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Local dignitaries were on hand to celebrate a recent donation from Enbridge Gas. Along with King Fire and Emergency Services, they're hoping to reduce fire and carbon monoxide deaths through "Safe Community Project Zero."

King, Enbridge team up to help save lives

Enbridge Gas and King Fire & Emergency Services are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

King Fire & Emergency Services received 252 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero – a public education campaign with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that will provide more than 8,000 alarms to residents in 50 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$250,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 14 years, the program has provided more than 76,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

"Carbon monoxide is known as the 'silent killer' for a reason, and evidence shows that prevention saves lives. We know that the best way to avoid carbon monoxide ex-

posure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment, and that the alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning," said Jason McArthur, Manager Operations, GTA East Operations, Enbridge Gas.

"The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to residents in Ontario communities who need them the most," says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the FMPFSC. "It's a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage."

"This donation from Enbridge Gas and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council will help the King Fire and Emergency Services team continue to do its great work in fire prevention and safety awareness. Safe Community Project Zero focuses on what businesses and fire services can do together to make our homes safer, with the goal of no lives lost," added King Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

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Crowds enjoy annual pancake breakfast.

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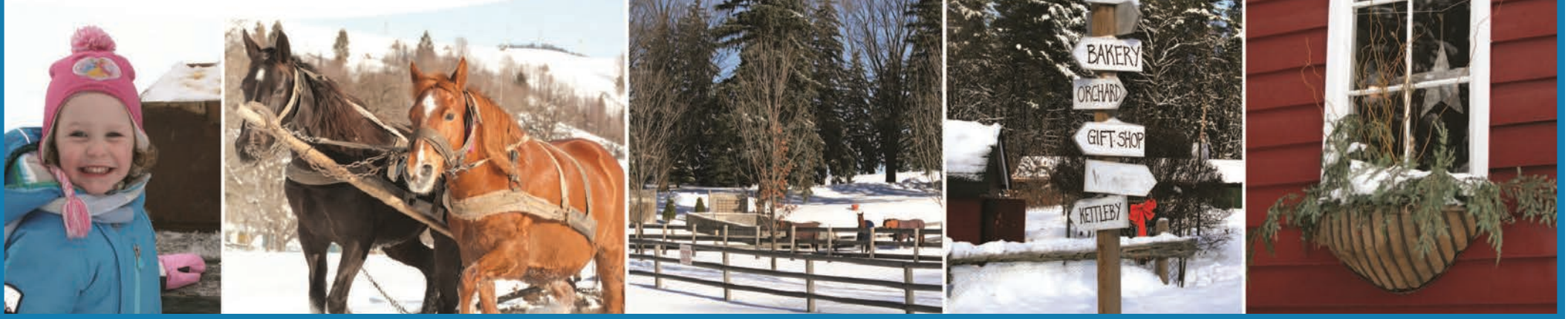
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, February 6
6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at king.ca/meetings

Monday, February 27
6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at king.ca/meetings

Monday, March 6
6 p.m. – Council Public Planning meeting
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities. All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

REMINDERS



Parking Restrictions

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Information Centre King City Southeast Watermain Project

The Township of King invites the public to our Public Information Centre (PIC) for the King City Southeast Watermain Project. The PIC, which will include a brief presentation and drawings for the proposed works, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Council chambers at the King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City, Ontario L7B 1A1.

The watermain along Bennet Dr., Forde Cres., Hollingsworth Dr., Kingslynn Dr. and Patton St. will be replaced. Please note project extents are subject to change, pending budget approvals. For more information and maps of the areas please visit our webpage www.king.ca/majorprojects under "King City Southeast Watermain", or contact Daniel Wilkinson, Project Manager, at 905-833-5321 ext. 6572, or by email at dwilkinson@king.ca.

If you would like to receive email notifications and updates as the project progresses, please email Daniel Wilkinson at dwilkinson@king.ca.



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PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS

2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND 2023 FEES AND CHARGES

The 2023 Operating and Capital Budget Book will be available at www.king.ca/budget as of Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Virtual Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday, February 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

2023 Operating and Capital Budgets and 2023 Fees & Charges
(Consideration of Budget By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 6, 2023)

The Township of King's 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets and 2023 Fees & Charges will be tabled for consideration and adoption at the February 6, 2023, Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings. The Budget staff report will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Interested parties are invited to participate virtually to ask questions and comment.

(Note: Budget adoption may be deferred to the February 27, 2023, Council meeting at the discretion of Council if required)

Please visit www.king.ca/budget or contact Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer by email at ptollett@king.ca for further information regarding the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

HAVE YOUR SAY

To VIEW the above COUNCIL and COMMITTEE meetings live virtually go to <https://king.ca/meetings> on the day of the meeting. NO pre-registration is required to view the meeting. To participate and speak at the meetings remotely (by audio-telephone), pre-register by contacting the Clerks Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Denny Timm
Township Clerk



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Have questions? Contact clerks@king.ca or 905-833-5321.



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York identifies efficiencies through provincial audit fund

York Regional Council received an update on efficiency reviews, completed as part of the Provincial Audit and Accountability Fund, which demonstrates York Region's long-standing commitment to continuous improvement.

"Regional Council is committed to building strong, caring, safe communities through the efficient and modern delivery of critical programs and services," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "York Region's strong culture of continuous improvement helps ensure the delivery of these high-quality programs and services meet the increasing and evolving needs of our more than 1.2-million residents."

Established by the Government of Ontario in May 2019, the \$7.3-million Audit and Accountability Fund provides large urban municipalities with an opportunity to conduct third party reviews of service delivery and expenditures with the goal of finding efficiencies while protecting and modernizing critical front-line services.

In December 2021, York Region received \$400,000 in funding for two separate project reviews and an additional

\$254,000 in January 2022 for the following reviews:

Court Services Modernization Opportunities.

Development Application Tracking Tool (YorkTrax) Modernization Opportunities.

Organizational Efficiencies and Performance Accountability Review.

All three projects provided York Region the opportunity to review current service delivery models and consult with various stakeholders and partners to identify occasions for enhanced alignment, collaboration and standardization.

"The Provincial Audit and Accountability Fund provides a timely opportunity to consider program and service delivery improvements that is respectful of taxpayers," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of York Region's Finance and Administration. "Planning for our growing communities means ensuring services evolve to meet the modern needs of our residents while also supporting the economic strength and social viability of our communities."

Organizational changes, modernized solutions, shared service delivery and cost savings identified through the third-party reviews are expected to improve and build on York Region's high-quality program and service de-

livery. Actionable recommendations will be considered for implementation through the Region's budget process.

Findings from the three audit and accountability reviews can be found at york.ca/Accountability

Regenerating the Greater Tkaronto Bioregion: A path forward

By Jim Jones
ORIAS

There is a general feeling that we can't keep going in the same direction we have been going. We have daily reminders that our world and our society are under stress: increasing wild fires or floods due to climate change; the COVID pandemic; record numbers of species extinctions; the cost of living crises and growing inequality between the rich and poor. In the early 21st century we are faced with complex challenges.

Not the least is a model of economics based on the continued extraction of earth's finite resources at an increasing rate without regard to the impacts on the environment and the people that depend on it now and in the future. As our lives have become increasingly more urban we have become disconnected from the earth and to its wisdom and our political boundaries make little ecological sense. Our culture is largely based on the pursuit of our individual needs at the expense of a greater social good, which erodes our sense of connection between and within generations.

The result is also a society which has lost its sense of time. We have become obsessed with the idea that time is money, but we plan for the short term without regard for the wisdom of our elders or the consequences of our actions on our children. It's unlikely that the same thinking that got us into this problem will get us out, and yet we don't hear much from our governments about the need for deep change, just more and more growth.

Coming to Toronto for a series of events in January and February are scientists, researchers and practitioners Joe Brewer and Penny Heiple. Joe and Penny are pioneers of a regenerative approach to development, which focuses on a multi-generational community-level response to our current crises,

based within geographical boundaries set by ecological constraints, known as bioregions.

Joe is founder of the Design Institute for Regenerating Earth and author of The Design Pathway for Regenerating Earth. Their approach begins with a multi-generational partnership that develops a shared understanding for the bioregion, creating projects for the regeneration of the land and for livelihoods emerging from regenerative economies.

Joe and Penny have been putting their approach into practice in Barichara, Colombia but have co-created the Bioregional Activators Network, an international collaborative effort, drawing on decades of scientific research, to bring together planetary bioregions.

Joe and Penny's visit marks the launch of The Legacy Project's 7-Generation Initiative within the Greater Tkaronto Bioregion (GTB). The GTB was first proposed by David Crombie, former mayor of Toronto & federal cabinet minister, using the ecosystem approach to set an appropriate scale for management, emphasizes the interdependency of the human and natural features of the bioregion. The Mohawk name for Toronto, Tkaronto, was chosen for the bioregion to emphasize the connection to its history and to the indigenous concept of holistic, long-term thinking across seven generations.

In collaboration with the Legacy Project, Mount Wolfe Farm and the Oak Ridges Institute for Applied Sustainability will be hosting one of the series of events in Caledon East.

It will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Centre, Caledon East. For tickets (no cost) visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../weaving-together-the-...>

All the events with Joe and Penny can be found on the Legacy Project's website at <https://legacyproject.org/7gen/events.html>

KFES notes importance of detectors

From Front Page

"Thank you to Enbridge Gas and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council for their generous donation and partnership. Our goal is to ensure every home in King Township has a working smoke alarm on every level and a carbon monoxide alarm outside sleeping areas. These alarms, when installed and maintained properly, will provide early detection of a carbon monoxide incident or fire related event in the home. This early detection is essential and will alert a resident of an emergency. Never ignore an activated alarm; it has activated for a reason and can save your life," stressed King Fire Chief Jim Wall.

King Fire & Emergency Services proudly protects 28,000 residents in an area of 333 square kilometres in the Township of King. With a complement of 150 dedicated volunteer (paid on-call) firefighters from 3 firehouses and a full-time administrative team that includes the Fire Chief, two Deputy Fire Chiefs, two Fire Prevention Officers,

Community Resilience Officer and Fire Service Executive Assistant, King Fire prides itself in being a progressive fire department.

The FMPFSC was established in 1993 with a mission to help create "a world where no one is hurt by fire." Chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, the FMPFSC promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety.

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Is ‘forced giving’ an option to help the world?

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Anne Frank

And Mother Teresa once suggested “if you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

Truer words.

Some believe that giving is in our nature as human beings, that we derive a sense of purpose, happiness and fulfillment from giving.

Of course, our ability to give financially is directly linked to our situation and economics. Surprisingly, the average wage earners in Canada tend to be the most generous. Of Canadian families who give to charity, the amount given has declined for all but the very lowest income band, according to CanadaHelps (CH).

With all the global conflict in the world, and the constant need from Ukraine for more donations from the west, some believe charity begins at home, and should stay at home.

Of course, I agree that we need to address our own problems of poverty, inequality and homelessness. Fortunately, a lot of support is coming from the grass roots.

What some may not realize is we have an obligation, even a mandate, to give to other nations in need. Part of our membership in organizations like NATO, the G7 and UN requires us to budget and pitch in literally millions, perhaps billions, to other countries and their citizens.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently launched its 2023 health emergency appeal for \$2.54-billion (US) to provide assistance to millions of



Mark Pavilons

people around the world facing health emergencies.

The number of people in need of humanitarian relief has increased by almost a quarter compared to 2022, to a record 339 million.

Currently, WHO is responding to an unprecedented number of intersecting health emergencies: climate change-related disasters such as flooding in Pakistan and food insecurity across the Sahel and in the greater Horn of Africa; the war in Ukraine; and the health impact of conflict in Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria and northern Ethiopia – all of these emergencies overlapping with the health system disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and outbreaks of measles, cholera, and other killers.

“This unprecedented convergence of crises demands an unprecedented response,” said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “More people than ever before face the imminent risk of disease and starvation and need help now. The world cannot look away and hope these crises resolve themselves. I urge donors to be generous and help WHO to save lives, prevent the spread of disease within and across borders, and support communities as they rebuild.”

WHO is currently responding to 54 health crises around the world, 11 of which are classified as Grade 3, WHO’s highest level of emergency, requiring a response at all three levels of the organization. As is often the case, the most vulnerable are the worst hit.

Here at home, CanadaHelps released its Giving Report 2022, revealing declines, largely due to pandemic pressures.

Data provided by CH indicates most charities are small and roughly 78% make less than \$500,000 a year in revenue. Most (90%) employ 10 or fewer full-time staff and 58% are fully run by volunteers.

For those who are involved in a non-profit in King, you are keenly aware of the work of our tireless volunteers. You know first-hand how charities work on a shoestring budget, many with no government funding.

And yet, our kind hearts and commitment to our friends and neighbours makes King unique. That’s something we should always admire and keep in our hearts.

Of course, the pandemic has hindered local giving and groups know you can’t always go to the “same well” for donations and contributions. And yet, somehow, our residents and businesses continue to rise to the challenge and give, give, give.

And why not?

Many of us are in a decent position here in Canada, with universal health care, fundamental freedoms, protective services and guaranteed rights to protest, speak out and be heard.

Even if you take global poverty off the table, people in many countries suffer daily from disease, and lack of simple medicine and basic needs like water. They are detained, beaten and killed by dictatorial regimes. In many nations there is no regard for human life.

It’s 2023 and sometimes I just can’t fathom the plight of these people, or how they live from day to day under such harsh conditions.

In 2020, the top “giving” nations changed drastically, likely due to the pandemic impacts. Canada and the U.S. failed to make the top 10, replaced by countries like Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Myanmar and Australia.

I get it, our friends and neighbours right here in York are hurting.

Grocery thefts are on the rise, as food costs soar. The cost of over-the-counter medications, fuel, taxes, and more are really putting a strain on many citizens.

With random acts of violence permeating the news lately, it’s hard to find the silver lining, or see the good in our fellow human beings.

But it’s there, I just know it.

Should we “force” Canadians to help each other out? Should the government impose a “giving tax” with the entire amount going to charities who need it most?

Maybe our school curriculum should include one day a month of roll-up-your-sleeves volunteering. Our youngsters need to be more aware of what’s really going around them.

The demand has never been higher, I get it.

But as Mother Teresa said, let’s start with just one!

Letter to the Editor

Raising awareness for myeloma

I am writing to ask for your help in raising awareness for multiple myeloma, an incurable cancer also known as myeloma. Please help me get the month of March 2023 proclaimed as “Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month.”

In 2022, a record number of nine Canadian provinces and territories recognized March as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month, and municipalities across the country similarly recognized the last Thursday in March as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Day. This year, we are aiming to achieve nationwide recognition for Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month and, we cannot do without your involvement.

I am living with multiple myeloma. On average, 11 Canadians are diagnosed with myeloma every single day, and this number has been steadily rising for over 15 years. According to a recent Statistics Canada report, the incidence of myeloma is now increasing at higher rate than any other type of cancer for males, and at the second highest rate for females.

There are some risk factors related to cancer, and myeloma is no exception. Obesity and chemical exposure are important risk factors that contribute to the increasing number of cancer cases in the country. We need to make sure more Canadians are aware of this devastating disease, so that the increasing number of new myeloma cases can be more easily detected, treated earlier, and that people living with myeloma can live longer and better lives.

In recent years, tremendous advancements have been made in research. Despite the promise offered by innovative new therapies, the stark reality of living with myeloma remains: no matter how effective any treatment is – I will eventually relapse. When I relapse, I need to know a new treatment will be available for me and that I will have affordable access to it.

By participating in our advocacy campaign and helping us make March the Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month, we can raise awareness for this disease that has taken the lives of too many Canadians.

Visit myeloma.ca to learn more.

Donna Calabro
Bolton



Quote of the Week

“Nothing every goes away until it has taught us what we need to know.”

- Pema Chodron

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THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

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Accolades for former mayor Hazel McCallion

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The accolades and messages of condolence have been non-stop, since the passing of one of this country's longest-serving municipal politicians.

Former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion passed on the weekend, at 101.

"Hazel was the true definition of a public servant. She dedicated her long life to her community, including 36 years as mayor of Mississauga – the longest serving mayor in the city's history. She led the transformation of Mississauga into one of Canada's largest cities. Hazel's mark on her community can be found in the many places and organizations that bear her name, including the Hazel McCallion Line," said Premier Doug Ford.

"There isn't a single person who met Hazel who didn't leave in awe of her force of personality. I count myself incredibly lucky to have called Hazel my friend over these past many years. As I entered the world of politics, I was fortunate enough to learn from her wis-

dom and guidance, which she selflessly offered until the very end."

"Hazel McCallion was a true trailblazer, public servant and city builder that leaves a legacy felt across the country," said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "We celebrate her inspiring and

remarkable life of service to the people of Ontario. She was known as 'Hurricane Hazel' for her strength, passion, and fierce determination to build her city, inspire more women in sport, and grow the economy across the GTA."

"On behalf of Council and the res-

idents of King, I wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the people of Mississauga and to all those who knew Hazel McCallion. The Township of King flags will fly at half-mast in remembrance of this remarkable leader."



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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to designate lands and premises described as East half of Lot 9, Concession 6, and municipally known as **13500 Weston Road**, in the Township of King, in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, S.29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

Description of Property

Located on the west side of Weston Road, South of 15th Sideroad, the property is known municipally as 13500 Weston Road in the Township of King and legally described as East Half of Lot 9, Concession 6.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

The two-storey dwelling is of a Victorian Vernacular style with Ontario gothic elements and built circa 1890. The form of the dwelling is preserved with the L-shaped plan and tail. The tail (north east corner) is reputed to be part of the 1875 log cabin built on site. The physical design of the building includes the bay window on the projecting front gable, the two brick chimneys, the wooden windows and the decorative bargeboard along the projecting front gable and the front porch. Contextually, the property at 342 Kettleby Road is important in defining, maintaining and contributing to the unique rural profile and characteristics that are found in the Hamlet of Kettleby, which is strongly shaped by its natural environmental topography created by the Kettleby Creek and the mature natural trees and vegetation that surround the properties.

The farmhouse at 13500 Weston Road is a representative example of an Ontario Cottage with Neo-classical influences. Ontario Cottage style houses are characterized by a small building constructed by the Owner of a factory or farm intended for the living quarters of individuals or families. Ontario Cottages range from simple and vernacular frame structures to more elaborately detailed examples built of brick or stone and inspired by the Georgian, Neo-classical, Regency and Gothic Revival styles. and feature small front yard setbacks along the strip of Kettleby Road, which has helped to contribute a sense of intimacy in the streetscape.

The physical/design value of the farmhouse at 13500 Weston Road is displayed by its one-and-a-half-storey height, red-brick construction, side gable roof with paired chimneys, symmetrical three-bay facade and central front entrance are all characteristic of Ontario Cottages. The neo-classical influence of the farmhouse is seen in the design of the front entrance surround and the multi-lite transom and sidelights.

The farmhouse is a representative or early example of a style, type, expression and material of Ontario Cottages that were found across the Province. It was one of the first houses built in the community of Strange and is an early example of a style and type of farm residential buildings in the area. Design/physical value of the farmhouse is also displayed in the craftsmanship in the front south room and entrance hall which consists of deep wood baseboards with wood paneling and moulded and paneled window surrounds. The level of detail in the craftsmanship of this rooms suggest it was likely used for entertaining guests.

The property has contextual value as the farmhouse contributes to the nineteenth century historic agricultural character of the surrounding area. The area remains dominated by agricultural fields along with their agricultural farmhouses. As the subject property contains one of the first dwellings built in the Community of Strange, it is also historically linked to the community through the remaining buildings that have survived such as but not limited to the Wesleyan Old Methodist Cemetery, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Notice of Objection

Any person wishing to file a notice of objection to the designation must file such notice of objection together with a statement of reasons, with the Township Clerk of the municipality within 30 days (March 3, 2023), after the date of publication of this notice in the King Weekly Sentinel newspaper. Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting Colin Pang, Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator at 905-833-4067 or email at cpang@king.ca.

Publication Date: February 2, 2023.

Deadline for Objections: March 3, 2023

Objections should be directed to:

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Shift needed to halt and reverse biodiversity loss

By David Suzuki

Comment

Despite Canada's important commitments at the December UN COP15 in Montreal, we're not halting, let alone reversing, biodiversity loss. More than 5,000 wild species face some risk of extinction, according to the recently released report "The Wild Species 2020: The General Status of Species in Canada."

The main driver is habitat loss. Yet, the Ontario government plans to run a major highway through the valuable greenbelt around Canada's largest city. In British Columbia, fracking and clearcut logging continue to decimate lands and waters. And the federal government is supporting offshore oil projects and pipelines — all while climate change fuels wildfires, droughts, floods and other habitat-destroying events.

We're still chasing symptoms rather than causes. We've been so indoctrinated into growth-based economic and societal paradigms that we fail to notice those outdated systems are themselves at the root of many problems — so we race along, extracting and consuming what we can without considering consequences or giving much back.

Take forestry. You'd think research by scientists like Suzanne Simard at the University of British Columbia would have shifted the way we "manage" forests.

In her book *Finding the Mother Tree*, Simard describes working for the B.C. forest service when she realized practices ignored processes that keep forests healthy. Most of her colleagues only

considered how best to "harvest" the most valuable old growth and promote commercially desirable species using fertilizers and eliminating competition from "weed" species with clearing and pesticides. The result: more than half of B.C.'s old-growth forests have been replaced by mostly single-species tree plantations, many of which aren't biodiverse or flourishing.

To show how little has changed, in recently resigning from the Association of BC Forest Professionals, eminent ecological forester Herb Hammond delivered a damning indictment of ongoing practices that maximize profits and destroy forests.

Simard started looking below ground, studying the mycorrhizal (from Greek for "fungi" and "root") networks through which plants, especially trees, and fungi connect — and communicate. What she discovered was profound, but it didn't sit well with some industry-focused colleagues.

A mushroom is only a small part of the organism — the fruiting body where spores are produced. It's attached to an underground network of fine tubular structures called hyphae "that branch, fuse, and tangle into the anarchic filigree of mycelium," says biologist Merlin Sheldrake in his book *Entangled Life*, adding this is "better thought of not as a thing but as a process."

These connect with plant root structures, forming symbiotic circuits to exchange nutrients, water and informa-

tion. Simard writes, "I learned that this network is pervasive through the entire forest floor, connecting all the trees in a constellation of tree hubs and fungal links. A crude map revealed, stunningly, that the biggest, oldest timbers are the sources of fungal connections to regenerating seedlings."

She found these networks even have "similarities with our own human brains," using chemicals "identical to our own neurotransmitters" to perceive, communicate and respond to one another.

So much plundering has been and is being carried out in a state of ignorance — wilful or otherwise — about the intricately connected natural systems that ensure our well-being and survival.

Old growth and natural forests are critical. They produce oxygen, sequester atmospheric carbon, keep temperatures cooler and provide habitat for plants, animals and fungi — and much more.

Western colonial expansion and the industrial interests it's facilitated have long been rooted in a sense of superiority. Colonizers often considered those they colonized as "primitives" or "savages."

But extractivist-consumer capitalism has always been the "primitive" way of thinking and doing. Yes, we need continued advances in science, technology, beneficial industries and food production, but they should be directed at improving well-being within the limits of what the planet can provide.

Indigenous Peoples worldwide have learned over millennia of observation, experience and storytelling that we're part of nature, utterly dependent on biodiversity and intricately connected not only with living things but with rocks, water and air. What we do to nature we do to ourselves.

Global conferences and agreements are necessary, but we need far more ambition and action — and humility. To fulfil our potential as a species, we need a paradigm shift, from an archaic consumer mindset to a wider vision that encompasses nature and recognizes the values and connections that will help us live well.

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.

Learn more at david Suzukisuzuki.org.

Community Services Recovery Fund application process opens to support recovery

The application process for the Community Services Recovery Fund is now open. The application process is managed by these National Funders in order to reach a broad and diverse range of community service organizations, such as charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a historic one-time investment of \$400-million that will help community service organizations to adapt, to modernize and to be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services that they provide, so they can continue to support communities across Canada through the pandemic recovery and beyond.

Community service organizations are at the forefront of addressing communities' needs, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the early phases of the pandemic, they have struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving due to the rising cost of living, and a greater need to make use of digital tools. Many of them are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of communities across Canada.

Applications for funding can be submitted to the National Funders from now until Feb. 21. Organizations are encouraged to complete the interactive quiz to determine where and how to apply. Additional information and resources, including an applicant guide, can be found on the Community Services Recovery Fund website.

For more information, visit the National Funders' Community Services Recovery Fund website at <https://communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca>



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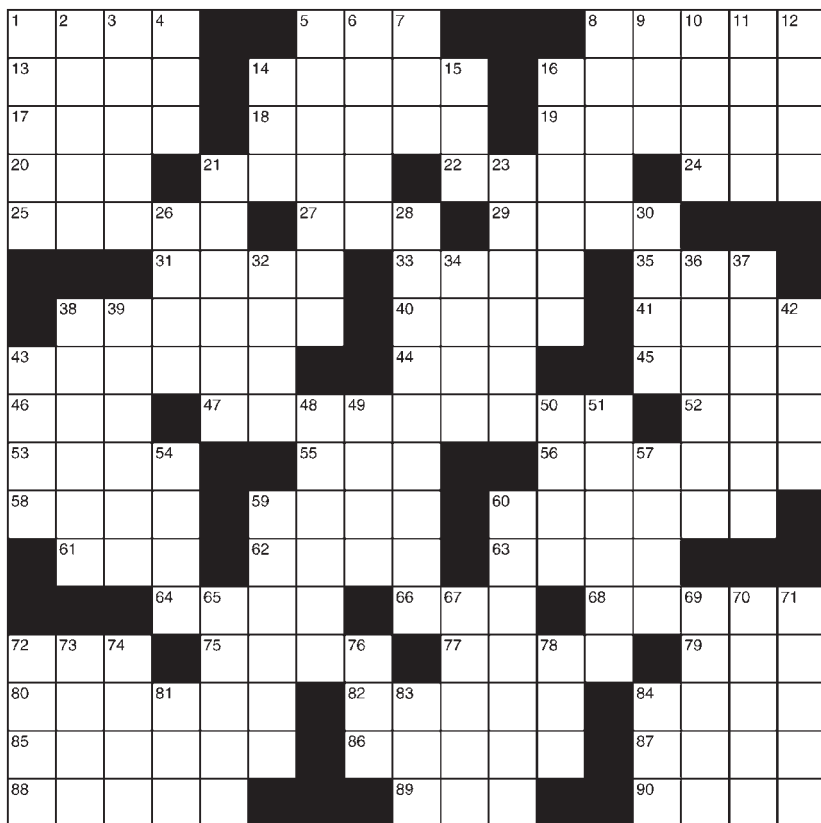
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19. Hole for a shoelace
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21. Faction
22. Carpentry joint
24. Golfing device
25. Beat
27. Astronaut's affirmative
29. Make indistinct
31. Gifts of charity
33. Cyrano's feature
35. Arctic abundance
38. Rivulet
40. Comply with
41. Epic tale
43. "___ Weather"
44. ___ ton soup
45. Door handle
46. Upper-body limb
47. Long short story

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2. Ghostly
3. Domain
4. Pipe joint
5. Cutting remark
6. Slide
7. Benefit
8. Louisiana marsh
9. Dollar bill
10. Shaker's filling
11. S-shaped molding
12. Apportion
14. Realize
15. Bunk or canopy
16. Musical potpourri
21. Long-faced number
23. Agreement
26. Young salmon
28. Wisdom
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Pancakes and skating: A perfect community gathering

By Jim Stewart

With help from the Lions Club, King council hosted its Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Nobleton Community Centre on Saturday. The event was as sweet as the local Crossley Maple Syrup being served to the 500 attendees.

John Webster, the Town Crier who ushered in the event with great charm and eloquence, characterized the gathering as “neighbors meeting neighbors” and “a time when residents can meet the mayor and councillors in an easy-going setting.” Webster, who has been a Town Crier since 1987, acknowledged that “the local Lions Club does an outstanding job living up to their motto ‘We Serve.’”

Doug Sutherland, a 20-year member of the Lions Club, noted that their Pancake Breakfast not only serves the King community, but it also “puts our club name out there to call others to serve. It’s also about helping the mayor and the councillors meet the residents as part of their service, too.”

Mayor Steve Pellegrini’s gratitude towards the Lions Club was evident: “It’s a great tradition that our local service club provides to us as a New Year’s event.” Mayor Pellegrini noted that the

Pancake Breakfast appeals to a “broad section of every corner of King and every age group. This is our first Pancake Breakfast since 2020. People are in a great mood to and excited to see everybody again. People want to get out and we’ve had record attendance at events like these this year. It’s reflective of our great service clubs’ capacity to host events.”

The Mayor transitioned seamlessly from breakfast host to skating partner as residents took to the Nobleton Arena ice surface downstairs to skate off their pancakes and sausage breakfast.

One of those skaters and breakfast attendees was Darcy Wilson of the U12 King Rebellion, whose team is currently undefeated in league play with a stellar 19-0-2 record. The rep hockey player mentioned that he was a “first time visitor to this event” and was excited to get his photo taken with the Town Crier. Darcy’s mom, Jane Heffernan, felt the event “was a celebration of community” and acknowledged that she loves “living in the country close to the city.”

The charm of Nobleton as a “natural-looking place” was on full display at the community centre and arena on Saturday morning.

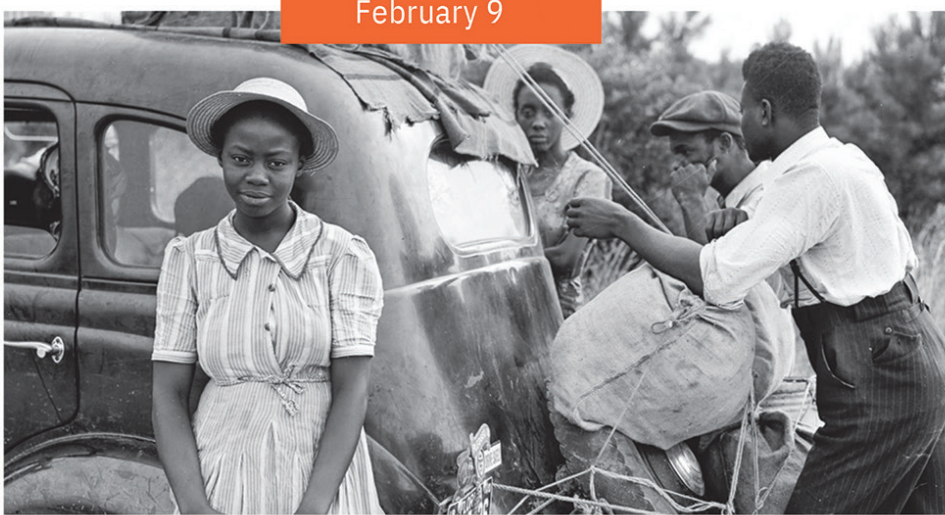


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Business, Finance & Real Estate



John Ciarallo given heart-felt sendoff by Chamber

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The King community will miss one of its cornerstones – a local businessman who has given so much.

John Ciarallo, of John's No Frills in Nobleton, is retiring after a 24-year career as a franchise owner.

The King Chamber of Commerce honored the community cornerstone with an intimate celebration last week. Dignitaries and members of the community shared their gratitude for Ciarallo, who has gone above and beyond in the community.

Ciarallo's generosity is not only well known, it's almost legendary. "No" was simply not in his vocabulary.

Leona Zadoyko, King Township Food Bank Board member, shared her story. She noted when she first joined the Food Bank she collected donations from

the bin located at No Frills. Being rather diminutive (at 4'11") she had trouble reaching to the bottom of the bin. John commissioned a iron cage to make her task easier. The sturdier bin on wheels is easily wheeled out and unloaded.

Carol Ann Trabert, Food Bank president, said Ciarallo and No Frills customers were the main supporters in terms of collecting food donations. In 2022 alone, more than \$7,000 worth of food was received by the Food Bank from that bin, which is there all the time, not just on special occasions.

Her favourite anecdote was a time when John called her with a donation, gathered through a cashier campaign, an approach that Trabert wasn't fond of. And that's why Ciarallo didn't tell her, just did it!

"John always put the Food Bank very high on the list of organizations receiving funds," she said. The result is that



in addition to food, tens of thousands of dollars have been directed to KTFB." Ciarallo called the Food Bank his favourite cause, "hands-down."

The Nobleton Lions Club has benefited from his ongoing support and they have named Ciarallo as a recipient of the prestigious Helen Keller Award. The award is named after the remarkable humanitarian and the Lions' work with the blind.

Ciarallo introduced the new owners of No Frills, Mike and Brigette Visconti from Aurora. They also own a franchise in Markham and Ciarallo asked residents to "hold them up to everything I did."

Councillor David Boyd said he appreciated that John would always make himself available for a conversation and how committed he was to providing a great grocery experience and understanding the needs of our community – "a true master of his trade."

"John's list of noble qualities is long – always supportive and generous and hard-working. His commitment to the food bank, local schools, and Nobleton's Victoria Day celebration will not be forgotten.

"We did some good things together; a couple of examples are the buddy benches at St. Mary's and Nobleton Public. John also played a key role to help build the Nobleton tree lighting

into the great event it is today. "Rose and John have become close friends and are like family to us."

"John Ciarallo is a great friend to many. I saw firsthand how committed he was to our community through his involvement with the King Food Bank and the King Chamber of Commerce," said MPP Stephen Lecce. "It was a pleasure for me to present him and his wife, Rose, with Ontario's flag, and thanks on behalf of our community and province."

Ciarallo caps off an incredible 42-year career with Loblaws, which began in 1996. Ciarallo opened his first franchise in Vaughan in 1998. The community was ecstatic when he opened No Frills in the plaza more than 10 years ago. The site, and surrounding businesses, have flourished ever since.

Ciarallo has given to almost every local organization and charity. He's been a multiple award winner with the King Chamber of Commerce, making a lasting impact on his adopted community.

"During John's time as a franchisee, he has placed himself as a well respected franchise owner with his peers, a pillar for his community through his kindness, tireless effort, commitment, and lastly his sharp sense of humour, aligned with our commitment to live life well," said Melanie Singh, SVP, Hard Discount (No Frills & Maxi).



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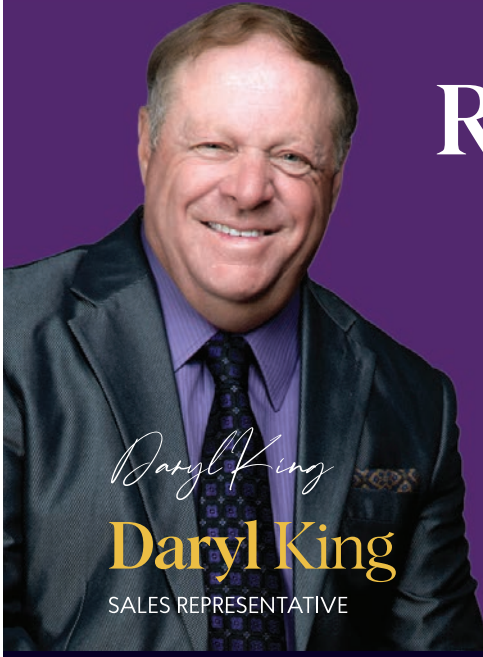


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Arts & Entertainment

Artist Morganelli to hold solo show at Guelph-Humber

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A King artist has been selected to exhibit her art for all to see.

Mary Morganelli is doing a solo show at the art gallery in the University of Guelph-Humber running March 9-20.

"It's going to be a spectacular event, the University of Guelph goes all out in making it special for everyone who attend the opening gala on the evening of March 9," she said.

Meet Mary March 9 during the reception from 5 to 9 p.m. and get a glimpse of her style and what motivates her art.

The "Travel/Journey to the

World" exhibit is fitting for Mary, who loves to travel to exotic places and capture them on canvas.

"Capturing emotion on canvas is everything for me as an artist," she said.

"When we travel to new, exotic places, we get to experience a whole spectrum of emotions: excitement, anticipation, and exhilaration. The start of a new journey in our life, we explore a wonderful beginning and accomplishment, whether aboard or right here in our backyard."

She's passionate about contributing positively to the human experience through her art.

"Who doesn't just love to sneak off to



a far-away place? Who doesn't enjoy a weekend get-away? Who doesn't love the chance to try new flavours and foods, experience the energy of a vibrant new city, relax on a tranquil beach or enjoy a blissful lakeside community?"

As you browse through Mary's works, you may imagine the tropical sun warming your face, the seaside breezes nourishing your soul, or the unique flavour of the culture of that far away city or exotic countryside.

"I truly hope you'll find beauty and regenerative energy in my one-of-a-kind collection of travel/journey themed

acrylic, watercolour and oil paintings."

Morganelli said she loves a challenge and is not afraid to try something new. She's received praise for her car paintings on display at summer car shows across the GTA.

"The satisfaction I receive when a piece is finished, is indescribable," she said.

Mary welcomes you to her "world of colour."

For more, you can connect with Mary via email at mary@mariellart.com or visit her website at mary@mariellart.com



Valentine's Dinner and jazz

The Adam Saunders Band will return to the stage in February.

The band, led by local veteran pianist Adam Saunders will play a Feb. 14 Valentine's Day concert at Summerhill Restaurant north of Nobleton.

Funds raised from the event will go to Hope House Community Hospice in King/Aurora.

The event features a four-course meal and amazing jazz from some of the finest. Joining Adam will be special guests Al Cox, trumpet; Chris Robinson, reeds; Ron Johnston, Bass; 'Doc' Mike Walmsley, guitar and banjo and Jamie Aug on drums.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$80 per person.

For reservations please call 905-859-4445 or email info@thesummerhill-restaurant.ca

Exhibition spotlights artist's pioneering photographic works

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection will debut Meryl McMaster: Bloodline, co-organized with Remai Modern, a survey exhibition of the remarkable Canadian artist Meryl McMaster, whose pioneering large-scale photographic works explore her mixed Plains Cree/Métis, Dutch, and British ancestry.

Bloodline reflects on McMaster's previous accomplishments and introduces audiences to her latest explorations on family histories, particularly those of her Plains Cree female forebears from the Red Pheasant Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. The exhibition blends together themes of memory, erasure, diaspora, and self-determination, with past trauma filtered through the imagination of one of Canada's most insightful creative minds.

Meryl McMaster: Bloodline is co-curated by McMichael Chief Curator Sarah Milroy and Tarah Hogue, Curator of Indigenous Art at Remai Modern. The accompanying publication, developed as a collaboration between the McMichael, Remai Modern and the Magenta Foundation, is a lavishly illustrated testimonial to McMaster's career, featuring an extensive interview with the artist by Sarah Milroy, and essays by writer Maria Campbell, musician Buffy Sainte-Marie, and poet Louise B. Halfe.

A free virtual artist's talk introducing the exhibition will be held on Tuesday, February 7. In association with the Department of Visual Art and Art History of York University, the McMichael will also host the 2023 Goldfarb Lecture in Visual Arts delivered by McMaster Feb. 15.

Meryl McMaster: Bloodline runs through May 28. A free virtual artist's talk will be offered on Zoom on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m.



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Nobleton welcomes new Yoga Loft studio

By Brittany Greci

Yoga Loft has officially opened in Nobleton. On Jan. 21, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, along with other members of council, officially welcomed the new business to the community with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Located at 12840 Highway 27, the new studio offers a range of classes for those just beginning their yoga practice, to advanced yogis. From vinyasa flow, to hot core, its welcoming team is eager to help all who are interested find the right class for them.

Jennifer Cabral, Studio Owner and Frank Pitasio, Studio Manager, share their vision for their new space.

“We want to help more people discover and love yoga while we guide them on their journey. We look forward to building a loving community where everyone supports each other not only in their practice, but in their day to day struggles as well. The response we’ve received from people in the area has been incredible, including leaders

in the community. The students are friendly, happy to be here and so open minded in their practice. As we continue to flourish, we’re excited to continue to network with those in the community and provide support to local businesses.”

Jennifer shared with us a little bit about her background and how her passion for yoga began.

“I had just left my career in TV broadcasting, which was a difficult decision that I was struggling with. A friend encouraged me to try yoga and I instantly fell in love with the practice. It not only changed my body and attitude towards it, it changed my outlook on life. After practicing for several years, I felt the need to share my positive experience with others and did my teacher training.

“When the owner of a studio I was teaching at wanted to sell the studio to me I didn’t even think twice. I love what I do and the people I get to meet. I have recently opened a second studio and am excited for the new possi-

bilities ahead.”

If you are new to yoga or advanced in your practice, pay a visit to Yoga Loft in Nobleton and embark on your

journey of increased strength, mobility and connection to your body. The Yoga Loft team can be reached at 905-859-9111.



Leonardo's helping Food Bank

Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smoke House in Schomberg is giving back. They are holding a fundraiser for the month of February, where 5% of the pizza sales will be donated to the King Township Food Bank.

“We are aware that the Food Bank is under tremendous stress to provide for the community and would like to help,” said George Lindner.

They will also have a food drop off box, as well as a cash donation box for customers.

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THE BEST MOVE YOU COULD MAKE

The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Hopefully you're reading this with your morning coffee. I realize this statement ages me; I'm from an era where people read newspapers every morning with their coffee.

While I'm new here in the newspaper world, I'm not new to Schomberg or being the face behind keeping the community up to date on events, news, and local businesses.

My name is Susan Heslop (Porter) and 7 years ago I felt we needed a Facebook community page to keep everyone informed, so being the self-starter I am, I figured why not, just do it, so I did. This is how the Schomberg Community Group came to be.

Now I'm jumping from social media into the actual media. I have always done things a little backwards from the norm so why stop now?

Now you know a bit about me, let's find out the Schomberg Scoop.

The Schomberg Library has an adult book club, who knew? They meet the second Wednesday of each month from

10:30 to 11:30 and the next meeting is Feb. 8. They are currently reading "Before The Coffee Gets Cold."

King Township is sponsoring an open house for our newly renovated Community Hall on Main Street. Feel free to drop-in Friday, Feb. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. and have a peek.

Para Ice hockey is coming back to the Trisan Centre, and you're all invited to come give it a try, no experience necessary. If you feel brave and have strong arms, come out on Feb. 28, from 4:30 to 6. Luckily, we have some wonderful massage and physiotherapists in Schomberg, just in case.

King Township is sponsoring Maple Syrupfest at Cold Creek on March 11 and they are looking for vendors, so if you're interested go to coldcreek.ca/maplesyrupfest to register.

There is a new Euchre group happening every Friday night, 7 p.m. at the Trisan Centre. It's \$5 a week or \$20 per month. It's not serious so don't feel intimidated, as a matter of fact if you don't get euchred at least twice a night, you might be too good.

I've also had a virtual peek inside the new restaurant in town, TCB Café, an Elvis theme café at the corner of Church and Main Street opening in February. I'll be checking that out soon as well, so stay tuned.

Before I sign off, I'd like to give a shout out to John Ciarallo of John's No Frills to say thank-you on behalf of our entire community for all he has done. Whenever I've reached out for anything, the answer has always been "yes!" Congratulations on your retirement John, you will be missed!

Also, Janet Hill of Scruffy Duck who also decided to hang up her apron and close her beloved restaurant. You and the Scruffy will also be very much missed.

Don't panic though, a new restaurant is coming in April, more to come

on that as well, so stay tuned.

Thank you for all your support.

If you have any events, or anything else you need to announce, please reach out.

Email Sporter5952@gmail.com or call 416-460-5952.

Schomberg Lions

Our Schomberg Lions Club is your service club for our Community. If you are interested in meeting new people, having a bit of fun, contributing towards both your community and your global community, then you really should look into joining our Schomberg Lions.

If you would like to be part of this amazing machine please contact:

Gord Dobson at 416-717-2824 gdbobson329@gmail.com

Angela Rose 416-855-0580 aroseinking@outlook.com

Horticultural Society welcomes members

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is welcoming new members. Come and join this enthusiastic group of volunteers, who's mission it is to beautify the town you live in and educate its members in anything horticultural.

Attend meetings with exciting speakers on every 4th Tuesday of the month, except for July, August, November and December. Social time with refreshments follows every meeting. Participate in the much anticipated plant sale in May and the highlight of the year, the garden tour, on the last Sunday in June. It will feature amazing gardens and properties in and around Schomberg in our beautiful township of King. Single membership \$20, family membership is \$25.

Info at: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com



Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches welcome new minister

Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches are happy to announce that they have a new minister, Richard Gardner.

Do come to one of our Sunday services – 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United or 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United to welcome Richard as he begins his new ministry with us.

Richard and his wife Joanna joined our congregations last Sunday and heard Phil Mannell, the guest worship leader. Our congregations have enjoyed having a variety of guest worship leaders on Sundays but we have missed having a regular minister who would get to know us and provide pastoral care.

Richard is a student at the Atlanta School of Theology in their summer distance program. This program combines a traditional learning experience on campus with a field education experience. Richard is completing a Master of Divinity degree. He was recommended to us by members of his previous church, Trillium United, in Mono Mills. Prior to becoming a minister, Richard spent many years in the information technology sector solving computer and software problems for others.

In Richard's free time, he is an avid photographer and scuba diver. Richard and his wife Joanna are fond of travel and camping.

Please come and welcome Richard Gardner this Sunday!

King accepting nominations

Each year, the Township of King hosts a Volunteer Appreciation Night to honour and celebrate one of the Township's most important resources: its volunteers.

King's volunteers contributed to many successes, selflessly donating thousands of hours for many causes.

King was thrilled to hold an in-person event in 2022, following the lifting of pandemic restrictions. They look forward to hosting an in-person event for the volunteers and their family and friends in the spring.

Nominations are now open for the 2023 King Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

The categories are Citizen of the Year, Special Recognition Award, Non-Resident, Senior Citizen Award of Merit, Lifetime Achievement, Youth Award of Merit. Nominations close on March 13. For more, visit www.king.ca

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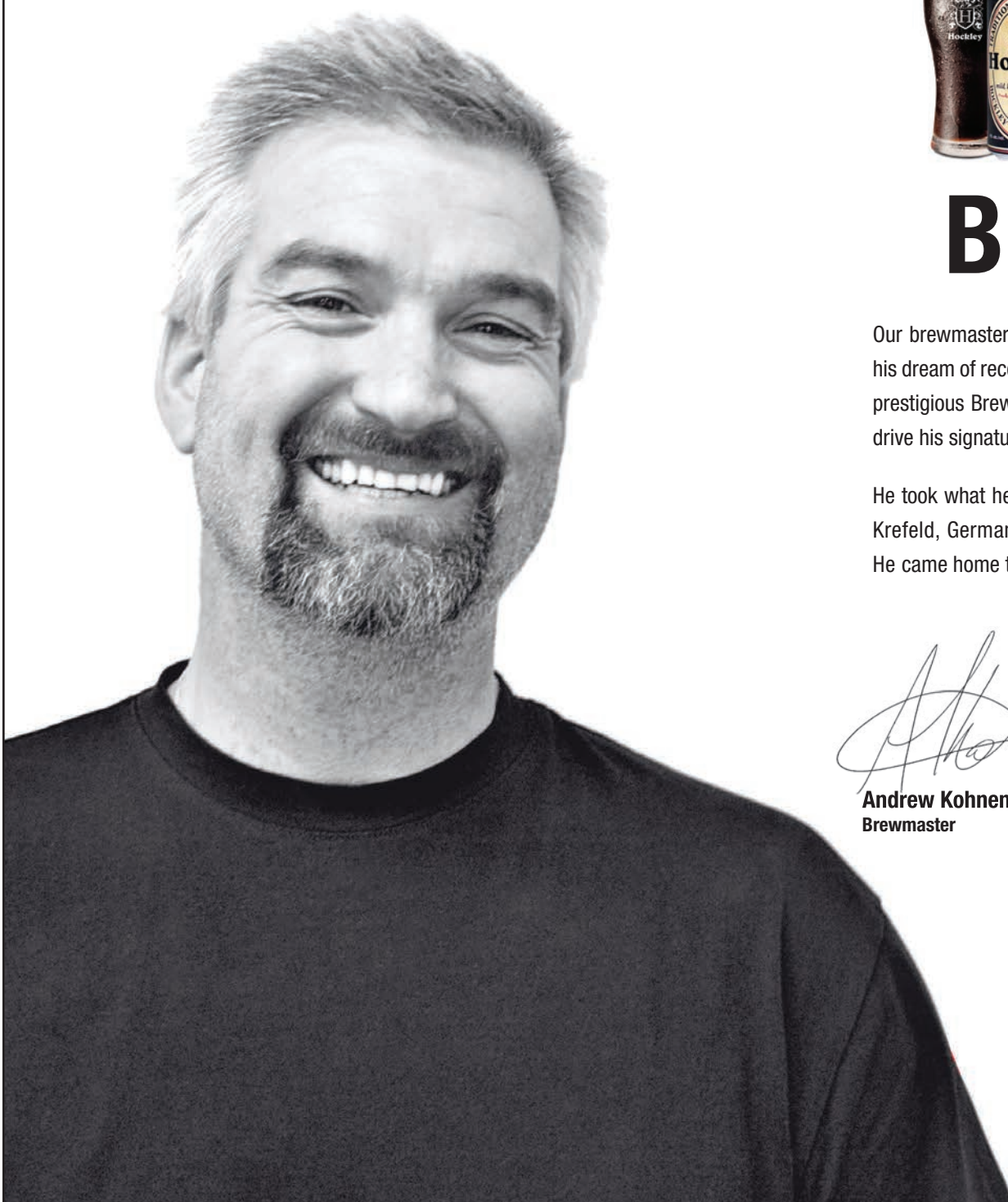
He took what he could from there and ventured to Scotland, Cornwall, and ultimately to Krefeld, Germany, working in the same brewery that had belonged to his ancestors. He came home to Canada for Hockley.

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History made in the rings for King men's team

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

It was back to business for the members of the King Curling this past week after the excitement of both the Provincial and International curling events came to a close. Unbelievable athleticism, thrilling performances, invigorating and inspirational moments embodied those that witnessed, and participated, in what was truly historic for King Curling.

And just when you thought the sheets of king were returning to normal, the implausible appeared out of nowhere. The scene takes us to last week's Monday Night Men's Team Entry League.

A competitive league of 16 teams in the roster that are now playing in their 3rd round of regular season play. During the late draw teams Sheardown and Boynton collectively shook hands to open the game in what each Skip thought would be a routine match that included the usual hits, draws, and guards. Neither team could predict that one of their most exciting curling moments of their career was about to take place. Sheet K notorious for baffling the Skips, seemed to glisten with a sharp presence of complexity.

After the customary exchange of points and both teams cruising towards a hopeful win, things suddenly shifted in the 5th end. Sheardown playing the red stones somehow had 7 rocks in the rings, all counting for the score and the only yellow stone at the back of the house was removed by a Plan B shot.

Skip Boynton, with last rock, desperately needed his stone somewhere in the rings to at least cut the score down for Sheardown. Scott Boynton a veteran to the sport was actually a mentor to Sheardown who back in the day watched, learned and admired. As Boynton's final rock slid towards the rings the curl in the ice caught his stone to make contact on the only remaining rock of Sheardown's that wasn't in the rings, causing it to slither into the house for a count of 8 (all rocks thrown per team). A rarity that is sometimes compared to a "hole-in-one" in golf, truly just happened for the first time in the club's 12 years of operation. Larry, who commented on the historic moment, genuinely felt bad for Scott as he and his team had played a great game up until that point.

Monday night's contests being the first game of the 3rd and final round before playoffs will undoubtedly be competitive each week going forward



Skip Larry Sheardown, Vice Wayne Rhind, Lead Gino DiFebo and Second Bryce Clark of the Monday Night Men's Team Entry league made history when they earned and "8-ender" during regular season play. An 8-ender where all 8 rocks are in the counting position by one team is a rarity that is often compared to golf's "A-hole-in-one" is the first to be accomplished in the club's 12 years of operation and is highly recognized by Curling Canada.

for a spot in the league's playoff round. Other winners last week included Gerrits, Davis, Barber, Brown, Scott, Smith and Lostracco.

Friday Night Social

A 2-way tie for first, a 2-way tie for second, and a 3-way tie for 3rd overall in the Friday night league clearly spells "tight." You can't get much closer than that without being tied together with a rope.

Leaders Wasylikw and Pizzicarola are well aware what a loss could mean should the forbidden happen. Teams

Groombridge and Saldat are breathing down their necks and want a piece of the leadership. Teams Clarke, Gagliardi and Mckenzie are a stone back tied for third.

Last week resulted in both Wasylikw and Pizzicarola victorious holding onto their first place position. Skip Doug Groombridge and his squad of Natalia Lebedeva, and Millie and Peter Christie pushed out of the hack on a mission. A mission to win, which was accomplished and the team moved closer to the top of the standings. Gagliardi was the remaining team to find the winner circle in the week's match-ups.

Athlete of the Week

Cougars Captain Cam Kokelj

By Jim Stewart

Cam Kokelj is having a great season for his hometown hockey team. The Schomberg resident and Captain of the Provincial Junior Hockey League Cougars has been a prolific scorer in 2022-23.

The graduate of King City Secondary School and aspiring paramedic currently holds down second place in the PJHL scoring race. He is averaging an incredible 2.3 points a game. Based on 27 games played, Kokelj has 25 goals and 37 assists for 62 points. His remarkable offensive output is even more impressive in that Captain Cam also has 6 game-winning goals, 4 short-handed goals, and 30 points on the power play in 27 games.

To say that he is an important cog in the Cougars' power play machine would be an understatement. The Cougars' power play lit the lamp four times last Thursday night in a big 6-1 win over divisional rival Alliston and has shown to be one of the best in the 60-team PJHL.

Cam took a break from his commitments to the Cougars and to his paramedic studies at CTS to answer our interview questions subtitled "8 Questions for Number 8."

King Weekly Sentinel: Comment on the on-ice chemistry that you have with your linemates Luke Miehm and Carlo Lioni.

Cam Kokelj: "The chemistry I have had with my line mates this year has been great! Luke and I have played all year together and it's been awesome! This is our second year together and on the ice we just know where each other will be and seem to be really clicking and having great production. Carlo is just recently on my line now and it's great playing with him. All three of us together have really worked."

King Weekly Sentinel: Why is your team's power play so effective? (4 PPG vs. Alliston).

Cam Kokelj: "Our team's power play has been effective because all 5 of us on the ice have put in a lot of practice and work and we each have our own roles and know what to do. Everyone has been buying into their role and doing whatever it takes to have a successful power play!"

King Weekly Sentinel: To what factors do you credit your prolific scoring this year? (2nd in PJHL and 2.35 Points Per Game).

Cam Kokelj: "I've had a really great season this year and a big part of it has been my whole team and everyone really clicking. I've been playing great with my linemate, Luke Miehm, who is also having a phenomenal year!"

King Weekly Sentinel: Your team is 5-1-1 in your last 7 games. Are the Cougars peaking at the right time of the season?

Cam Kokelj: "Yes for sure! We are re-

ally starting to click and become an all-around team starting with amazing goaltending and our defensemen are stepping up and forwards are looking great. Definitely, you always want to play good all year, but it all comes down to playoffs and to be peaking right now is most important and what you want!"

King Weekly Sentinel: What does it mean to you to be the Captain of the Schomberg Cougars?

Cam Kokelj: "It is a real honour being the captain of this team as it is my hometown team and to be able to lead such a great group of guys and great team is super fun and it's been a special year!"

King Weekly Sentinel: I saw your friends/family congratulating you after the game versus the Hornets. Do you have a regular contingent of family and friends at the game?

Cam Kokelj: "Yes, I have great support from my family and friends! My family is out watching at most games and my friends have been getting us hyped up cheering on from the corner! My grandpa is super supportive and I can always look up in the stands and count on him being to almost all my games-- no matter home or away!"

King Weekly Sentinel: What are your post-secondary school and/or hockey plans after captaining the Schomberg Cougars?

Cam Kokelj: "After I finished high school, I got hired on the fire department here in Schomberg and it has been awesome and very rewarding and I've learned lots! I am currently in paramedic school at CTS college in Barrie and looking to have a longtime career in emergency services. I am not sure what my plans are for hockey after the Cougars, but I definitely want to continue playing!"

King Weekly Sentinel: Describe the rivalry you have versus PJHL teams like the Stayner Siskins and Alliston Hornets?

Cam Kokelj: "It's always great to play and watch rivalries in sports and we for sure have a few this year! There's always been a longtime rivalry with Alliston with them being neighbours and having a great team and competitive every year! Our newest rivalry with Stayner has been awesome, too! We played them last year in the finals and they got the best of us winning the series! Once again, they are a great team and in first place, but we are very hopeful for a different outcome this year!"

The King Weekly Sentinel wishes Cam and the Cougars all the best for the rest of their PJHL season. If you are a coach or a teacher that would like to nominate a local resident for the King Weekly Sentinel Student-Athlete of the Week, please forward information about the candidate to jim@lpcmedia.ca

Cougars score four power play goals to sting the Hornets 6-1

By Jim Stewart

Austin McKibbon scored 55 seconds into the game and the Cougars scored four power play goals en route to a decisive 6-1 victory over the Alliston Hornets at the Trisan Centre on Thursday night.

Cougars Head Coach Stan Kondrota couldn't have been happier with his team's effort: "That was our best start of the season against a quality opponent." He also applauded the effectiveness of his team's power play unit: "We've been working on the power play every week and the players have put in a concentrated effort. Special teams are what matter with the playoffs just around the corner."

Lucas Vacca, one of the team's recent additions, was singled out by Coach Kondrota as "a great puck-carrying defenceman from Aurora who has stabilized the blue line of our power play. He's been very smart with the puck."

Cougars Captain Cameron Kokelj echoed his coach's assessment: "Luke's passing at the point really helps steady our power play. We've been working on our power play a lot lately and tonight it was the turning point of the game." Kokelj also applauded the effort of his goaltender Matthew Lunghi who turned aside 30 of the 31 shots fired at him by the Hornets. "Matthew was the player of the game tonight. He made some big saves then our power play went to work," he said.

The Cougars' power play used pinpoint passing to exploit extra-man advantages in what Coach Kondrota described as a "big statement game in our third win over the Hornets."

After McKibbon's quick opening goal, the Cougars' power play struck quickly and often. Luke Miehm's 19th goal of the season – set up by power

play partners Kokelj and Carlo Lioni – put the Cougars ahead 2-0 at 12:54 of the first period. Less than two minutes later, Cougars defenseman Wesley O'Hara banged in a bouncing puck over Alliston goaltender Rod Lewis. With his team down 3-0, Alliston Head Coach Travis Chapman called a timeout to steady his Hornets.

The strategy was effective because the Hornets came out flying in the second period and Cougars goaltender Matthew Lunghi made five point blank saves to stem the tide. Good defensive stick work by the Cougars also thwarted numerous Hornet opportunities before the Schomberg power play clicked again midway through the middle frame.

Luke Miehm scored his second goal of the game with the man advantage to give the Cougars a 4-0 lead on assists from Lioni and Andrew Hrinco.

The Cougars scored their third power play goal with 3 seconds left in the second period when Lioni finished a masterful passing play with Kokelj and Miehm to push their lead to 5-0. Owen Fralick put the Hornets on the board at 8:10 of the third period to make it 5-1, but Jacob Futas's goal – assisted by Hrinco and Vacca – restored the Cougars' five-goal lead. It was Schomberg's fourth and final power play goal of the game.

The third-place Cougars (20-6-1-1) trail the second-place Hornets (22-5-1-1) by only four points in the North Carruthers Division standings

Luke Miehm not only led the Cougars in scoring with a four-point night on Thursday, but created numerous scoring chances with his speed and puck control during even-strength play.

The Cougars improved to 6-1-1 in their last 8 games.

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be giving the message entitled Heavenly Victory in the Holy War" based on Revelation 19. We will also welcome some new elders to our leadership that day! Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments.

We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6 during worship. We continue to offer St. Paul's "At Home" boxes each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

Our Tuesday morning LifeConnect Group for women is meeting with a mix of Zoom and in person meetings every Tuesday morning at 9:30. A LifeConnect Group, open to anyone, also meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and will begin again on Jan. 11. Meetings are a mix of online and in person. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It is 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 our LifeConnect groups, be in touch with us via our online connection card, stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect

Quilting and/or Knitting continues meeting Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the lower hall of the church. We will be sewing and tying quilts for people who could really benefit from them. We would love to have you join us, if this might be of interest to you.

St. Paul's is coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags 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 to find a

list of items needed.

St. Mary's Church

We hope and pray that you and your families are doing well as we look forward to celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Join us this weekend at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's for the Sunday Holy Mass celebrations to pray for each other, give thanks as a parish community, and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 9-12) for our Life Nights to share in faith, fun, food and friendship.

Kindly contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgangl@archtoronto.org to join our events. Hope to see you there!

Join us for "The Search," our upcoming Parish Adult Formation Program.

Browse our websites:

St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrikssc.archtoronto.org/>

St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarys-no.archtoronto.org/>

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Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

We are delighted to welcome our new minister Richard Gardner for his first service with us this Sunday at 11:15 am. Come and welcome Richard and his wife Joanna.

The Community Singing Group prac-

tices in our church on Fridays at 2 p.m. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal - cell 416-550-5083, home 905-857-4033 or dennis5k@hotmail.com.

"Souper" Bowl of Caring is Sunday, Feb. 12. Please bring soups such as Habitant soup, soup mixes such as Knorr and ready-to-eat soups for the King Township Food Bank. Don't forget the crackers! Monetary donations are also welcome.

This tradition of providing soups started in 1990, with a Presbyterian minister in North Carolina who was concerned about the over-indulgence on Super Bowl Sunday. So he began the Souper Bowl of Caring. If you would like to support this initiative but don't want to come to church, please contact me, Nancy, at 905-859-0761 and I will arrange a pick-up.

"Messy Baptism" is the theme of the next Messy Church on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. Messy Church is a fun way to learn about Bible stories. The activities are aimed at children from 2 years to young teenagers, accompanied by a responsible adult.

There are optional crafts (5 to 6 p.m.) set up on different tables (you do the activities at your own pace and in any order) and at 6 p.m. there is an interactive Bible story (to 6:15 p.m.) and then a meal. One of the activities is always cookie decorating. Please let me know if you are interested in bringing your children, as I need to have enough crafts and food for all. For more info, please contact me.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. Wear a mask when not eating. The entertainment will be Mary Asselstine, speaking about the Schomberg Community Farm, where people of all ages can gather, learn, grow, dig, plant and eat. The meal will be hamburger soup, Caesar salad, crusty roll, with a chocolate dessert and ice cream. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

The famous DiFebo Pasta and Meatball Dinner with Caesar salad and a dessert of fruit salad, ice cream and a pizzelle cookie is Fri. Feb. 24 at 6:30 am. To reserve your seat, please contact Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442. The cost is \$22 per adult, and ages 5-12 years \$10, and children under 5 are free.

Our Zoom Coffee hour is Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. We would love to have you drop in and say hello.

Nobleton Lions

Mark your calendar, and save the date! The Club announces a new fundraising Charity Poker night on Friday, Feb. 24, upstairs at the Dr William Lacey Arena in Nobleton. Doors open at 6:30, and the tournament starts at 7:30. Please note that tickets will be sold in advance, and not at the door. For more info, or for tickets contact Gunther at 416 807 5469, or Rick at 905 859 1922.

The knitting and crocheting slippers initiative for Ronald McDonald Houses continues to move ahead. For follow-up details please contact Lion Carol at her office number, 905-951-0503.

We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@nobletonlionclub), on Twitter (@NobletonLions), and on our website, by simply Googling 'Nobleton Lions' which will bring up the link to the site.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Snowy cold weather is definitely a part of the Canadian experience whether we like it or not but come Feb. 4, winter will be half over. And have you noticed daylight starts a little earlier a lingers on a little longer now?

At this of year plants from trees to crocuses begin to detect not how cold or mild it is nor whether shadows appear or not but rather the slight but steady lengthening of daylight hours. Already roots are starting to react. This awakening ties in with another February event, Groundhog Day, but let us go pre-Groundhog Day to take a look at its beginnings.

St. Alban's

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes for many Christians, Feb. 2 marks Candlemas Day when church candles are blessed. During medieval times in northern Europe especially, people hoped that Feb. 2 would dawn dull and cloudy as worshippers on their way to the early morning Candlemas service believed that if they saw their shadows winter weather would last another 6 weeks.

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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday, the message from Rev. Bruce Roffey was entitled "An Ever-Widening Embrace." In exploring the unequalled and unlimited love of God, we were challenged to look inwards and consider our own limitations when it comes to engaging with those in our communities and in our world. We were left with a question to ponder this week: "Are you ready to take up the call of God? Are you ready to extend your embrace in ever-widening circles as God has done to you? Let us do that in the weeks to come."

To read the full transcript please visit our website at kcuc.net.

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at kcuc.net

We encourage all to help out with the King Township Food Bank who is experiencing ever growing needs and we encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations at this time of year which can be most difficult for many needing assistance.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

King Bible Church

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

Please visit our website for links and further information. 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.

**King City Seniors
By Carolyn Kanitz**

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 3 we will have a presentation on Elder Abuse by the York Regional Police. If you have not signed up, please drop in anyway.

Monday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. we will hold our annual general meeting. Our guest speaker, Jon Bell our Township representative, will talk to us about seniors' initiatives in the Township for services and activities. He will also update us on the community recreation centre. A reception will follow. Our event co-ordinators need numbers to organize refreshments so please call the Centre if you plan to attend.

New members are always welcome to join. Our schedule is as follows:
Monday: 9:30 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 2/3); 11 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 1).
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing; 1 p.m. Bid Euchre.
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 2/3); 11 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 1); 1 p.m. Bridge.
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. Art Class (2nd and 4th of the month); 1 p.m. Euchre.

Mark your calendar for the following presentations at 10 a.m.: February 3 - Elder Abuse and March 3 Alzheimers. Please indicate your interest by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565.

Please note that our annual general meeting will take place at the Centre on Monday, Feb. 13 beginning at 2 p.m. A reception will follow. Please contact the Centre if you plan to attend.

Kingcrafts workshops

Kingcrafts Studio is once again offering its very popular workshops. Check our website for further information and registration.

First up March 4 is Introduction to Inkle Weaving. Learn the ancient craft of inkle weaving to make beautiful woven bands.

Then on March 18, take in The Joy of Watercolour for Children (with an accompanying adult). Bring your 6-10-year-old (child/children) to learn how to paint with watercolours.

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

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Sunday Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m.

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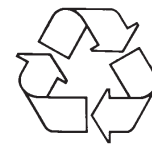
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If you can't join us in-person, our services are recorded and posted later in the afternoon at standrews-kingcity.ca.

We look forward to the Rev. Dr. John Vissers preaching the message this Sunday, Feb. 5.

Join Lynn on Tuesdays at the virtual Bible Study or on Wednesdays for Art-for-the-Soul. (you don't have to be an artist!) Contact Lynn for information and the ZOOM link at 416-998-4652.

If you have prayer requests and/or praises to God, contact Lynn (416-998-4652) or Kathy (905-833-0391). We'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence.

A favourite verse for going into the New Year is Proverbs 3:5,6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't depend on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

Contact Lynn or Kathy (905-833-0391) regarding prayer requests or to share in thankfulness to God. We'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence. Philippians 4:6,7 reads: "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."

Contact Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at 416-878-8499 about The Greater Grace Fellowship.

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

May your New Year be filled with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Community Singing Group

We practice on Fridays at 2 p.m. at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton.

For more information, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083 (cell) or 905-857-4033 (home). You can email him at dennis5k@hotmail.com

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

What does it mean to be blessed? A blessing exercise from Rev. Erin Martin based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5: "We often confuse prosperity with

blessing and yet that's not what Jesus said ... in fact, his blessings had nothing to do with wealth. Jesus said blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the peacemakers and blessed are the persecuted.

"Recognizing blessedness isn't as straight forward as we may have been taught to believe. It isn't about riches or fame or power. I think it's much harder for us to accept and receive God's blessing than it is for God to bless us.

"Today I hope we can shift our understanding to see that Jesus was just blessing people. All kinds of people. All kinds of downtrodden, marginalized, vulnerable, rough-edged, broken people. All to proclaim that God regularly shows up in blessing just where we least expect. Jesus was saying, 'Hey, if God shows up here blessing the weak and the vulnerable, then God will be everywhere, showering all of creation and its inhabitants with blessing too.' To be blessed feels like we have someone's unconditional love. Being blessed feels like we have worth simply because we are who we are - children of God

and loved by God.

"I think a lot of people long for blessing.

"So I am going to invite you to offer a blessing to a friend or relative who you see regularly.

"You could hold their hand if you know them, or just look them in the eye as you say a word of blessing. I've offered some below. Once you offer a blessing, switch roles and let the other person offer a blessing in return. We are worthy of blessing because God has created us and called us good. Now we can go out and proclaim God's blessing to the world."

Words of Blessing

May God's blessing bring you peace and may the Spirit guard and keep you this day and always. Amen.

May God's love heal the wounds of your heart.

May God's peace surround you and God's joy uplift you. Amen.

The Lord be with your spirit and grace be with you. Amen.

Bless us Holy One; guide and keep us through this week and keep our loved ones safe. Amen.

May the good news of Jesus fill your heart and mind and guide you through this week. Amen.

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Merritt, Mary Anne

(née Leighton)
August 6, 1920 - December 24, 2022

Mary Anne passed peacefully surrounded by her family. Mary Anne lived a beautiful life full of unconditional love.

A genuine person, loyal friend and tireless volunteer, for which she received numerous awards and recognition for her efforts.

A Registered Nurse, graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital School of Nursing, she enjoyed an accomplished career.

Beloved wife of the late John Merritt, loving mother of Elizabeth Douglas (Ralph), Gloria Jansons (Imants), John Merritt (Maureen). Cherished grandmother of Sarah Ogborn (Peter), Rachael Douglas, Joel Douglas (Jennifer), Andrew Jansons (Amy Sullivan), Alek Jansons (Danielle), Laura Green (Orion), Amber Merritt, Tyler Merritt (Stephanie) and great grandmother to Kylie, Evan, Olivia, Ellie, Avery, Maddison, Easton, Brianna and James.

She will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Mary Anne's life will be announced at a later date.

For those who wish, donations can be made to the Nobleton United Church or the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, www.fwio.on.ca/erland

**JANE UNDERHILL
February 8, 2020**

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I close my eyes to see it
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A memory of you I carry in my soul
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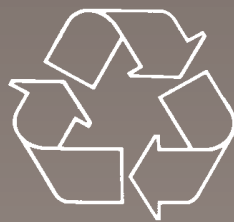
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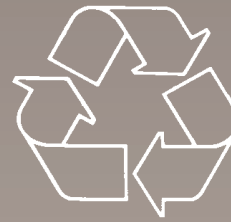
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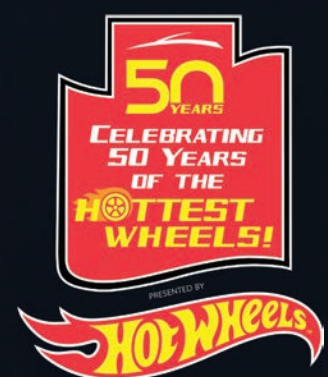
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