage
- 59. Bend
- 60. Aromatic spice
- 62. Missing links: hyph.
- 66. Run through
- 68. Resin
- 70. Lengthy narrative
- 71. On the sheltered shore
- 72. Cast aside
- 73. Fidgety
- 74. Where nice guys finish?
- 77. Cotton fabric
- 79. Carpenter's curve
- 80. Shed style: hyph.
- 82. Congealed dish
- 87. Forest ruminant
- 88. Expensive
- 89. Marathon meal
- 90. Crosscurrent
- 91. Sheer curtain fabric
- 92. Live
- 1. Dandy
- 2. Freezer abundance
- 3. Expressions of doubt

- 4. Authorize
- 5. Rain unit
- 6. Windshield tool
- 7. Philosophy
- 8. Service
- 9. Geisha's sash
- 10. Iniquitous place?
- 11. Arctic jacket
- 12. Oral history
- 13. Knight's club
- 14. Roe fish
- 16. Fastener
- 22. Exhibition area
- 24. Young boy
- 25. Sailor's yes
- 26. Hit head-on
- 27. Burglary
- 29. Panties
- 30. Atoll feature
- 31. Cap part
- 34. Delta build-up
- 35. Heroic poem
- 36. Cruise
- 37. Litigator
- 39. Military storehouse
- 41. Severe
- 44. Bitsy biter
- 47. Chief attraction
- 48. Hound's quarry

- 49. Smart remark?
- 51. Top
- 53. Corpulent
- 56. Tempt
- 58. Spiny plants
- 61. Sparkle
- 63. Nutty
- 64. Nog ingredient
- 65. Anti's answer
- 67. Diner
- 69. Brass, e.g.
- 72. Snowbird
- 74. Valuable vein
- 75. Venerable
- 76. Offspring
- 77. Dominant
- 78. Place for a mane
- 80. Hosp. employee
- 81. Type of silkworm
- 83. Jazz instrument, shortly
- 84. Greek letter
- 85. That thing's
- 86. Lynx, e.g.

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## Schomberg developed a taste for a new Main Street tradition

And that's a wrap for Taste of Main, Schomberg's first ever prix fixe dining event, which took place Feb. 16 through March 6.

The event included seven dining establishments – Craft Kitchen and Beer Bar, The Grackle Coffee Company, Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse, Port Soiree, The Schomberg Pub and Patio, The Scruffy Duck, and Sugar and Spice Bakeshop and Café.

It proved to be a win-win for both restaurants and diners. More than 500 prix-fixe dishes were served. Restaurants reporting on top of that, almost as many additional diners came in because of Taste of Main, but elected to order meals off the regular menu.

The event had something for everyone, with breakfast and lunch options at both cafés, and lunch and dinner options from all other restaurants ranging from \$10-\$50.

"It definitely brought a lot more people into our shop," said Melissa Coni-

um, owner of Sugar and Spice Bakeshop and Café. "We created a \$10 special button to keep track of how many people ordered off the menu. Lots of additional people ordered part of the special, or designed their own combo as well. Our diners really seemed to enjoy the event."

Diners thoroughly enjoyed exploring the menus.

"After two years of deprivation and self-isolation, the timing of this event couldn't have been more perfect," said Schomberg resident Wendy-Sue Bishop. "We actually got out and enjoyed a lovely meal where we could socialize with our fellow Schombergians. I visited Grackle on the first day. The soup was delicious, the grilled cheese in a croissant was sumptuous, and their coffee, as always, was magnificent."

"It was great," said Jordan Lindner, owner and chef at Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse. "We met a lot of new people who tried us out for the first time. Now that they have discovered our incredible pizza and smoked meats, hopefully they will become regular customers."

"We are very pleased with the uptake on this event," said Jamie Smyth, King Township's Economic Development Manager. "Based on its success, our plan is to repeat this event twice annu-



ally, and turn it into a main Street tradition."

Taste of Main is one of the first Main Street activations planned as part of phase 2 of the Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Plan, which has been funded through a matching grant to

King Township by OMAFRA, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. For more information about the Main Street Revitalization Strategy, visit [www.destination-schomberg.ca](http://www.destination-schomberg.ca) or contact [ecdev@king.ca](mailto:ecdev@king.ca).



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Information about the Municipal Elections in King is available at [www.king.ca/elections](http://www.king.ca/elections) and will be updated as new information becomes available.

"The Township of King is getting ready for the Oct. 24 municipal elections that include election of Mayor and members of Council and school board trustees. One of the most important things voters can do right now is to visit the Voter Lookup website provided by MPAC and make sure they are on the Voter's List. Each vote counts," said Kathryn Moyle, Clerk, The Township of King.

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# Province investing in pre-apprenticeship programs

The Ontario government is working for workers by expanding its investment in pre-apprenticeship training to a record \$28 million, providing more young people with the training they need to launch rewarding careers in the

skilled trades.

Between July and September 2021, there were more than 330,000 unfilled jobs in Ontario, many of which are in the skilled trades. Pre-apprenticeship training programs are free for partici-

pants, combine classroom training with on-the-job learning, and play a crucial role in reducing Ontario's skilled labour shortage.

"Ontario continues to face a generational labour shortage. To build a stronger Ontario and grow our economy we need all hands on deck. Every day, there are hundreds of thousands of pay cheques waiting to be collected," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "That is why our government is making historic investments in innovative programs that upskill workers and connect them to the careers of their dreams, without having to move to a big city."

Over the coming weeks, Ontario will also be finalizing the second round of projects under the Skills Development Fund – a more than \$200 million initiative that supports innovative programs that connect job seekers with the skills and training they need to find well-paying careers close to home. The first funding round of the Skills Development Fund last year supported almost 150 projects, including many focused on the skilled trades, and helped 280,000 people around the province take the next step in their careers.

"It is essential that we create greater awareness of the skilled trades as a valuable career path for our youth. Programs that support early consideration and opportunities to explore the trades will ensure that we have the workforce of the future that we need," said Melissa Young, CEO and Registrar of Skilled Trades Ontario.

These initiatives build on the government's ongoing efforts to attract, support, and protect workers, making Ontario the top place in the world to work, live and raise a family. They follow legislation Minister McNaughton recently introduced that includes foundational rights for digital platform workers, requirements for employers to disclose their electronic monitoring of employees and for businesses in high-risk settings to have Naloxone kits on-hand, and several red tape reductions to encourage out-of-province workers to help fill the generational labour shortage.

Ontario has also started negotiations with over 52 training organizations to expand 98 pre-apprenticeship projects for current and future tradespeople.

There were 1,790 people enrolled in pre-apprenticeship programs from

April 2021 to March 2022 across Ontario.

"This government's ongoing support of the skilled trades has been and continues to be a vital investment in Ontario's future. We are all partners in building a better future. Pre-apprenticeship programs provide an entry into the skilled trades for people with little to no construction background. These training programs, which include paid work placements, can result in well-paying jobs that are in high demand in the masonry industry," said David Stubbs, executive director, Ontario Masonry Training Centre.

## Consumer Savvy

### Cuisinart introduces PuRXium air purifiers

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Consumers' desire for clean indoor air will outlast any pandemic.

Keeping our homes free of contaminants has become top of mind in our home cleaning regimens.

To do this, we need the proper equipment, and while the market is bursting with air purifiers, renowned appliance-maker Cuisinart has entered the fray with a cut above.

Their PuRXium countertop air purifier stands out from the crowd. It's a compact, countertop model that's stylish and efficient, checking all the boxes when it comes to functional home essentials. They also offer a larger freestanding model with a higher output for high traffic areas.

The air purifier features washable, reusable metal filters, combination H13 High-Grade HEPA/Active carbon filters that work together to capture up to 99.9% of airborne particles 0.1 micron or larger. This includes airborne bacteria and various contaminants.

Its coverage is impressive. The countertop model recycles clean air within a 500-square-foot room twice every hour, and more often in smaller spaces.

With this unit, you can set it, relax and breathe easy. It blends in nicely and you may not even notice it's there, doing its job. It's perfect for ridding the air of nasty cooking odors, especially when you're throwing a party. It's also ideal for children's room or nurseries.

The PuRXium removes unwanted particles, including cooking odours, smoke and VOC (volatile organic compounds). Its UV-C bulb lasts 10,000 hours and can be replaced.

It boasts high-grade HEPA/Active carbon filters. The metal pre-filters capture larger airborne particles such as dust and pet dander. They're washable and easy to remove. It has fan speed controls, a sleep mode and night light option.

It draws in the air from two sides and the unit has attractive illuminated touch-screen controls.

Everything about the PuRXium unit shout quality, something consumers have come to rely on from Cuisinart.

This could very well be the next kitchen essential.

The floor mode is slightly larger for bigger spaces, draws in air from all sides and has even more filters. It's also aesthetically pleasing so you don't have to worry about it competing with your home decor. It's perfect for high-traffic areas such as your family room or office.

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# New legislation helping to accelerate connectivity projects

The Ontario government is introducing legislation to help bring reliable high-speed internet to underserved and unserved communities sooner. If passed, the changes would remove barriers, duplication and delays, making it easier and faster to build high-speed internet infrastructure across the province.

“By taking this leap, our government is helping to accelerate the deployment of high-speed internet, providing people with the digital services they need and deserve,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “The Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022, if passed, would help meet our government’s commitment to connect every community with access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. We’re building Ontario faster and strengthening our communities while laying the foundation for long-term economic growth.”

Ontario is investing \$900 million

in more than 180 broadband, cellular and satellite projects across the province. The Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022 would provide the tools and assurances that internet service providers need to get shovels in the ground as early as this summer.

The new legislation would also improve Ontario One Call’s processes of determining the location of underground infrastructure like telecommunications lines, water mains and gas pipelines, known as locates. Instead of everyone using their own locate process, they would be able to have the work done by one person in some situations, reducing duplication. This is expected to significantly reduce waiting periods for internet service providers, strengthen safety for workers, and improve the accuracy of results, leading to accelerated construction of broadband infrastructure across Ontario.

“It often takes businesses and

builders too long to start construction because of how complicated it is to get information about underground infrastructure,” said Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. “These are costly delays to building critical high-speed internet projects and housing developments that we can’t afford, which is why we’re accelerating how quickly workers can get shovels in the ground.”

“Ontarians expect and deserve reliable internet service wherever they live, learn or do business,” said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. “By removing barriers to high-speed internet expansion, more Ontarians will be able to access public services, such as health care and education, operate businesses and access employment opportunities.”

The legislation builds on the progress the government has already made as part of its plan to get Ontario connected, including an investment

of nearly \$4 billion to provide people and businesses across the province with access to reliable high-speed internet. The province also took action to help speed up construction of projects through the Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 and the Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021.

The legislation would help expand access to digital health care services, as well as ensuring that everyone in Ontario can work, learn, start a business, participate in the agricultural sector and connect with family and friends.

All underground infrastructure owners are required to register with One Call as members, including gas and oil utilities, electrical utilities, telecommunication companies and municipalities. One Call currently has 835 members across the province.

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# Seneca receives \$2 million to help women prepare for new careers

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Career HERizons sessions will be available in-person and virtually across Canada. Participants will gain essential skills in math and literacy, professional development, interviewing, entrepreneurship and more.

Seneca will partner with College of the Rockies and Norquest College to promote Career HERizons, develop content and host events.

"Seneca is proud to receive funding for this important initiative to help make sure the economic recovery leaves no one behind," said Marianne Marando, Seneca's Vice-President, Academic. "The program's goal to support women facing employment barriers aligns with our vision to help women gain the skills, networks and support they need

to find success in their careers."

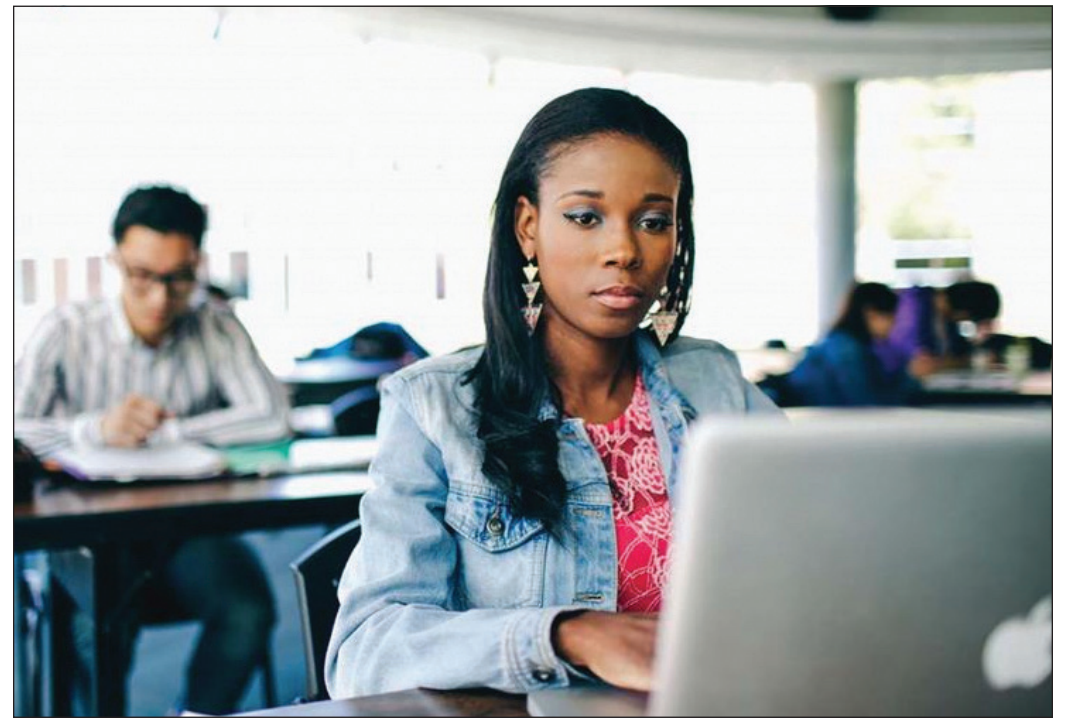
Career HERizons sessions will be led and designed by women. The program targets women from Indigenous and equity-deserving communities as well as those who lost their jobs during the pandemic. It will build on Seneca's successful Career Recharge program, which has supported thousands of mid-career professionals looking to gain new skills, start a new career or re-enter the workforce.

The Government of Canada has invested nearly \$50 million through the Women's Readiness Program to support 26 projects across all 13 provinces and territories. These projects will test and provide foundational and transferable skills training models and offer wrap-around supports, including child care, transportation and counselling.

"... we can take stock of the progress that women in Canada have made, and recognize the work still ahead. I'm proud to see our government invest in organizations that are leading that vital work by helping marginalized

women overcome barriers to employment," said Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough. "This

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Nobleton Tennis club will open online registration on April 15th, 2022 at [nobletontennisclub.com](http://nobletontennisclub.com)

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**Junior tennis camps** will be offered the week of July 11th - July 15th, 2022 and the week of August 8th - August 12th, 2022. Registration and prices for summer camp can be found on the website.

Nobleton Tennis Club will also be participating in the **Intercounty Tennis League** and will be entering a Mixed A team, Ladies A team and Ladies B team. If there is enough interest we also have the possibility of entering a 55+ team.

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# King families get out and enjoy March Break events

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King Weekly Sentinel

# Arts & Entertainment

## International Women's Day marked with LUNAFEST screening

By Brock Weir

International Women's Day was marked with a series of in-person and virtual events throughout York, but it is not the end of the celebration of strong women here at home and around the world.

On March 11, the York Region branch of the Soroptimists, in conjunction with the Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora-Newmarket (CFUW) will host LUNAFEST 2022, a virtual presentation of eight short films written and shot to empower and inspire.

Proceeds from the presentation will benefit both organizations as they spearhead programs locally, including grants, to further their own efforts to empower and inspire women of all ages.

This year's LUNAFEST films are "told from a variety of perspectives that champion women and gender non-conforming individuals, highlighting their aspirations, accomplishments, resilience, strength and connections," say organizers.

The themes of the eight short films are very much in keeping with the mandates of both the CFUW and the Soroptimists and joining forces to present the films together virtually for the second year running came without question.

"This is our fourth year doing this and our second year of doing it virtually," says Pat Giusti of Soroptimist York Region. "Both of our charities raise funds for women in our local communities, and, in our case, we have a scholarship for women [who support their families] who have gone back to school and to help out with whatever their fi-

nancial needs are at the time."

Ms. Giusti says she was brought into the Soroptimist program by friends and she stuck around because it gives her a way to give back to the community while also juggling her full-time job.

"It's all about being with friends and giving back to the community where I could."

Valerie Hume of the CFUW found the Federation in a similar way.

Marking its 65th anniversary in Aurora and Newmarket this year, the Canadian Federation of University Women has been working hard during the pandemic to ensure that their fundraising programs, which also provide grants to women in the community, do not lose momentum.

Before the pandemic hit, Ms. Hume says the CFUW had about 235 active members. This tally has taken a bit of a hit over the last two years, with their numbers now standing at 195, but they are looking at ways to rebound, remount their in-person events, and to continue finding ways to build community.

"One of our signature events is a home and garden tour which will take place on June 18," says Hume. "We are trying to build up our student awards. It has been difficult for students because they haven't had places where they can work and build up their stash of cash to go to university. We are trying to increase the number and the amount of awards we can give. Hopefully we will do well with this tour and in the fall we're looking forward to getting around in person."

In the meantime, however, the focus for both organizations is ensuring LU-

NAFEST reaches the community and supports their work in turn.

LUNAFEST films will be available to ticket holders beginning at 7 p.m. this Friday until Sunday, March 13, at 6.59 p.m. Once you begin watching you will have 48 hours to finish watching.

Tickets are \$20 and are available

through [www.lunafest.org/screenings/virtual-york-region-on-031122](http://www.lunafest.org/screenings/virtual-york-region-on-031122).

For more on Soroptimist York Region, visit them on Facebook, and for further information on the Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora-Newmarket, visit [www.cfuwauro-ranewmarket.com](http://www.cfuwauro-ranewmarket.com).

## Rediscover Ontario and receive rebates

The Ontario government is encouraging the people of Ontario to rediscover the province and support Ontario's important tourism industry with the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit. With this Personal Income Tax credit, residents will get back up to 20 per cent on their eligible accommodation expenses for leisure stays in the province this year.

"Ontario offers the world in one province – from vibrant cities to historic small towns, food trails to festivals, and mountains to beaches," said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. "The Ontario Staycation Tax Credit will help make travel more affordable and encourage Ontarians to explore their own province, reinvigorating local tourism economies by delivering a much-needed boost to local businesses while keeping Ontario competitive in the global market."

The temporary Personal Income Tax credit will allow Ontario residents to claim eligible accommodation expenses, up to a maximum of \$1,000 for individuals and \$2,000 for families. The credit will provide up to a maximum of \$200 for an individual and \$400 for a family.

"King Township and the City of Vaughan are incredibly beautiful communities, and well worth exploring, even by lifelong residents," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "The Ontario Staycation Tax Credit will help our tourism industry recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and encourage more Ontarians to discover the natural and historic beauty of King and Vaughan – from visiting the shops in historic Schomberg and Kleinburg, to the McMichael Art Gallery, Canada's Wonderland, or the North Maple Regional Park – our community draws families from across the province."

Ontarians could get back up to 20 per cent on eligible accommodation expenses for stays between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2022, at hotels, motels, lodges, bed-and-breakfast establishments, cottages, campgrounds and other short-term accommodations in Ontario that are subject to GST/HST.

"Every corner of Ontario is home to family attractions, secluded getaways and other amazing destinations. Through our Staycation Tax Credit, our government is encouraging the people of Ontario to get out, travel and explore," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "This tax credit is just one way our government is putting money back into the pockets of families, boosting main streets in communities across our province, and supporting a strong economic recovery."

Ontario residents will be able to apply for the credit when they file their 2022 personal Income Tax and Benefit Returns in 2023 and can receive the credit even if they do not owe income tax. Residents must keep detailed receipts for their eligible Ontario accommodation expenses.

The Ontario Staycation Tax Credit is part of the government's plan to drive economic recovery and long-term growth so the province can emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever.

The Ontario Staycation Tax Credit is estimated to provide \$270 million in support as part of the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario.

The Ontario Staycation Tax Credit is expected to provide support to about 1.85 million Ontario families.

Tourism plays a critical role in Ontario's economy. Prior to the pandemic, the industry generated \$38 billion in economic activity in 2019 and supported approximately 395,000 jobs.

"The Tourism Industry Association of Ontario welcomes the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit and encourages all Ontarians to continue to explore their own province this year. TIAO thanks Minister MacLeod for her continued support for Ontario's hard-hit tourism and hospitality sectors," said Chris Bloore, President and CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Ontario.

## Gallery offering workshops

Artist at Schomberg's Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe are offering workshops and art classes, thanks to public demand.

They are receiving wonderful feedback and the request for more classes and workshops! They also recognize that as things open up again, people are looking forward to getting out and being creative.

Several of the participating artists at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe are also artist instructors who have an extensive portfolio in teaching experience and knowledge. The public is invited to come and take a class. The classes and workshops in March and April will include:

An Introduction to Reduction Linocut Printmaking – 3 week sessions.

Acrylic Fine Art Painting, all levels – 4 week sessions.

The Art of Basketry – one day workshop.

Introduction to Fused Glass (April) – one day workshop.

Space is limited so please register soon. You can register in person at the Gallery or call 647-523-3275.

The Gallery is also presenting "More than Meets the Eye" – a creative opportunity for writers! An open house will be held Sunday, April 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. The 10 Gallery artists, in collaboration with the writers' group of King, WriteNow!@King, have invited wordsmiths to drop into the Gallery through March to gather impressions of art and craft on display.

For more information please contact Pat at [patriciaearl180@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaearl180@gmail.com) or Dorita at [doritapeer@bell.net](mailto:doritapeer@bell.net). The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe is located at 357 Main Street, Schomberg. It's open Wednesdays to Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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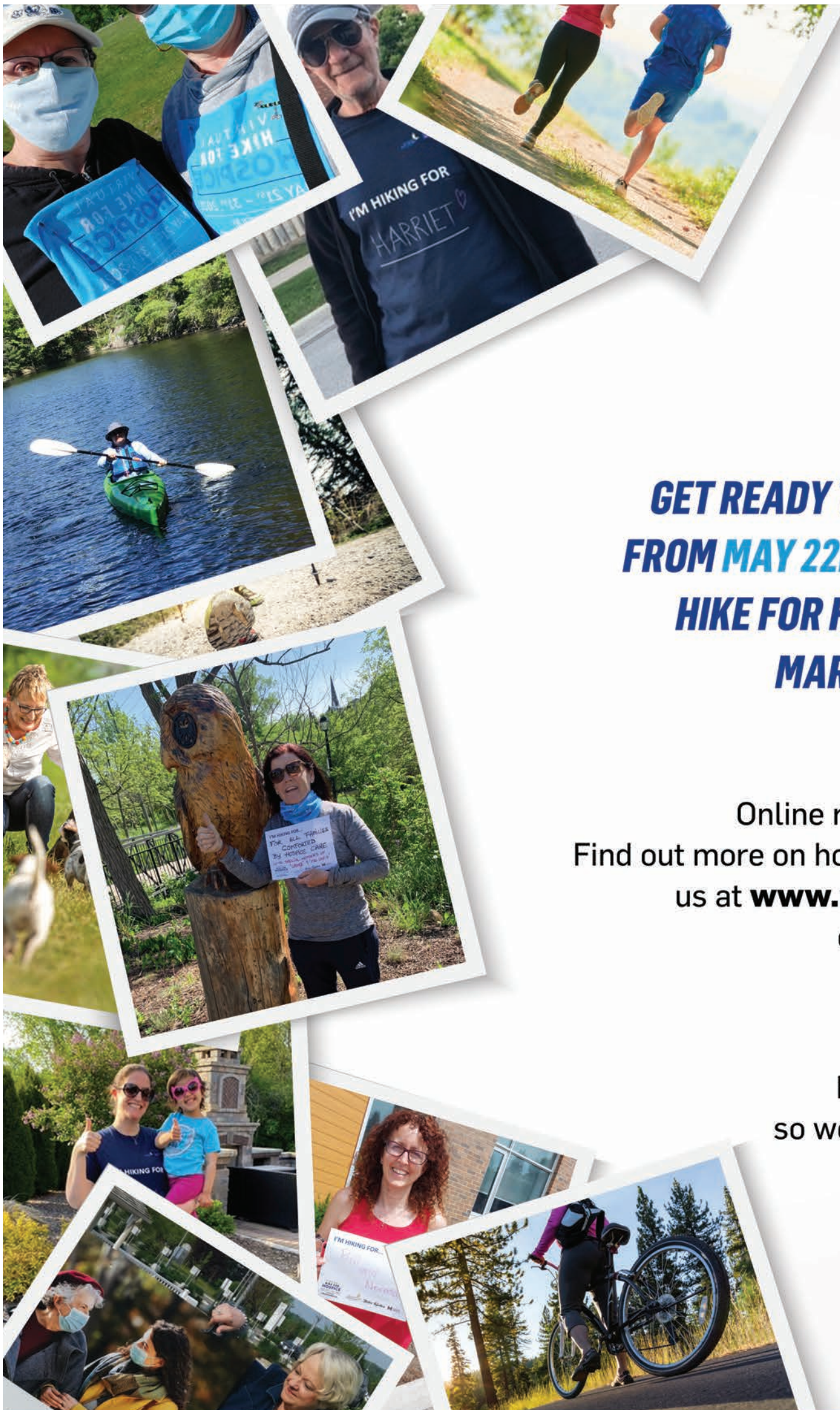


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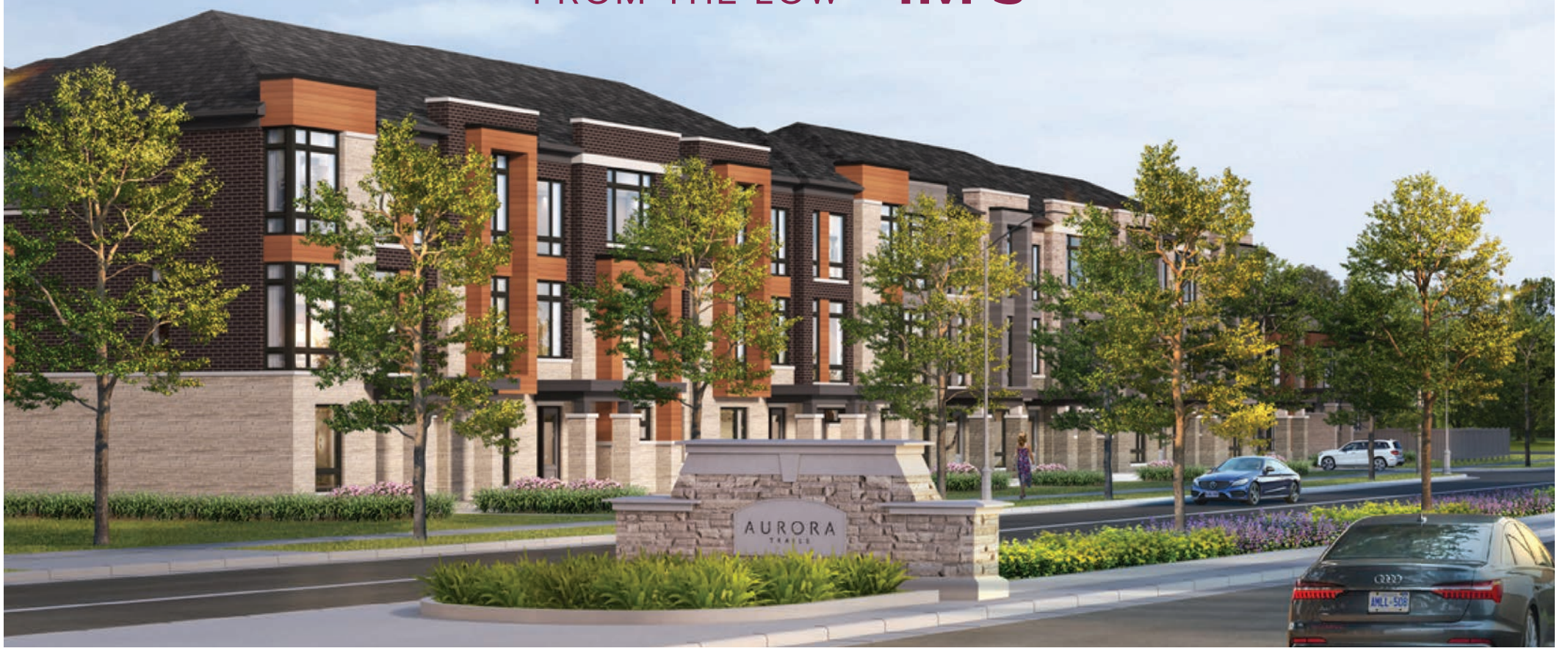
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## Mixed doubles curling provides plenty of cardio

By Shellee Morning

The Mixed Doubles format in curling, reasonably new to club curlers, is an exciting, fast-paced, 8-end game that consists of 2 players per team.

The contest that usually takes one and half hours to complete is a great cardio workout where the thrower can then quickly jump into the sweeper position to sweep their own rock. Each team will determine how they want to direct their game strategy with either having their mate hold the broom as the throwers target or disregard the skip position and sweep for the thrower.

Switching of these positions is allowed throughout the game as needed. The ending result remains in the same traditional way with the rock(s) closest to the pin that make up the scoring points. Doubles curling seems to rely a little more on the drawing to the button aspect, but hitting for the takeout is still a big part of the game.

Each team designates who will throw rocks first and fifth and who will throw rocks two, three and four. Two rocks are already placed on the ice with one sitting on the back four foot ring (the team who has hammer) and the second sitting on the centre line acting as a guard (this rock belongs to the team who scored the point in the previous end).

Friday evenings have been host to the club's Doubles program and this

past week the league held an open invitation for those wanting to experience the "Double Effect." Because the format is different from conventional play, a brief instruction of the rules and format was introduced to the full sheet of eager participants before heading onto the ice.

It wasn't long before the curlers found their groove and pace of the game and the customary hurry hard calls were very much audible as was the laughter being exchanged sheet for sheet. Brooms were raised from the result of a great shot and before you knew it, handshakes were given all around.

Gino DiFebo commented that he couldn't believe the game was over so soon. "It was super-fast very different from a regular style game." Wife Sue and teammate for the game, replied that she never threw so many draws to the button. "I usually play Lead and throw mostly guards, so it was very different for me, but I really enjoyed it."

New curlers Sean Nugent and Cindy Lloyd who only just began curling at the beginning of the season decided to come out and try Doubles and see what it was like. Sean said "the game was very fast not as much waiting for your turn like in a regular game." Cheryl added that she really liked the pace of the game: "I felt more involved with every shot and got a better understanding with the strategy of the game. I'm definitely interested in doing this



Brenda Clark (left) watches as husband and doubles teammate Bryce sweep her rock. Cindy Lloyd and team partner Sean Nugent (right) raise their brooms in victory after Cindy threw the perfect draw to the button.

Photos by Shellee Morning

again."

A huge thank you to Mark Inglis who convenes the Doubles League, organized the invitational and led the group instruction for the event.

### Playoffs

Men's quarter finals began with Division A victors Inglis, Brown, Campbell, and Barber all picking up the win and moving into the semi-finals. Division B winners included Gerrits, Smith, Boynton and Wasylikiw also moving into the next round.

The Ladies league held their first round of playoffs with teams Stronach, Morning, Davis and Brown earning

the win progressing to the semi-final round.

Wednesday Social League, who have opted out of playoffs this year due to the interrupted season of COVID, continue to curl for fun. Doug Brown stepped into Skip position for team Teasdale against Team Clark with Clark taking the victory.

Larry Sheardown has taken over the Skip duties for George Gerrits for the remainder of the season collecting a win over team Beamish.

The story of the night was between teams Tom Allen and Charlie Pringle who played 8 ends of back and forth intense shot making that resulted in a whopping 12-11 score for Allen.



## Cougars oust Golden Hawks, begin second round against the Terriers

By Robert Belardi

The Schomberg Cougars eliminated the Caledon Golden Hawks with a 4-1 win in Mayfield Arena last Friday.

The Cougars are now getting set to take on the Orillia Terriers this week in the second round of the PJHL playoffs.

Having never lost to the Golden Hawks over the course of the regular season, the Cougars did not drop two games at the Trisan Centre against their cross-town foes.

In game five in Schomberg, in front a lively crowd in the stands, the Cougars ran into a red-hot Mason Kameka in goal once again.

After pouring on 14 shots in the first period alone, it was the Golden Hawks who found themselves with the lead. Luke Camara scored his first of the series to get the boys going.

In the second period, the Cougars continued to fire pucks on goal and were rewarded on the power play. Christian Taylor spotted Luke Miehm at the edge of the blue ice and the former Golden Hawk tapped it home to tie it up.

In the third period, the Cougars continued to pour on shots and captain Cameron Kokelj gave the Cougars the lead.

But the Golden Hawks scored two unanswered goals in a span of three minutes thanks to Matt Vavaroutos and Justin Callisto finished it off with an empty-net goal in the end. The Hawks won 4-2.

In game six, it was a vastly different

story and the Cougars had to do it without Christian Taylor and Luke Miehm. Taylor slammed into the boards hard in game five and was helped off the ice. Head coach Stan Kondrotas confirmed on Monday, he is going to try and skate in practice this week. There is no timetable for his return. Miehm was out due to suspension.

On the bright side, the Cougars saw the return of Stuart Barber to the ice. Barber is an engineering student in university and makes himself available whenever possible.

Barber recorded an assist, as the Cougars trumped the Golden Hawks 4-1 to win their first playoff series since 2015.

Having tied the Orillia Terriers in the season series 2-2 head coach Stan Kondrotas said, that the Terriers play just like the Cougars.

"They have some pretty good snipers to begin with. They play a lot like us, they work hard, they got talent up front and their goalie up until lately has been stellar," Kondrotas said.

"We know we're in for a battle."

The Cougars will start Matteo Tarantino to begin the series. Tarantino has yet to lose a game in the playoffs this year.

Game one took place in Orillia this past Tuesday. Game two will take tonight at the Trisan Centre. Puck drop is at 7:30 p.m.

The Cougars will head on the road Saturday night and will play game four on Sunday at home. Puck drop for that game is at 2:30 p.m.

## King skaters set for championships

By Robert Belardi

Three skaters will be representing King City Skating Club in Skate Ontario's Provincial Championships this weekend at Iceland Arena in Mississauga.

Julia Ferreira will be competing in the Gold Artistic category and partners Ethan Luk and Helena Maria Millis will be participating in the Star 4/5 Couples Dance.

Having previously won the Provincial Championships in Diamond Dance in 2017 and 2018, Ferreira is no stranger to this competition.

Currently ranked #6 in the province with a score of 43.50, Ferreira is competing in this category for the second time. She said, she loves to be on the big stage. "I really enjoy skating and getting to perform in front of everybody," Ferreira said. "I think (#6 ranking) puts me in a really good spot. I haven't seen all the competitors yet, so, I'm interested to see how they skate."

Out of 54 skaters in total for the Gold Artistic competition, only 18 skaters were chosen to move on to the Provincial Championships.

Ferreira feels her spins are her strongest asset. This category, does not permit any jumps. Skaters, will be creating a theme with their body and will be telling a story in their performance. Head coach Brenda Ferreira said the criteria will be based on three things.

"There's creative spin, footwork and field moves sequence that they have to have," Brenda said. "This particular one, they did stipulate, you can wear colour but it can't be theatrical. It cannot influence the theme of the story at all. They want to see it, with what you do."

In the Star 4/5 Couples Dance category, both Ethan Luk and Helena Maria Millis come into the competition ranked #3 with a score of 18.81.

Prior to the pandemic, Luk was set to compete in the Provincial Championships with a different partner, however, COVID-19 cancelled the competition.

Moving into this year, this won't be the first time for Luk, but, it will be Maria Millis' first time on the big stage. She said, she is both excited and nervous.

"It feels good to go to Provincials because it's my first time. I'm kind of excited and nervous at the same time," Maria Millis said.

"Sometimes, when there's a lot of people and I get nervous, I pretend like I'm practicing, like everyone in the audience isn't there. Like I'm less scared."

Since the beginning, both partners have continued to learn more about each other. Luk admitted, he likes to goof off a lot. And their best asset? It's teamwork above anything else.

In their Star 4/5 Couples Dance, judges will know their routine ahead of time. Both Luk and Maria Millis, must stay on time, complete the right steps and fill the ice in order to earn the most points. They will be performing twice.

After the competition, Luk and Maria Millis will be moving on to free skate competitions. Coaches will be choreographing their routines.

As for Ferreira, she is moving towards the end in competitive skating. There is no telling if this will be her last competition or not.

Ferreira will be competing tomorrow night between 8:30 p.m. and 10:10 p.m. Luk and Maria Millis will be competing on Saturday, between 1:45 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.



## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

### St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday!

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will discuss the book of Revelation. His message is titled, "Six Seals" based on Revelation 6.

Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Our Women's LifeConnect Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m. via Zoom. Another LifeConnect Group, for both men and women, is meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Church and on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Both groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of either group, be in touch with us via our online connection card, [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

St. Paul's is coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags will include items that are seldom donated and are in high demand for those less fortunate. If you would like to help by contributing to this mission, please check [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca) to find a list of items needed.

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m., a group of women gather in the basement of the church to sew or tie quilts that upon completion are delivered to places of need. If this might be of interest to you, we'd love to have you join us.

In-person children's ministry will resume on Easter Sunday, April 17! Until (and beyond) then, we are providing Family Ministry At-Home boxes each month for parents interested in engaging with their kids in faith development. If you would like to participate, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

### Neighbourhood Watch

We are setting up a Neighbourhood

Watch in various areas of Nobleton and surrounding area. If you are interested please send an email to: [amaccarone999@gmail.com](mailto:amaccarone999@gmail.com).

### St. Mary's Church

For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday.

Now that restrictions are lifted, it is time to return to physical presence at Sunday Mass, if not impeded for a legitimate reason, in keeping with our basic Sunday obligation as Catholics.

Masks will no longer be required in the churches or on church property as directed by public health officials and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

For those unable to attend the Holy Mass in person, please join us online on Sunday for the livestreamed celebration of the Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick's Parish, Schomberg. Visit us on our Facebook page to join us virtually for the celebration of the liturgies.

Browse our websites:

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You may continue to request Mass Intentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and intentions. You may contact the parish office with your request.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is also available on the First Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Church after the 9 a.m. Mass and St. Mary's Church after the 7 p.m. at Mass (during Eucharistic Adoration).

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Rev. Evelyn asked if we were bearing fruit? Each of us has the opportunity to repent, to open ourself to Jesus's love and grace, to walk in the light of Christ and to be a light for others. The parable is a stark reminder that we really do not have the privilege of time. Jesus says if you don't repent, if you don't change, if you don't open yourself up to God's forgiving love, you will experience the same fate as the Galileans and those who were killed as the tower fell on them ... you will perish. So don't wait. There is no time like right now. Even though the sermon title is "There is Still Time" ... there isn't a lot of time.

Hope you have your tickets for the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner on Friday, March 25. There might be a chance of still getting a take-out or even dining in. Call Fran Bones 416-573-3819 to see if there is still a spot! Tickets are \$22/adult and \$10/child age 5-12 and if under five and accompanied by an adult, the ticket is free.

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### Nobleton Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis club will open online registration on April 15 at [nobletontennisclub.com](http://nobletontennisclub.com). We will be offering Junior and Adult group lessons, Adult

clinics, Cardio tennis and junior tennis camps. Group lessons for both adults and juniors will start May 18 and be held once per week for 6 weeks. Registration and prices can be found on the website. Junior tennis camps will be offered the week of July 11 to 15 and the week of August 8 to 12. Registration and prices for summer camp can be found on the website.

Nobleton tennis club will also be participating in the Intercounty tennis league and will be entering a Mixed A team, Ladies A team and Ladies B team. If there is enough interest we also have the possibility of entering a 55+ team. Anyone interested on playing on any of the above Intercounty teams should contact the club ASAP.

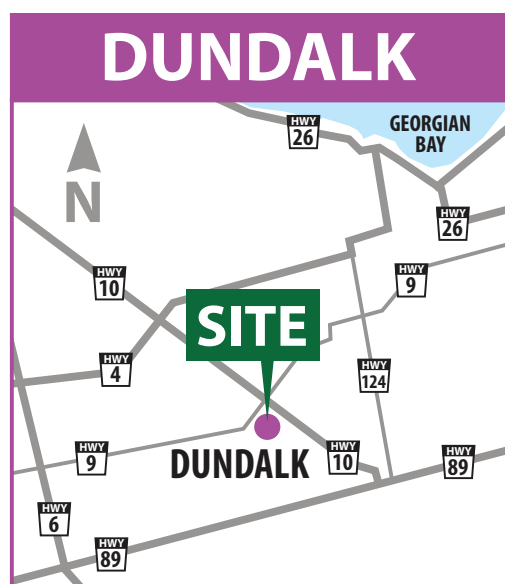
### Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is up and running, celebrating 60 years of service to the community, and abroad. Through Lions International, our reach extends to support refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Calling all golfers – are you itching to get out on the links? Save the date! Sunday, June 5 at Nobleton Lakes will see the first Nobleton Lions Community Fundraising Golf Tournament since 2019. Watch this space for further details, or contact Jim Kassam at KARS for details, or visit the Club's website at [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com). Donors and hole sponsors will be needed. This will be the Club's first in person fund raiser in over two years.

Here's another date to save, Sunday May 29 is the day for the Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides. The walk will be held in 2 formats this year, in person, and virtual. Choose whichever works for you! Watch this space for further details.

The need continues for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses. It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald Houses provide what they can, and here is a chance for us to help them. If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour. The Nobleton Lions will collect them and forward them to various RMH's in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Lion Rick at [rick@rickevans.net](mailto:rick@rickevans.net)



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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Schomberg Horticultural Society

Here are some environmental gardening tips. Thanks to one of our members the following tips for late March, early April,

Weather permitting:

1. Pick up any debris such as branches, etc.
2. Remove plant coverings such as burlap/evergreen branches.
3. Gently clear leaf mulch from the crowns of perennials and wherever you have bulbs planted.
4. Gently press back any plants that have been heaved by frost.
5. As it warms up cut back any dead stems from perennials.

Enjoy your garden as it emerges from its winter sleep.

## Four Seasons Spring Market

Three women with a passion for hosting events and shopping invite everyone to come to their "Four Seasons Spring Market" on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Schomberg Fairgrounds.

The three women hope you will join them as their passion for shopping comes to life and to support market vendors!

## Schomberg Street Gallery

The Schomberg Village Association is asking that you mark this date – Saturday, Sept. 18.

This will be the next Schomberg Street Gallery Outdoor Show and Sale on our glorious Main Street.

Tom Wray is putting out a call for all artists to get registered now. Just go to [SchombergStreetGallery.ca](http://SchombergStreetGallery.ca); find the Art Applications Page and follow the steps. The deadline to get registered in May 31.

[Schombergstreetgallery.ca/artist-applications.html](http://Schombergstreetgallery.ca/artist-applications.html)

Isn't it great to see our little town bustling once again!

## Support Ukraine!

Tom and Mara Wray have taken on a great initiative to send support to Ukraine. Let's all jump on this so needed bandwagon and show Tom we all stand behind him and his heart-wrenching initiative.

Tom has developed a meaningful 12X24 inch image of three beautiful sunflowers (the National flower of Ukraine) with stunning blue sky overhead, honoring the passion, courage and strength of the Ukraine.

He is asking \$20 for each sign and ALL of the proceeds will go to Ukraine aid through [www.cufoundation.ca](http://www.cufoundation.ca) Tom is donating the first 100 signs and all profits from subsequent sales will go to this charity, as well.

These signs can be picked up in Schomberg and Tom has asked people to message or call him at 416-994-0174.

## Earth Hour

The good people of the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection ask everyone to turn off their cell phones and all energy sources from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 to help make a statement for change. Join millions to shape our future.

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Rev. Evelyn asked how many opportunities have we had to bear fruit? Have you been bearing fruit? Have you been making a difference in the lives of those around you and even in the lives of those you don't know? We are not

done living. We have a chance to still make a difference, no matter if we are 8 or 38 or 88.

You may not think that what you say or do is making a difference, but it is. Rev. Evelyn reminded us about the buttons she handed out a few weeks ago.

An 11-year-old, Ryan and brother Owen, are making a difference. She mentioned a news clip about a 6-year-old in Calgary who is collecting bottles and cans to recycle them and give the money to help a Ukrainian charity. Their garage is getting pretty full and this sweetheart of a child hopes to fill the garage and the backyard ... we're not sure what his parents think though! Remember when COVID started and as people walked, they would leave chalk messages of encouragement and hope. Paige Hunter, who is now 21, but when she was 18, she posted notes with uplifting and supportive messages on the Wearmouth Bridge in Sunderland, England, designed to show people who were contemplating suicide that they weren't alone. The notes included messages like "your life matters" and "you're a shining light in a dark world." At least six people ended up not completing suicide.

If those people can make a difference,

so can you. You have the opportunity to repent, to open yourself to Jesus's love and grace, to walk in the light of Christ and to be a light for others.

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Nobleton UC is sponsoring a CPR/AED course on Saturday, April 30, 3 to 5 p.m. for \$55. Light refreshments are included. Please email Sharon at [Nobletonunitedchurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:Nobletonunitedchurch@bellnet.ca)



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# York U, Lions work towards low-cost access to football

By Robert Belardi

There are times when we all need a saviour.

It might arrive in a different form other than mom and dad. It could be a video game that strips you away from insanity. It could be a book, that sucks you into its fictional realm.

Or it could be something that you want so desperately. Such as a sport. But what if the sport is too expensive to play? And your child is crying out that he/she wants to play? Pressure continues to grow.

It becomes an entirely different story when your child has challenges or is on the autism spectrum. How can you change their life? For one mother, her son felt he had no reason to belong. But when he saw football, it changed everything.

"I bring him out to the field and this coach proceeds to spend three months with my kid. Coaxing him. Out of the car, to the grass. From the grass, to the track. From the track, to the edge of the turf. To the field. Then putting

on a helmet. Then shoulder pads. This coach put him in a base layer, and convinced him that nobody was touching him," said current President at York Region Lions and employee at York University, Jodi Tavares.

Five years ago, the York Region Lions partnered with York University. The non-profit football program, adopted the York University colours. Coaches and executives connected with the players for football and academic opportunities.

Current head coach of the York University Lions Warren Craney, is the man responsible for bringing in Tavares' son Hagan Douglass at the age of 13.

Douglass, learned very quickly, that if he simply did his job on the field everyone liked him. There are 87 jobs on the football field at a given time, so everyone has responsibilities that are crucial to the team. As a defensive tackle, Douglass played exceptionally well and players on the team, began taking care of him.

Some made sure he wasn't in the

changeroom alone and another player, insisted to escort him to semi-formal in his first year in high school. Douglass, no longer felt the world had shunned him out. Football was the gateway into having a place in this world.

"Football has changed his life and changed mine. And changed his sister's. It's given him a reason to belong. That he didn't have before. And it wouldn't have happened if Warren hadn't taken him for those three months," Tavares said.

Douglass is now at York University. He engages in his classes and plays as a defensive tackle for the varsity football team.

The same situation occurred for now vice president of the York Region Lions Michelle Trelford. Her older son, couldn't seem to find a sport to love, until she brought him to this game.

"No other sport was working for him. It wasn't a good fit. So, we found the York Region Lions and we went out to a community camp day. He instantly fell in love," Trelford said.

"I was just a mom in the stands for

a season. By the second season I wanted to help. So, I joined the board back in 2018. And my other son now, Jackson, he's five. And he wanted to play because big brother played. And he's met some of the York University coaches. It's shock and awe. This person is famous to him because they play football."

For the past few weeks, the Lions held the Lions Winter Academy, recently hosted by the Aurora Sports Dome. Youth from six all the way to 19 came to the dome. York U varsity players were there to work with the youth.

Recently, the Lions held a CFL-like combine event. Punter for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers who played with the York Region Lions Marc Liegghio came out. Cameron End from U of T, York U quarterback Noah Craney and UofT receiver Nolan Lovegrove all came out as well.

To learn more about the York Lions program, please email Tavares jodine. tavares@gmail.com and Trelford at yrfa.vp@gmail.com.

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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday, March 20, marked the third Sunday of Lent. Rev. Bruce's message left us with a final thought. "Without us, God will not. With God, we can. Will we go? The world is waiting."

His words reminded us that our world is waiting for us to respond to the call of the poor. Of the oppressed. Of the disadvantaged. Of the victims. Of the unemployed. Of the city. Of the country. Of the nation. Of the world. God is waiting for us to respond. To view the worship recording or read the sermon please visit [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net)

We are happy to welcome you back to in person worship and are grateful to be worshipping together again. For the time being we continue to ask that only those fully vaccinated attend the in person worship and that you continue to wear a mask and distance while in the church.

Our worship on Sunday begins at 10 a.m. and the worship will be recorded and available on our website later in the week for those unable to attend.

We will provide all the details on our website at [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net).

**King Bible Church**

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're back in-person for our services! We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series Witness of a New Era – the Book of Acts.

We will be hosting a market this summer at King Bible Church at 1555 King Road, in King City. We are in a prime, high-traffic location and are looking to create connections within our community. We are looking for artisans, craft makers, food vendors etc. from all over Ontario to showcase the diverse skills and creativity in our community.

If you are interested in being a vendor please email [info@kingbiblechurch.com](mailto:info@kingbiblechurch.com) for an application form. Or visit our website [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

Please visit our website for links and further information. [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups."

If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue at [lisa@kingbiblechurch.com](mailto:lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

**King City Seniors**

We are pleased to announce that beginning Wednesday, March 30 the Centre will be open for Drop-In time from 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday morning. This is intended to be a relaxing opportunity to meet with other seniors and enjoy a coffee/tea while playing board games, doing handicrafts (bring your own), or just chatting and meeting friends old and new.

Our current schedule of activities now is as follows: Monday 10 a.m., Viva Dance; 1 p.m., Intermediate Bridge; Tuesday 1 p.m., Bid Euchre; Wednesday 10 a.m. Drop-In time; 1 p.m. Novice Bridge; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling; Friday 1 p.m., Euchre.

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

St. Andrew's invites you to join us during this time of Lent as we journey towards Easter!

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VICES and are experiencing the joy of being together at our Sunday Worship services at 10:30 a.m. The services are recorded and posted on our website, Sundays around 4 p.m. at [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca) for those who cannot attend or may not feel comfortable at this time. Alison Agnew will be leading us this coming Sunday.

The Bible Studies offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, led by Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries, are able to be in-person at the church; however, contact Lynn to be sure of the location or if you require a ZOOM link. The discussion is stimulating and there are always great questions about the previous Sunday's sermon.

Philippians 4:6,7 has become a favourite verse especially in these uncertain, anxious times – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We are available to pray with you or for you, in confidence.

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## 708 OBITUARIES

**Sweeney: Albert "Ab"**

Peacefully passed away at Matthews House Hospice Alliston, on March 19, 2022, with his family by his side. Ab Sweeney, in his 88th year, beloved husband of the late Helen Sweeney (née: McCullough), ever loving father of Dianne Hodgson (the late Dave), Brenda Chamczuk (Scott Miller), Marie Pearce (Grant), and Alberta Reynolds (Warren). Beloved grandfather to Nick, Alicia (Matt), Karie (Pete), Jenn (Brian), Mandy (Chad), the late Allan, Marc (Kayla), Mike (Laura), Chris, Nick, and Dylan. Sadly missed by his great grandchildren Ben, Cole, Callie, Emma, Abby, Charlie, Carter, Paisley, and Ronnie. Predeceased by his brothers and sisters, and survived by his sister-in-law Donna Sweeney. Forever in the hearts of all his extended family and friends.

The Family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel at 11am Thursday, March 24, 2022, followed by cremation. In Ab's memory donations to Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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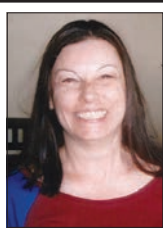


**Bishop: Bruce Brian**

Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Bruce Bishop in his 75th year, beloved husband of Penny Bishop (née: Hawksworth). Loving father of David (Anne Marie), Tracey LeBeau, Stephanie Quilter (Ian), and Kristina Walsh (Stephen). Sadly missed by his grandchildren Nicole, Carly, Blake, Estelle, Reuben, Libby, Violet, Ethan, and Keaton. Brother of Wendy-Sue Bishop, and the late Susan Bishop. Brother-in law of Willa Pocknell (the late Bob), the late Don Hawksworth (Jeanette), the late Bing Hawksworth (Diane). Predeceased by his parents Nora and Leonard Bishop. Forever in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. The family wishes to pass on their heartfelt thanks to Southlake's ICU Nurses and Caregivers for all of their care and support, and for holding Bruce's hand during his final days.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Dr, Schomberg, ON L0G 1T0 from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Words of Remembrance will take place at 2 pm. Online condolences and memories may be left at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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**Crosbie: Laura Rose**

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our "Sweet Irish Rose", on March 19, 2022, at Matthews House Hospice Alliston.

Laura Crosbie, in her 61st year, sadly missed by her beloved daughters Billy Joe (Clay) and Nicole (Melissa). Greatest Nana to Kayla, Brooke, Charlotte, Memphis, Hailey and Leah. Predeceased by her parents Sean and Margaret Esther Crosbie. Forever in the hearts of her siblings Margaret (John), Patricia (the late Tom), Grace (David), Fred (Paulette), Sean (Joanne), Catherine (Jim), Beatrice (John), and Ursula. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Special Thanks to Erica, Michelle and Jill for all the care and support you gave to Laura, and to Matthews House Hospice for their excellent care.

A Celebration of Laura's Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, 905-936-3477 in the Cliffside Hall Reception Room on Friday, April 1, 2022 from 1-4 pm, with a time of spoken remembrances at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Matthews House Hospice Alliston would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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**King Weekly Sentinel**

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Prayers and Support for Ukraine are found online at: <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/03/04/praying-for-ukraine/>.

Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding their Bible Study Service at the church, Sundays 2 to 5 p.m.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers: 416-998-4652, or our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis: 1-905-724-1979.

**King City Tennis Association**

Come Join the 2022 KCTA Outdoor Tennis Club. KCTA is accepting 2022 memberships and registrations to play tennis outdoors in King City.

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**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

Pray with us for whatever is on your heart every Friday with meditation and music on Zoom. Contact Leah49@gmail.com to register.

Easter is coming. Good Friday, April 15 at noon we will have a special service followed by our Easter celebration on the 17th at 8 a.m. and 10:30. All are welcome.

Rev. Michael Peterson spoke last Sunday on a passage from Philippians 3: "Brothers and sisters join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us."

"I've referred to you in this congregation collectively as saints for some time. The Greek word 'hagios' means holy ones, and when Paul in Philippians begins with this greeting: 'To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.' Paul was using the term saints to remind them that they were being remade in the new life that God in Christ had called them to. The same applies to us.

"God has plans for us, that God wants to improve us. This parish's name All Saints reminds us that God has God's sights on all of us. There are also 'Saints' who are the heroes of our faith. As Anglicans we think of saints as role models, as people that we should imitate. This idea of the role model is behind Paul's exhortation to the Christians in Philippi to 'join in imitating me and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.'

"This statement might strike you as egotistical. But think about what we all expect of coaches, mentors, and role models. Don't we want such people to be examples of good practices and skills that we want to adopt?"

"Paul had the same credibility. Remember that Paul used to be Saul, a persecutor of the church, until he was literally transformed by Jesus into Paul, the teacher and evangelist. When Paul asks the Philippians to imitate him, he was pointing to himself as a sign of how God could turn a life around.

"Your own saint may be someone

who was a role model to you in your own life, perhaps a Sunday school teacher, a grandparent, or your confirmation teacher. It may be sitting here today, who models a particular aspect of the Christian faith for you. These personal saints can play as transformative a role in our lives as any saint in a stained glass window.

"Paul tells the Christians in Philippi to 'stand firm in the Lord'. What does standing firm mean? During Lent, we think about prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and scripture reading that bring us closer to God. We also acknowledge that there are lots of things that are trying to pull us away from God.

"Recently I read about a spiritual retreat where the retreat leader led participants in discerning formational forces at work in our lives. At the end, the leader reminded participants, 'Remember that as you leave, you will re-enter the multibillion-dollar formation machine that is American media and advertising.' Many of these influences seek to align us with selfishness and materialism.

"Looking to the saints is one way of re-aligning ourselves with the values of our faith, whether the saints are historic figures, or personal saints."



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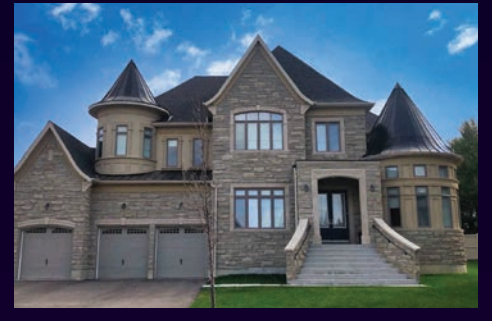
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