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- *NEW*** Baseball, ***NEW*** Soccer (completed Gr. 3-8)
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11:30-12:00 pm	Lunch (provided)
12:00-12:30 pm	Camp Songs/Camp Games
12:30-1:30 pm	Full Camp Game
1:30-2:30 pm	Basketball Skills & Training
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Mayor part of awards ceremony

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards, administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust, are prestigious awards that recognize exceptional contributions to heritage conservation, environmental sustainability and biodiversity, and cultural and natural heritage. These awards are presented annually at a ceremony at Queen's Park in Toronto. King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, as a board member of the Trust, was on hand for the ceremony last week, joining many other dignitaries and board members.

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King, York enjoy extra gas tax funding

The Ontario government is providing more than \$379.5 million to help 107 municipalities operate and improve local transit. The funding is being delivered through the gas tax program and can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.



"Public transit is a key driver of economic growth in Ontario, helping people get to where they need to go, whether it is to work, school, or run errands," said local MPP Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "As more people return to public transit, our government is providing municipalities with the funding they need to accommodate growing ridership, while ensuring they can continue to deliver safe and reliable transit service for people in their communities."

Funding for the gas tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province

during the previous year. Municipalities that support public transit services in their community receive two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenue collected.

"Providing safe, reliable and connected public transit contributes to a sustainable future and to a healthy economy. The gas tax funding from the Province of Ontario, delivered on behalf of the Region's municipalities by York Region, will help enhance service for King residents who use the YRT to travel in and out of York Region, as well as benefiting residents throughout the region," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

To make up for reduced gas sales due to ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's gas tax program includes one-time additional funding of \$80 million to help ensure municipalities can continue to support their transit systems.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Monday, March 20
6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at king.ca/meetings

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

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit <https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

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.

- **Permit Administrator II – Growth Management Services – Deadline March 1, 2023**
- **Manager of Risk & Procurement – Finance – Deadline March 27, 2023**
- **Human Resources Associate – Health & Safety – Corporate Services – Deadline March 10, 2023**
- **Parks Lead Hand – Arborist – Community Services – Deadline March 3, 2023**
- **Parks Lead Hand – Operations (Internal only) – Community Services – Deadline February 24, 2023**

REMINDERS



Parking Restrictions

Please be advised there is no vehicle parking on any roadway between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., from November 1 to April 15 of each year to allow for the expedient clearing of snow and the safe passage of emergency vehicles. To learn more about parking in King such as how to pay or dispute a parking ticket, you can visit our parking enforcement page at www.king.ca or by calling Service-King at 905-833-5321.

Apply for your King Township pet licence(s) by April 15th!

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02:00
March 12, 2023

Reminder

When the hour springs forward, check the power on your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

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Ask King Planning

Have a question about land use, development or King's Official Plan? Connect with a planner. Book online at king.ca/AskKingPlanning

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL BY-LAW

Corporate Services Department – Clerk's Division
Re: Procedural By-law Update

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider a staff report to repeal the Township of King's current Procedural By-law #2018-60, as amended, to introduce a new and updated Procedural By-law, to facilitate the transition to hybrid meetings (both in-person and electronic), in addition to several housekeeping, administrative and best practice updates for consideration.

Monday, March 20, 2023
at
6:00 p.m.

The Township of King's Procedural By-law will be tabled for consideration and adoption at the March 20, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting. The staff report will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, March 16, 2023. For further information regarding the Procedural By-law, contact clerks@king.ca

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

Notice is hereby given this 2nd day of March 2023
Denny Timm
Township Clerk

UPCOMING EVENTS

KING

Nominations Open for
Volunteer Appreciation Awards

Award Categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Special Recognition Award
- Non-Resident
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- Lifetime Achievement
- Youth Award of Merit

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www.king.ca/awards.

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Deadline: **March 13, 2023**

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King home is grand prize in Princess Margaret lottery

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A King City home is the grand prize of the newest Princess Margaret Home Lottery.

The home is located at 206 Patricia Drive in King City.

Valued at over than \$7.1 million, the grandeur of the stunning King City Showhome goes far beyond the double door entry.

A welcoming foyer leads to a cozy library on one side and a formal living room on the other. The private dining room features a two-sided fireplace and glass enclosed wine room, not to men-

tion the dreamy kitchen. You'll find all kinds of personal spaces, including an exercise room, a three-season lanai, a sauna and a backyard oasis with a hot tub. This showhome comes fully furnished, professionally decorated and landscaped.

The interior design is by Jack Celli, Interior Design Director; Greenpark group.

The 8,896-square-foot home boasts five bedrooms, 6.5 bathrooms, an elevator, three-car tandem garage, exercise room and sauna. It is open for public viewing.

The grand prize not only includes the home, but a 20-23 Tesla and \$1 mil-



Dr. Miyo Yamashita, President and CEO, Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, is shown with Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who bought tickets for the fundraising lottery.

lion in cash, bringing the total value to more than \$8.2 million.

According to Dr. Miyo Yamashita, president and CEO, Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, last year roughly 26 Canadians were diagnosed with cancer, and 10 died each hour in this country.

"Cancer keeps me up at night," she said. "It's the leading cause of death in Canada and one of the most pressing health challenges worldwide."

"While we've made significant progress in understanding the underlying causes of cancer and improving survival rates in certain types of the disease, the number of cases and deaths continue to climb because of population growth, the aging population, and delays in cancer screening due to COVID-19.

"Fortunately, there is hope thanks to The Princess Margaret, one of the top 5 cancer research centres in the world. Our team of best-in-class, dedicated researchers are committed to Conquering Cancer In Our Lifetime. Whether that is by expanding our knowledge

about cancer biology or developing specialized programs to help patients and caregivers, the team at The Princess Margaret is always innovating. We are now on the cusp of some game-changing breakthroughs including advances in early detection and the development of new, less toxic cancer therapies.

"But we know that conquering cancer is a collective effort and we all have a part to play. When you buy a Princess Margaret Home Lottery ticket it's a win-win. You get a chance to win incredible prizes and you also provide essential funding for life-saving cancer research at The Princess Margaret - research that will change the future of cancer care.

"Your decision to support The Princess Margaret Home Lottery will ultimately help change cancer statistics.

"On behalf of everyone at The Princess Margaret and the many cancer patients who will benefit from your support, I thank you for sharing our vision to Conquer Cancer In Our Lifetime."

To purchase tickets, visit <https://tickets.princessmargaretlotto.com/>

Mackenzie Health achieves the highest level of accreditation

For the third consecutive time, Accreditation Canada has awarded Mackenzie Health Accreditation with Exemplary Standing. This is the highest level of accreditation and is a testament to Mackenzie Health's commitment to delivering the best possible care to patients in the communities it serves.

Accreditation is a voluntary evaluation that highlights a health care provider's commitment to quality and patient safety by assessing programs and processes against a set of national and international standards.

This was the first time Mackenzie Health used a sequential model of Accreditation that requires multiple surveys within the Accreditation cycle. This announcement recognizes the successful Accreditation survey following on-site visits to Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital and Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital by five Accreditation Canada surveyors in November 2022. The surveyors met with staff, physicians, community partners and hospital leadership and observed frontline health care workers as they provided care to patients in an effort to learn about Mackenzie Health's programs, policies and procedures.

Following this first visit, Accreditation Canada recognized Mackenzie Health's strong, connected and positive culture while noting the complexities involved in transitioning to a two-hos-

pital model with the addition of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in June 2021. Surveyors also recognized Mackenzie Health for its focus on safety, collaboration and collegiality in delivering care in a way that empowers patients and their families, its talented and passionate workforce, its positive reputation in the community and its ability to effectively leverage data to inform decisions and use smart technology to enable the best care possible.

Mackenzie Health achieved 99.5% compliance against the 1,505 standards that were evaluated.

"The Accreditation Canada surveyors confirmed what we already knew - Mackenzie Health has the best team of health care professionals who are all committed to delivering safe, quality care to our patients. I couldn't be prouder of them," said Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO of Mackenzie Health. "This result is because of the hard work and dedication our teams show every day as they create a world-class health care experience for the residents of western York Region."

Mackenzie Health previously achieved Accreditation with Exemplary Standing in 2013 and 2017. Accreditation Canada surveyors will return to Mackenzie Health in November 2023 to complete the evaluation in this sequential Accreditation cycle.

York Regional Council approves YRP budget

York Regional Police is pleased to announce that York Regional Council has approved the 2023 police operating and capital budgets, allowing our organization to continue to deliver nationally recognized crime prevention and law enforcement programs as well as specialized, in-depth investigations to more than 1.2 million citizens living in one of Canada's safest communities.

The approved net operating budget for 2023 is \$391.5 million, representing an increase of 3.9 percent over 2022.

YRP will be adding 41 additional members in 2023 to meet growth demands across York Region and workload pressures, while maintaining quality service levels. These additional members will address combating serious and violent crimes and support organizational transformation with a continued focus on safer communities.

The capital budget of \$32.6 million will provide funding for technological innovations in the Digital Evidence Management System and Connected Officer projects as well as vehicle replacement, facilities renovations and the annual purchase of specialized equipment.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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COMMUNITY SERVICES



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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

Don't be stingy with your compliments of others

"I just think it's silly to be stingy with compliments. If you see someone and they strike you as beautiful in any way, why not let them know?"

- Jill Scott

I'm with Jill on this one. We just missed "World Compliment Day," held March 1, but it's something that can be held every day!

The sentiment behind the day is to spread joy through simple verbal affirmations of appreciation. It costs absolutely nothing at all.

Giving a compliment is easy, whether it's telling someone you like their style, or letting them know they're doing a great job - whatever it is, it can change someone's whole day around. So this day is a reminder to vocalize your positive thoughts.

It's kind of a shame that we have to be reminded of something so simple.

But I laud the efforts of founder Hans Poortvliet from the Netherlands, who created the special occasion.

"Nothing stimulates more, gives more energy, makes people happier and, as far as business is concerned increases productivity and commitment faster than sincere appreciation. So why not use it a little bit more?" Hans says.

Compliments are one of the ways in which we show our humanity - friendliness, and goodwill.

Unfortunately, in our uber politically correct society, paying someone a compliment is like navigating a mine field. But it shouldn't be.

Our society and business world is quick to reward people for their hard work and personal performance. We show them are valued members of the team.

Hans wants people to take it further, by sending out at least three compliments to people in your social network or circle of friends or business associates. I suppose he envisions a snowball effect.

And he's quite right in attesting that making people feel appreciated is not only important, but necessary these days.

Experts say receiving recognition feels amazing, and giving recognition is just as enjoyable - watching someone's face light up after offering them a nice compliment.

On the flip side of the compliment



Mark Pavilons

coin is our conservative shyness. Many adults (managers) don't feel like they need to reward people with praise if they are simply doing what's expected of them. And there's the fatal flaw. By holding back on praise, employees often feel underappreciated and lacking as they pursue some sort of validation.

Time2play surveyed 1,000 Canadians to see how often they give and receive compliments from one another. They also looked at who they compliment the most and how it makes them feel.

The survey found that 82.4% find it easy to give compliments, while 54.2% find it easy to receive compliments.

Canadians hand out skills-based compliments the most (43.2%).

Partners get complimented the most often; yet, respondents desire the favour to be returned from their spouse.

And 42% would like to receive a compliment more often.

The majority, 85.7%, noticed that compliments have a positive effect on their self-image.

The survey asked respondents who they compliment most often. The top five categories that receive compliments are partners (31%), friends (27.6%), colleagues (18.8%), family members (18.2%), and strangers (2.8%).

When asked how often (on average) they receive compliments, 25.2% get them two to five times a week, while 20.4% only receive them two to three

times a month. And 20.2% hear them once a week, while 20% receive them once a month. Only 9.4% get them on the daily and 4.9% never receive compliments.

Professionally, I think it all depends on what kind of work you do.

In my line of work, for instance, when I get feedback, it's typically about the mistakes I've made, the typos in articles, and the subject matter of some of the paper's articles.

Seldom does someone call or email to say "thanks for a job well done."

But it does happen.

It can be lonely in our newsroom, perched in front of a computer screen, trying to make magic each and every day. It's not always easy to provide a great variety of interesting articles that everyone, young and old alike, enjoy to read. It's hard to please everyone, all the time.

James Taylor once said he could accept criticisms, but not compliments.

And Mason Cooley observed that many of us are prepared for insults, but that compliments leave us baffled.

Again, this shows we've got it all wrong in our wonderfully weird world.

It should be the other way around.

Compliments should flow freely, and criticisms, insults and accusations should be reserved for when they're needed.

And yet, the evening news, even the pages of your community newspaper, often contain volleys, mudslinging and negative opinions.

Of course, a rose-coloured world is not possible, and one liberally blacked out with a marker is equally not realistic.

Compromise is key. But that's not to say we can't laud people - each and every day - on a job well done.

We assume a great deal as we pull on our boots and shovel the end of the driveway. Struggling with the thoughts in our own heads, we don't think about spreading joy and dishing out praise.

But we should. I hereby ask that anyone reading this pay someone a compliment today. It doesn't matter if it's the bank teller or cashier, the server or the mechanic.

Our pets get pats on the back every day for doing nothing. Why not be liberal with appreciation for our fellow human beings?



Letter to the Editor

Hazel's humble beginnings

After listening to Mayor Bonnie Crombie's moving tribute to her friend and mentor (Hazel McCallion), it is interesting and remarkable to know that her humble beginnings did not impede her in her desire to succeed and serve.

Hazel Journeau was raised in Port Daniel, Que. Her grandfather, John Francis Journeau, arrived in Quebec from the Island of Jersey (Channel Islands) as did my forebears. Huguenots (French protestants), many left France because of religious strife and became English speaking while in Jersey.

The main Post Office in St. Helier (Capital of Jersey) has a room devoted to the unique relationship with Canada, due to the considerable exodus to Quebec of English speaking newcomers with French surnames!

H.K. Hocquard
King

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you know someone who has been impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria?

a) Yes ██████████ **100%**

b) No ██████████ **0%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Have you had to cut back due to the high price of groceries?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"Either you run the day, or the day runs you."

- Jim Rohn

Trivia Tidbits

The blob of toothpaste that sits on your toothbrush is called a nurdle.

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Fossil gas not healthy for children and other living things

By David Suzuki

Comment

Cooking with gas has some advantages over cooking on conventional electric stoves, as gas stoves heat and cool instantly. But it's not difficult to prepare amazing meals on an electric range, and efficient induction ranges offer even more versatility than gas – without the problems.

Those problems are significant, from household pollution to global heating. Gas stoves release dangerous pollutants into homes, buildings and the atmosphere, including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde and particulate matter.

A recent analysis of 27 studies on the effects of gas appliances on children concluded 12.7 per cent of current childhood asthma in the U.S. can be attributed to gas stove use – ranging from three per cent in Florida to 21.1 per cent in Illinois. (The percentage of homes with gas stoves is much higher in Illinois than in Florida.) About 40 million U.S. households, 38 per cent, have gas stoves.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found nitrogen dioxide concentrations are 50 to 400 per cent higher in homes with gas stoves than homes with electric appliances.

Nitrogen dioxide can cause cardiovascular and respiratory problems and exacerbate illnesses like flu and COVID-19. As a Vox article notes, “Outside, the EPA would consider the level of NO2 produced by the stove illegal. Inside, though, there is no regulation.”

Gas furnaces and water heaters cause less indoor air pollution because many jurisdictions require them to be vented outside – contributing to outdoor air pollution and climate change. (Research shows buildings in California emit more nitrogen oxides than power plants, and almost as much as cars.)

So-called “natural” gas is almost entirely methane, a greenhouse gas pollutant about 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide over the short term. All along the supply chain, from extraction and production to transportation and use, considerable amounts of it escape into the atmosphere.

Health issues around gas appliances have been known since the 1980s. But as with other problems fossil fuels cause, industry has put considerable resour-

ces into downplaying or denying the dangers, and into promoting gas appliances.

Those efforts are heating up as many jurisdictions consider banning gas stoves for new homes and buildings. The tactics are wide-ranging: massive ad and “influencer” campaigns, fake grassroots groups and supporters (known as “astroturfing”) to support gas over electric, lobbying politicians and, sometimes, outright threats. Even the term “natural gas” was coined back in the 1930s as a way to portray it as a clean, affordable fuel. As a Mother Jones article points out, industry also adopted the slogan “cooking with gas” in the 1930s.

Industry argues proper ventilation will resolve indoor pollution issues. Putting aside the fact that this just moves pollution outdoors, most jurisdictions don't require venting that would keep indoor air pure. Many people can't afford to install adequate range hoods and fans, and renters often have no say.

The advantages of cooking with gas over conventional electric are mostly about convenience, and newer induction stoves, which use magnetics to heat, are more efficient, safer and better for indoor and outdoor environments. They're also not subject to the volatility of fossil fuel markets.

However, shifting to electricity in all areas of our lives also means using cleaner sources, such as wind and solar. The main disadvantage of induction stoves is that they don't work with all types of cookware – including copper and aluminum – but even that can be overcome by placing those pots and pans on a suitable metal heat plate.

Not everyone can immediately replace their polluting gas appliance, but incentives, regulations and building codes can ensure gas becomes a thing of the past. Of course, if you continue to use a gas stove, you should vent to the outside, or at least keep windows open while using it.

As with fossil fuels wastefully burned in cars, gas for cooking was never really about efficiency or affordability. The goal was to get people to buy and burn more to enrich the most profitable industry in history. Instead of recognizing the true value of these

limited stores of concentrated solar energy that took millennia to create, our growth-driven economic system has long relied on burning them up as quickly as possible.

It's time to change that, for the health of our children, ourselves and the planet.

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 davidsuzuki.org.

Hospitals belong in our communities, not the Greenbelt

Letter to the Editor

hospitals.

Why not put a new hospital where people actually live and work already, instead of allowing a select group of developers to pave Ontario's Greenbelt and add to sprawl?

There ought to be public conversations about the right place to put a hospital – not shadowy advocacy or edicts based on Premier Ford's broken promise to protect the Greenbelt. King does need a hospital, but not on the Greenbelt where Ford, Clark and their developer friends think it could go. Mayor Pellegrini should know this and say so.

Claire Malcolmson
Executive Director

Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition

Kettleby Cemetery AGM

The Kettleby Cemetery Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, March 4 at 1 p.m. at York Pines United Church, 3150 Lloydtown Aurora Road. Everyone welcome, please advise your intent to attend to kettleby.cemetery@gmail.com

Kingcrafts workshops

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

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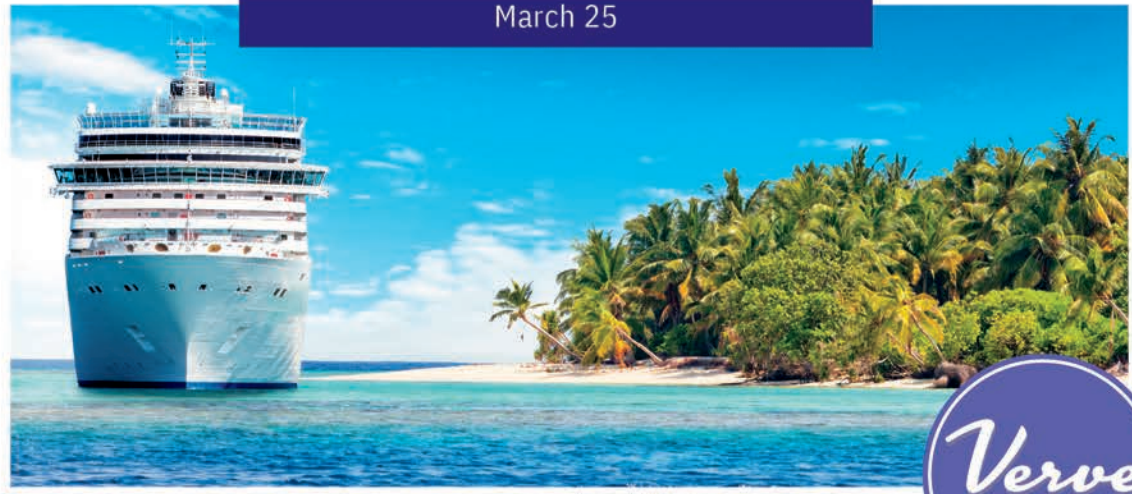


March 17

Irish Dancers Performance

Friday, March 17th at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

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These carefully set and managed fires are an important restoration tool to help maintain and protect tallgrass prairie habitat. The fire burns relatively quickly to consume dried grasses and leaves but does not harm larger trees.



The areas to be burned are shaded in red, totalling 8 hectares (19 acres) and should take between one to three hours to complete. York Region is monitoring site and weather conditions to determine the ideal window of time for the burn to be conducted. A controlled burn was successfully held in April 2022 at the same location. Conducting controlled burns two years in a row helps promote desirable plant growth and further controls undesirable invasive and non-native plants.

Under ideal weather conditions, smoke from the controlled burn will rise without impacting surrounding properties. Changing weather conditions could lead to smoke temporarily reaching nearby residences. It is recommended residents close windows, doors and fire dampers as a precaution and anyone sensitive to smoke is encouraged to stay indoors at the time of the burn.

York Region worked with Tallgrass Ontario to establish this tallgrass prairie which is home to many insects and animals particularly migratory birds and pollinators. These unique forms of grassland habitat are not only rare in Ontario and globally at risk, but they are also an important part of Ontario's natural and cultural heritage.

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Mayor Pellegrini, Councillor Asselstine, and Kielee Belisle from Hollywood Pizza celebrate Schomberg's A Taste of Main.

Taste of Main returns to historic Schomberg Main Street

The annual showcase of Schomberg eateries has returned once more.

Through March 5, residents and visitors are indulging in enticing flavours from Main Streets finest cuisine with seven participating restaurants including Craft Kitchen & Beer Bar, The Schomberg Pub & Patio, Port Soirée, Hollywood Pizza, Leonardo's Pizzeria & Smokehouse, 307 on Main Café, and Grackle Coffee Company.

The menus range from \$15 to \$50 with breakfast and lunch options at both cafés, and delicious lunches and dinners at the remaining restaurants. Chefs curated menus for everyone to enjoy, such as polenta fries, lobster ravioli rose, pistachio crusted lamb rack, and craft burrito bowls. Unique dessert options such as lemon lavender crème brûlée and tiramisu lattes are also available. Dine-in restaurants have also created signature cocktails to commemorate the event.

Menus, prices, and dining times can be found at schombergmainstreet.ca.

Diners are encouraged to make reservations at Port Soirée, The Schomberg Pub & Patio, and Craft Kitchen & Beer Bar; although walk-ins will be available space permitting. Reservations will not

be needed for the other four venues, which will also offer their menus as takeout.

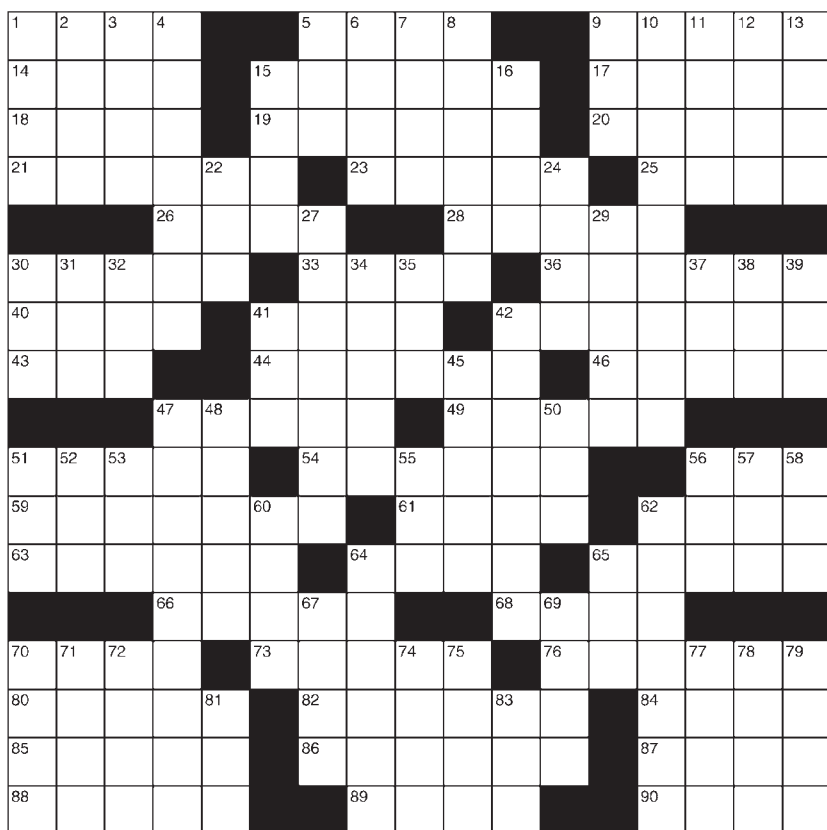
This is the third Taste of Main culinary event planned by the Township's Economic Development division as part of Phase 2 of the Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Plan, which has been funded through a matching grant to the Township by OMAFRA, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"Taste of Main is a great time for the community to come together to support restaurants and enjoy the different cuisines offered on Schomberg Main Street. As a new café, we are excited to participate in this event and offer a variety of options at a special price," said Antonietta Reali, 307 on Main Café.

Michaela Wong, from Heart In Home noted: "We are excited that the Township is bringing new events like 'Taste of Main' to Main Street, in the heart of Schomberg. We hope diners will come and find us after their meal in the beautiful green building with a stunning mural, where we offer a selection of home décor and lifestyle boutique items to make your house feel like home."

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| 5. Pilsner | 54. Window topper | 6. Once | 51. Angered |
| 9. Beat it! | 56. Passe | 7. Islamic prince | 52. Mellow |
| 14. "High ____" | 59. Disturb | 8. Go back on a promise | 53. Make a lap |
| 15. "The Tuskegee ____" | 61. Hawaiian goose | 9. Pathetic | 55. Black cuckoo |
| 17. Defense | 62. Opera solo | 10. Customers | 56. Globe |
| 18. Brotherhood, for short | 63. Disconnect | 11. Fruit skin | 57. Tell a tall tale |
| 19. Trigonometric function | 64. Julep flavor | 12. In the sack | 58. Patriarch |
| 20. Eatery | 65. Set in | 13. Muddy | 60. "____ Magic Moment" |
| 21. Cloddish | 66. Light tan | 15. Tooth pain | 62. Loving |
| 23. Step | 68. Type of exercise | 16. Far and ____ | 64. Lea |
| 25. Swirl | 70. Word-of-mouth | 22. "____ Stoops to Conquer" | 65. Freudian term |
| 26. Biblical pronoun | 73. Pundit | 24. Dull-witted person | 67. Actress Verdon |
| 28. Matured | 76. Fertilizer | 27. Otolologist's concern | 69. Exposed |
| 30. Wrap | 80. Well-founded | 29. Adult females | 70. Presidential office shape |
| 33. Lily plant | 82. Taste-worthy | 30. Whirlpool bath | 71. Indian princess |
| 36. Senility | 84. Double curve | 31. Prom wear | 72. Came to ground |
| 40. Sheer | 85. Flavoring seed | 32. Mined matter | 74. Small amount |
| 41. Type of school | 86. Whim | 34. Oblivion | 75. Long-legged wader |
| 42. Eventually | 87. Principle | 35. Elect | 77. Malaria symptom |
| 43. Lumberjack's tool | 88. Supple | 37. Hubbub | 78. Hawk |
| 44. Fluster | 89. Sundown direction | 38. Space | 79. Bounder |
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| | 3. Take it easy | 47. Institute | |
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MPP serves up pancakes

On Feb. 21, Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Education, celebrated Shrove Tuesday by providing a pancake breakfast to staffers at the Ministry. "The staff in my office work hard to serve the needs of students and families across Ontario, so I wanted to take this opportunity to reward their efforts and say a heartfelt thank you," he said. "I wish all who partake a positive Shrove Tuesday."

King 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 8

THURS 2ND	FRI 3RD	SAT 4TH	SUN 5TH	MON 6TH	TUES 7TH	WED 8TH
Sun/Clouds High 2C° Low -9C° - Wind NW 21k	Snow High -3C° Low -3C° ~15cm Wind E 35k	Flurries High 0C° Low -5C° 1-3cm Wind NE 20k	Mainly Cloudy High 1C° Low -9C° - Wind NW 18k	Mainly Sunny High 2C° Low -4C° ~5cm Wind NW 23k	Snow High -1C° Low -7C° 2-4cm Wind N 28k	Sun/Clouds High -3C° Low -10C° - Wind N 29k

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Councillor Avia Eek attends agricultural events

By Avia Eek

It's the season for agricultural conventions, trade shows, and annual general meetings for the many sectors of agriculture and agricultural businesses.

This past week my husband, Bill, and I headed to Niagara Falls to attend the 164th Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Grower's Association's annual general meeting (Feb. 21). The AGM provided attendees with reports from each section Chair (Safety Nets; Property, Infrastructure, Energy & Food Safety; Labour; More Than A Migrant Worker; Government Relations; Crop Protection; Environment & Conservation), as well as receiving comments from the Fruit & Vegetable Growers of Canada executive director, and ending with voting on committee of the whole resolutions.

This busy day was followed by a delightful banquet which was attended by our provincial Minister of Agriculture, Lisa Thompson, and the Parliamentary Secretary, Trevor Jones. For more information about this provincial fruit and vegetable organization, go to www.ofvga.org

On Feb. 22 23, we attended "Canada's Premier Horticultural Event," the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention

with almost 200 exhibitors, and 145+ sessions. They provided information on everything from Farmers Markets Ontario, tender fruit, berries, Farm Fresh Ontario, sustainability, cider, workforce engagement, labour, hops, wine, irrigation, soil health, agrobotics, agri-tourism, on-farm diversified uses for markets, apples, nuts, waste reduction, business, mental health, pumpkins and sweet corn, transition planning, specialty vegetables, and so much more.

Quoting the president of the OFVC board and planning committee: "compliments go to all the OMAFRA session chairs who have created a comprehensive and engaging roster of topics and expertise. There is something for everyone on the speaker program and the session chairs have examined the issues of the day and delivered topics that are relevant to our businesses."

For more information about the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention, go to www.ofvc.ca

This three-day event provided networking opportunities for growers and agricultural businesses, suppliers and service providers from all over to share ideas and information, learn about new technologies etc. to improve and grow our agricultural businesses.



CHATS' 9th annual scotch tasting

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) is once again holding its "Better with Age" Scotch tasting fundraiser on Tuesday, March 21. This year marks the 9th year that CHATS is bringing this event for whisky connoisseurs – or those who just enjoy a "wee dram" – to Aurora.

Local whisky sommelier Keith Scott and the Aurora Whisky Society will lead this in-person, interactive experience in the world of whisky. This year's event promises to be better than ever, following three years of being held virtually due to the pandemic.

The evening will take place at The Shed Stonehaven Banquet Hall. Beginning with a cocktail reception followed by a three-course buffet meal prepared by Chef Roger Wakileh, the scotch tasting tour around the world is an experience not to be missed.

"On behalf of myself and the Aurora Whisky Society, we are very proud to be entering our ninth year supporting CHATS' Better with Age Scotch Tasting," said Keith Scott. "Our ongoing partnership with CHATS helps seniors in our community live their best life at home and in their communities," he added.

"CHATS is thrilled to partner with Keith and the Aurora Whisky Society. Social events demonstrate how important it is to be engaged and active, learning something new, and being

connected to your community," added Christina Bisanz, CEO of CHATS. "Through activities like this, CHATS is able to raise funds to help us deliver and expand programs that keep our clients socially connected with friends, family and their community, helping them to live well and improve their physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing."

CHATS thanks Bazil Developments, Magna International, Amica Unionville, and Chartwell Retirement Residences York Region for their support.

This event takes place on Tuesday March 21. A full-service cocktail reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner at 7 p.m. Scotch tasting starts at 8 p.m. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase online and in person.

Proceeds from the event benefits CHATS' programs for older adults and their caregivers.

CHATS is a not-for-profit organization, advocating for and delivering high-quality, person-centred home and community services to older adults and caregivers living in York Region and South Simcoe.

For event details and to purchase tickets online, visit www.chatsbetterwithage.ca

For further information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kelly Broome, VP of Philanthropy & Communications, at 905-717-9003 or by email at kbroome@chats.on.ca

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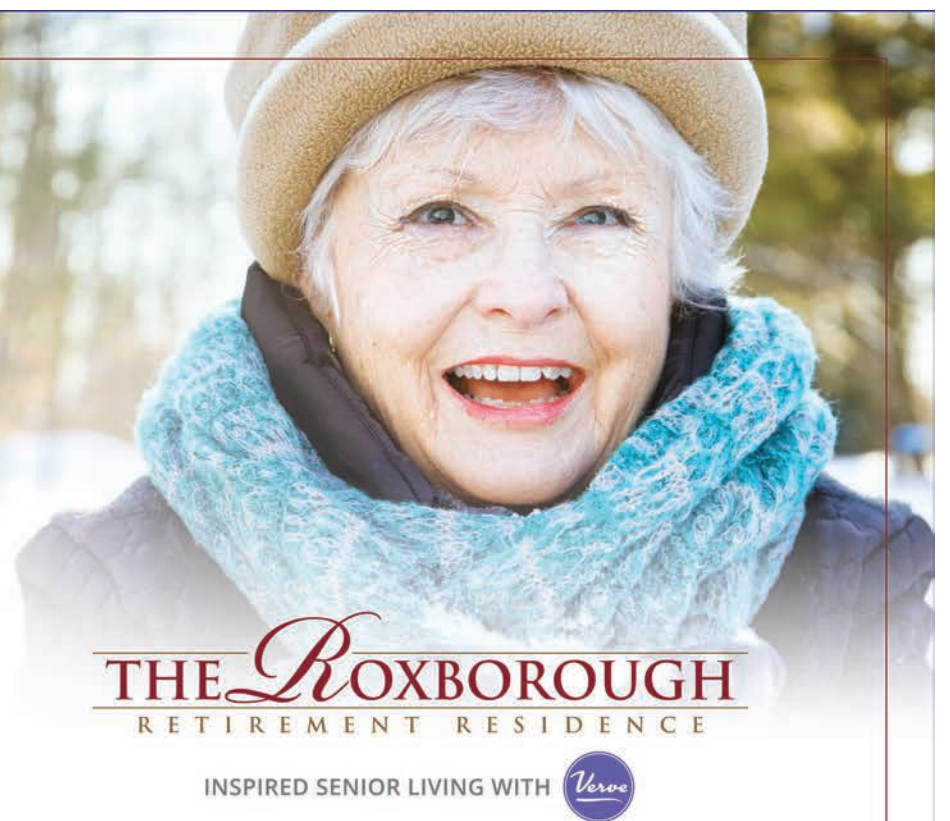
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Chamber firing on all cylinders, revving up for great 2023

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Support and interest in the King Chamber of Commerce has never been so high.

The excitement and passion to move ahead was evident at last week's AGM, where a new board, and some new members, were installed. The backdrop – the marvellous greenhouse facilities of Connon Nurseries – was a breath of fresh air in many ways.

Michelle Frauley outlined what's ahead in 2023.

"Our vision at the King Chamber of Commerce is to be the springboard for economic prosperity, ideas and connections in King Township. We want to work to provide our members with benefits and supports, educational and networking opportunities, business promotion and advertising, as well as lobbying and advocacy on behalf of our business members."

The King Chamber's Strategic Plan is: Organizational Excellence – To continuously develop its organizational capacity to increase our efficiency and impact.

Business Support – To strive to ad-

dress the needs of the business community.

Policy & Advocacy – To work with members and all levels of government to address business concerns.

Member Engagement – To ensure that the Chamber is meaningful and relevant for its members.

The focus, Frauley said, for member engagement falls into 3 areas: hosting meaningful and valuable events for members; encouraging growth and engagement within Chamber committees; and building and strengthening key partnerships with local organizations.

"By strengthening these relationships, we are able to have a better understanding of the resources, supports, grants and funding opportunities available to (our members)," she said.

Outgoing president (self-appointed past-president) Angelo Santorelli, provided a recap of 2022, stressing he and the Chamber met all of the goals he set for himself when he took on the role several years ago. The board has grown from 6 to 8 members and membership now stands at an impressive 170. Eight new sponsors have signed on to help boost the Chamber's efforts.

All of this, Santorelli noted, points to



the Chamber's vitality and growth. The Chamber's voice is stronger than ever and will continue to serve members and lobby local government.

Alison Mumford, Manager of Member Services, noted the pandemic put a real dent in the group's finances, but they still had a tiny profit in 2021. Last year, boosted by an amazing business breakfast with Premier Ford, the Chamber's coffers filled up nicely.

The new board of directors includes newcomers Ryan Raymond, Surge Activewear; Darryn Wilbur, Leading Edge Motor Cars; Jay Willmot, Kinghaven Farms; Michelle Frauley, Hospall Private Home Care; Theresa Sher-

wood, Sherwood Farm Retreat; Molly Robins, Molly's Market; Lisa Iafrate, TaLii Towels; Gus Kokkoros, IPG Electric; Savita Despot, The Blue Marble Academy; Brent King, Consultant, and Karen Dubeau, Consultant.

Angelo Santorelli will move into a past-president position. Zach Shoub will become vice-chair of the Chamber's Membership Committee. Jay Rider will stay involved in the Chamber's Lobbying & Advocacy Committee.

The Chamber executive directors were decided by the new Board of Directors at the March 1 meeting (results and positions, unavailable at press time).



Proceeds from the farewell event for John Ciarallo of John's NoFrills, are going to the King Township Food Bank. On hand for the cheque presentation were Lisa Iafrate (TaLii Towels) and Michelle Frauley (Hospall Private Home Care) were sponsors of the event.



The Chamber of Commerce praised long-serving board members Zach Shoub (above left) and Jay Rider (top left) for their contributions over the years. While no longer board members, they will still be assisting the Chamber in various capacities.

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Arts & Entertainment

Wide variety of art on tap at Studio Tour King

By Kathleen Rodgers

Visiting the country is a wonderful way to spend a weekend. It offers the opportunity to explore quaint villages and the studios of the local artists and artisans whose artwork often reflects the landscape around them.

In King Township, each spring brings the Studio Tour King at the end of April. Studio Tour King is celebrating its 18th year and will take place the weekend of April 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The studio tour will include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), pottery, cards, photography, fibre arts, mixed media, wood, etc.

This year, Studio Tour King will feature 22 artists and artisans at several locations including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre (Gallery and School room), Laskay Hall, as well as two home studios around King City. You can check out the Arts Society King (ASK) website at www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca. Then click on EVENTS then STUDIO TOUR 2023 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to five photos of their artwork. There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available.

In March, brochures will be delivered with the spring edition of MOSAIC and available around King Township including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre to help plan your route. You can also LIKE our social media posts through Facebook/studiotourking, Facebook/artssocietyking2020 or Instagram @artsocietyking.

This article continues with the introduction of three more artists who will be participating this year:

Alexandra K. Conrad is a professional fine art artist with over three decades of art creation experience. She graduated with honours from OCAD. She enjoys painting: portraits, landscapes, cityscapes, nature and abstracts in oil and acrylic. She enjoys other media including woodcuts.

In her art, she strives to bring out positive emotions in the viewer. Her aim is to introduce the viewer into a new world which only art can provide. She particularly enjoys painting portraits. Paying close attention to facial expression and body language Alexandra sees these gesture elements as part of the "soul of the person." Her website is akconradart.com.

Inge Dam is a hand weaver and has been weaving since 1982. In her work, she uses natural materials such as silk and cotton, dyeing most of them. She specializes in weaving scarves, and making small bags and greeting cards from her left over hand woven and hand dyed fabric. Sometimes, Inge finds inspiration for her work in nature but most often she finds inspiration from working with many different colours and combining them with complex weave structures. Check out her website: <http://ingedam.net>, [Etsy.com/ca/shop/IngesTextiles](https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/IngesTextiles) and social media, Instagram: Inge.Dam.

Jackie England resides in the Mississauga, Ontario, but was born in Nottingham, England, and immigrated to Canada as a young child. She returned to the U.K. to further her education and there, she became introduced to the realm of horses. She spent many years riding and showing horses, before turning to drawing and painting. Jacqueline has worked in various mediums, such as pastel, watercolour, gouache, acrylic, graphite and oil. Her greatest wish is that upon viewing her paintings, the viewer will be able to feel and see what she saw and have a greater insight into the animal it portrays. Her website is www.jacquelineengland.com.

If you are looking for something to do in April after a long cold winter, take a drive in the country, visit the local art studios and support the artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new! Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a studio tour!



Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts opening reception

The public is invited to the annual Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts opening reception on Thursday, March 9 at the King Township Municipal Centre from 6 to 8 p.m.

Come see the student artworks from the visual arts departments of Country Day School, King City Secondary School and Villanova College. Be amazed at what inspires the youth of today – paintings, drawings, sculptures and all forms of mixed media. Vote for your favourites for the "People's Choice Award."

Also at the opening reception, for the first time, the Mayor's Youth Action Team has organized an Open Mic Talent Show. Cheer on musicians, singers and even a comedienne! Food and beverages will be on hand again this year.

Arts Society King is excited to present this event and exhibition. ASK is always looking for volunteers who would like to be a part of our amazing organization.

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

This week I went to check out the new place in town and see what all the buzz was about and settle the “Suspicious Minds” at “TCB Café.” If you’re not an Elvis fan you won’t get the reference – it stands for “Taking care of business.”

It’s a well-known Elvis motto he used all the time, he even had necklaces with his TCB thunderbolt logo made and gave them away to friends and family.

If you haven’t guessed it by now our new café is a tribute to Elvis Presley,

opened by Bruno Nesci a well-known, award-winning, world touring Elvis tribute artist. Bruno has owned a farm in the Schomberg area for 12 years, where he grows his own vegetables and has numerous animals. He’s been an Elvis tribute performer for over 23 years, getting his start as a child at his family’s restaurant “Villa Fabrizia” in Woodbridge, and hasn’t stopped performing since.

He’s the only Canadian licensed by Graceland Enterprises and the café is decorated not only in Elvis memorabilia, but also pictures of Bruno with members of Elvis’s family and entourage. He’s been only Canadian ever to place in the top 10 of the Graceland-sponsored Elvis competition in Nashville, and this year managed to move into the top 5. An Admirable feat that speaks to not only his talent, but his dedication to his craft.

While looking for something to fill his days, and with his family’s extensive experience in the restaurant business, he decided, along with his Father, to open a café combining both his loves, Elvis, and cooking.

After meeting with him over Cappuccino and freshly baked biscotti, he invited my husband and I to dinner last Saturday so we could get the full experience. During the day TCB Café will be a more relaxed coffee place, serving “grab and go” Italian sandwiches and other lunch options, in the evening it turns into a dance club with a set 5-course menu of authentic Italian homemade fare. After indulging on every single delicious course, my only regret was I hadn’t paid more attention to my parents flawless ballroom dancing technique, so we could have danced off at least one of those 5 courses. The last course was most delicious tiramisu I’ve ever had, freshly made by Bruno.

We thoroughly enjoyed the ambiance, the meal and watching all the dancers floating across the room, and will be back after, but after we watch a few YouTube tutorials on the samba, tango and the chachacha. Bruno and the Nesci family have a huge following and wonderful reputation for freshly made food, even the pasta sauce was made from the tomatoes he grows on his farm, so I expect TCB Café to be very busy and with the outstanding food and the unique theme, also very successful.

Bruno has big plans for TCB Café and Schomberg, so dust off your blue suede dance shoes and go check it out. Trust me “you can’t help falling in love” with

this place, Bruno, and his parents.

If you still haven’t gotten to “Taste of Main” yet, you still have this upcoming weekend to try it out it goes until Sunday, March 5, check out the menus online at Schomberg.ca/taste-of-main.

Don’t forget about Maple Syrup Fest, at Cold Creek, Saturday, March 11, pancakes, vendors, and lots of outdoor activities, get there early to get your Chilly Moose reusable cup for more info check out coldcreek.ca/maplesyrupfest

Seniors, the 55+ is back and it sounds pretty action packed. They meet every second Monday, but the next public meeting is March 20 at the Community hall at 10 a.m., cost is \$15 each or \$20 a couple. I’ve been invited to attend, so I’ll see you there.

For the card lover, who also likes to have fun, Euchre is Friday nights at Trisan, till the end of March but there is a vote this week to see if Thursday or Friday night is preferable for the summer, so watch for updates on date and time. it’s \$10 per night or \$ 20 per month. It’s lots of fun and such a great group of people.

The King Township Food Bank is urgently looking for tinned pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, and cans of Chef Boyardee meals. These can be dropped off at Schomberg Foodland, Schomberg

Library or No Frills in Nobleton.

I’ve really noticed a lot of lost pets posted in and around the area, If you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you’d love to see here reporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.

Almost \$9 million in cocaine seized

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Projects Unit have charged two people and made a large seizure of cocaine as part of an investigation dubbed Project Aries.

An investigation began in September 2022 regarding suspects believed to be in possession of large quantities of cocaine.

In January 2023, search warrants were executed at a storage locker in the City of Vaughan and at a residence in Richmond Hill. Both accused were arrested at the residence During the search warrants officers seized \$8.9 million dollars worth of cocaine, \$260,000 in cash and \$100,000 in luxury clothing.

Two Richmond Hill residents are charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking and Possession Proceeds of Crime.



MPP’s Family Day skate

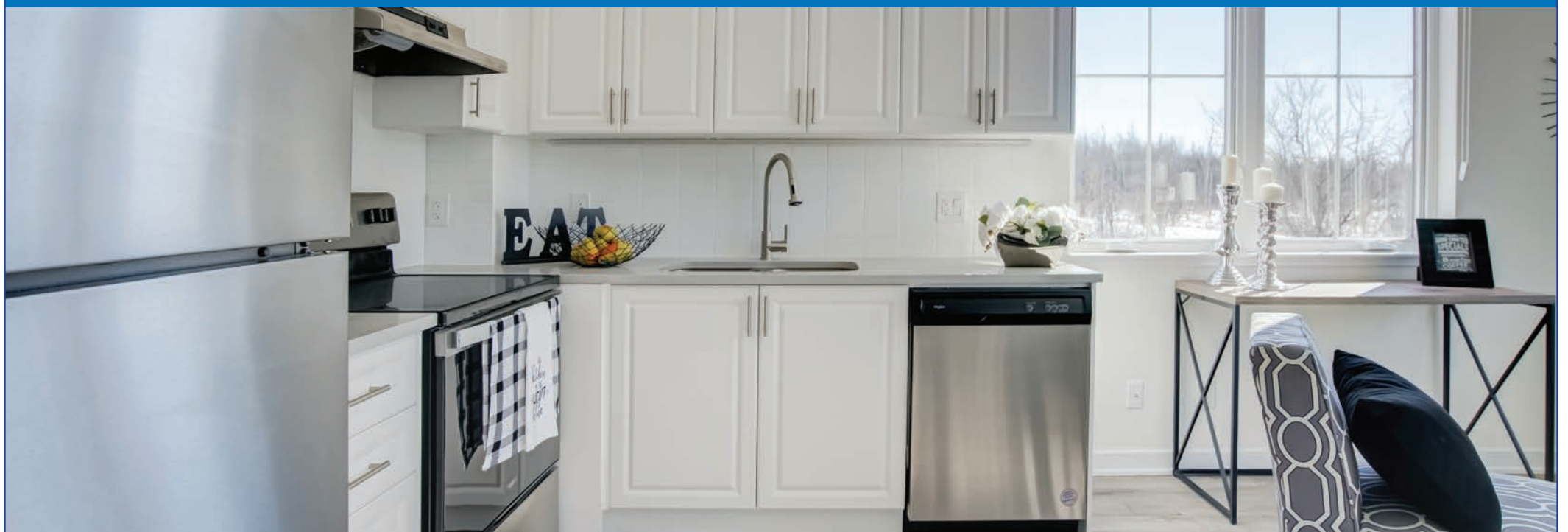
Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, hosted his annual Family Day Skate at the Maple Community Centre in Vaughan. “This community has been my family’s home for over thirty years, and it still has that small town feel; a place where everyone knows each other’s names, and where neighbours help neighbours,” said Lecce. “I’m grateful for the amazing turnout at the annual Family Day Skate, and I thank everyone who helped to make it possible.”



Family skate in King

Former MP Deb Schulte and former candidate Gillian Vivona hosted a Family Day Skate at the King City Arena, made possible with the help of amazing volunteers. Close to 300 people attended and many families expressed their delight at the range of activities provided (skating, crafts, face painting), the refreshments, and of course it was all free. “It was great to be able to bring the community together for some family fun on Family Day. We look forward to hosting many more activities in the future,” Schulte said.

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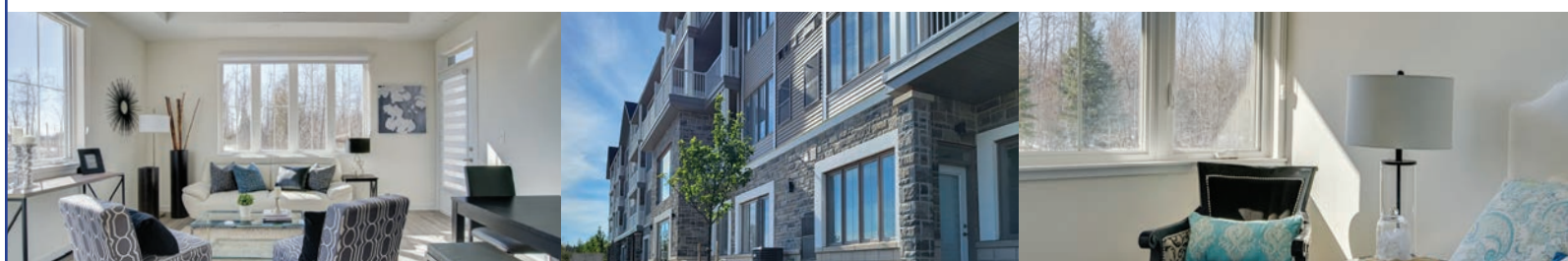


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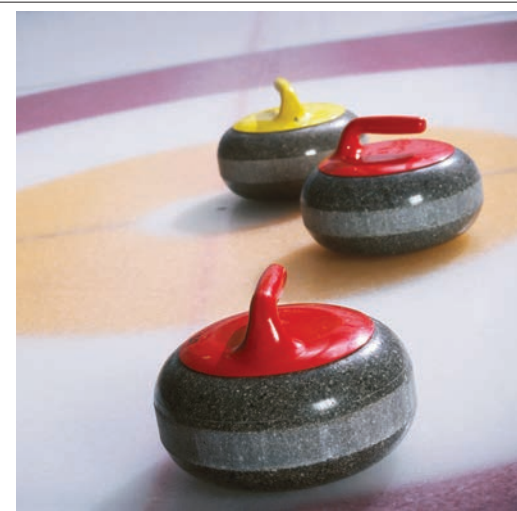
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No 'short-age' of shots made or missed in curling

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

This past week members took part in the 2nd annual "Short Week," because it was a short week of curling due to Family Day and was a way to recognize a former member who always wore shorts, all winter long, no matter the weather.

Doug Brown said "Thomas's legendary attire is etched in stone" and wants to keep the tradition alive for all leagues to share in the extra fun.

As the week progressed so did the tradition with shorts, skirts and kilts surrounding the rings of King. Brooms were tipped towards those that exposed their goose-bumps and as always there was no "short"age of laughter.

During the Wednesday afternoon league there were quite a few brave souls who donned their shorts with a few going the distance exposing bare skin and grabbing more than a little attention.

Skip Rob Lostracco's team of Linda Hartnett, spare Peter Kamstra and Jack Campbell were matched up against Skip Rosie Kamstra, Lloyd Bloom, Ian Broadhurst and Simon Prigmore. Lostracco would score 1 in the first, steal another in the second and steal 2 more in the 3rd for a commanding 4-0 lead.

The 5th end, which can be a turning point of the game more times than not, left no "short-age" of close calls resulting in Kamstra getting on the board

with a single. Ian Broadhurst of team Kamstra took advantage of an opportunity when a missed shot by the opposition that eventually led the team to a big count of 3 and tied the game. Throwing the red stones, Rosie used the rub-effect to tap a yellow rock out and score another single in the 6th and taking the lead for the first time.

The last end and without the hammer, Kamstra's front end played solid placing their rocks in key spots. Nerves were tingling for Rosie and her crew as she was looking for her first win since her return from Australia in January. Lostracco, with last rock, had a chance to score but was unable to remove the Kamstra counter. Rosie, the ever-expressive player, happily received congratulatory hand-shakes for her come-from-behind win by the opposition as well as several mates on the nearby sheets.

Family Day fun

Another successful event was held last week in honour of Family Day, and as it is so often expressed, such events cannot happen without the many volunteers that are required.

At the helm was Bob Belcher, who recruited a team of volunteers that welcomed 85 participants that included 18 youth and with the vast majority of those attending had never curled before. Two certified coaches per sheet to ensure maximum instruction and guidance taught the very basics of the sport



Members of the King Curling Club participated in the 2nd Annual Short Week by wearing shorts, skirts and kilts all week long. The event is in recognitions of a former member who wore shorts all winter long, no matter the weather.

Lionti scores 2 power play goals and Kokelj earns 3 assists in a losing cause

By Jim Stewart

Carlo Lionti scored 2 power play goals and Cameron Kokelj earned 3 assists, but it was in a losing cause as the fourth-place Orillia Terriers upset the third-place Schomberg Cougars 5-3 at the Trisan Centre on Thursday night.

In a pre-playoff North Carruthers divisional contest, the Terriers earned their first win of the season versus the Cougars after four straight head-to-head losses of 5-1, 6-3, 6-4, and 4-3.

Cougars Head Coach Stan Kondrotas felt the "Terriers had more heart tonight. They played a full sixty minutes compared to the good fifteen minutes we played. It's the first time they've beaten us this season, but we beat ourselves tonight, too, with a lackadaisical effort." Coach Kondrotas did single out Cougars' forward Carlo Lionti (voted Second Star of the Game) for his offensive effort: "Lionti had a good game, getting into good spots to score, and he finished well tonight."

The writing seemed to be on the wall for Schomberg early in the first period as the Cougars' offensive catalyst Luke Miehm broke his stick on a wide open scoring chance less than two minutes into the game. A series of near misses ensued and Coach Kondrotas believed this could have been "a turning point in the game because if Luke scores on that early opportunity, we could have gone up by one and it could have been a different game."

Instead, it was the Terriers who made the most of their first period opportunities. Orillia Captain Dylan Palomaki got his team on the board first when he scored on a goalmouth scramble, assisted by Devon Edwards. Speedy Terrier Josh Brown scored his 30th goal of the season on a clear-cut breakaway. After taking a rink-wide pass from Kory Lund, Brown slipped a backhand past Cougar netminder Matthew Lunghi. Orillia took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Cougars' PJHL-leading power play rallied the home side five minutes into the second period when Carlo Lionti cashed in a juicy rebound off a point shot by Lucas Vacca and an assist from Cameron Kokelj to pull Schomberg within one. Cougars' netminder Matthew Lunghi made as series of sen-

sational saves in the second period to keep Schomberg's deficit to one, but Terriers' forward Colton Dumond – on assists by Mason Beck and Brown – converted an opportune bounce at the blue line that put Orillia ahead 3-1.

With Terriers' Captain Palomaki in the penalty box for tripping at 7:07, the Cougars' power play scored within six seconds to narrow the deficit to 3-2. Carlo Lionti scored his second power play goal of the game by converting a perfect feed from Luke Miehm with a high shot glove side that beat Orillia netminder Carver Monroe. Cougars Captain Kokelj also drew an assist on the power play goal – his 45th assist of the season. Lionti, who is fully "healthy and good to go in the playoffs" after fighting through some respiratory problems, felt his second man-advantage goal was the result of the "team trying something new on our power play that worked well to get new guys open and I was able bury the puck." Lionti praised the play of rookie point man Lucas Vacca "who brings lots of energy on the ice and lots of sportsmanship to the team."

It was the rookie's blast from the point that Lionti converted and his power play marker intensified the Cougars' forechecking efforts. However, a Terriers' penalty shot attempt with 6 minutes left in the period was a key demarcation point in the contest. Terrier Ty Snelleman was hauled down on a breakaway to earn the penalty shot and his successful sharp left deke on Lung-hi restored Orillia's 2-goal lead to 4-2. The Terriers took a 5-2 lead when Edmonds fired a high wrist shot through a crowd that beat Lunghi. Palomaki and Mountain drew assists and Orillia took a three-goal cushion into the third period.

Smooth-skating Cougar defenceman Lucas Vacca lifted Schomberg to within 2 goals when he scored with just under five minutes left in the game on Kokelj's third assist of the game. The Cougars applied intense closing pressure after their timeout with two minutes to play and with netminder Vann Kulba pulled for the extra attacker, but the home side could not repeat their third period heroics as they did versus Midland when the Cougars tallied six goals in the third period at the Trisan Centre last Thursday.



Family Day fun was captured at the curling rink last week with 3 full sessions of bring your family to curl. Instruction on the basic skills of curling was offered as well as a couple of ends of play, snacks and beverage.

then concluded the session with a couple ends of play. Comments amongst the never-before curlers repeatedly said "this was so much fun" and participant Karen said "the curling on TV looks so much easier than it really is."

It was also heard that the session went by too quickly as everyone "wanted more." There were many families who came out to try curling and excitedly expressed that it was something

they've never done before and plan to sign up as members next season. KCC congratulates all those that offered their valuable time on the ice as well as behind the scene.

In closing, there has been no "shortage" of exciting events held at the King Curling club this year and it's highly anticipated that there will be a surplus and not shortage of excitement yet to come.

We Care Charity Golf Challenge

Organizers of the We Care Charity Golf Challenge are excited about marking the event's 10th anniversary in 2023.

However, there will be no in-person tournament.

Again this year organizers will be selling Cardinal golf E-vouchers online for rounds of golf for \$100 each, which include 18 holes of golf, power cart, taxes, and a donation to We Care.

Proceeds from the event will help send kids with disabilities to Easter Seals camps across Canada. E-voucher invitations will be emailed in the spring when Cardinal opens for the 2023 golf season.

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If you would like to make an online donation to We Care, go to www.charitygolfchallenge.ca click Donate to We Care to make a donation to the 2023 We Care Charity Golf Challenge and you will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brent Morning via email brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca or give Brent a call at 905-841-5735.

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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, we were reminded in Rev Bruce's message of God's "Rainbow Promise." In closing Rev. Bruce had some words of encouragement: "During Lent, examine your relationship with God, return to God, renew your relationship with God, enter into spiritual practices and live in such a way that your life wouldn't make sense if God did not exist. And as you live in that light others will see and come to understand the promise as well."

Let it be so in our weeks to come. Our next worship will be on Sunday March 5, at 10 a.m. when Rev. Andrew Lee will be presiding. We hope to see you there.

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

We continue to 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.

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 on-line at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We invite everyone for our Pop up clothing and toy giveaway event on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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, March 3 at 10 a.m. we will have a presentation on Alzheimers. Please indicate your interest by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565.

A trip is planned for St. Patrick's Day,

March 17 leaving the King City arena at 10:30 a.m. There will be a buffet lunch at Bingeman's in Kitchener followed by a St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party with lots of music and step dancing. The cost is \$125 each. This trip will fill up fast. Contact Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436 right away so you don't miss out.

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.

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

King City Tennis Association

Residents of King we welcome you to join once again, your community King City Tennis Club. The KCTA website opens on Wednesday, March 15 for all memberships, registration for all adult programs, and all 9 of the weekly Jr. Tennis Camps in July and August.

All transactions can only be completed on our website including credit card payment so please go to our website: kingcitytennis.com

The King City Tennis Association is a nonprofit that was started back in 1984. It has always been run by volunteers from our community and none of the executives are paid.

KCTA has managed to Keep last year's membership, programs and Jr. Tennis Camp pricing the same for 2023.

The King City Tennis Club is fortunate to have OTA Certified Markus Ziegler once again as our Club Pro this outdoor season. Markus will once again be running his very popular weekly Jr. Tennis Camp Monday to Friday, between 1 and 4 p.m. daily from July to August. Each tennis week is capped at 28 participants, so sign up early.

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By Kathy Patterson

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This Sunday, Lynn Vissers will be taking the service. Both John and Lynn are continuing with their sermon series from the book of Ephesians in the New Testament.

Join Lynn on Tuesdays at the virtual Bible Study or on Wednesdays for Art-for-the-Soul. Remember, you don't have to be an artist! Contact Lynn for information and the ZOOM link. Call 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 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 Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at 416-878-8499 about The Greater Grace Fellowship.

Mark your calendars: our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) is following the worship service on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. Coffee/tea, and dessert will be served, but bring your "bagged lunch." There will be time before the ACM starts.

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

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Serious Lenten spiritual nourishment at our Thursday evening Taizé services. Thursdays at 7 p.m. in our chapel. Quiet meditation, chanting and prayer. All are welcome.

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"In the early Church, newcomers were baptized at Easter. They didn't baptize babies or young children then, they were adults who had decided to follow Jesus, and they entered into a time

of instruction, and prayer or fasting.

"That period became associated with Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness. We heard in Matthew that he fasted and prayed and of course, resisted temptation. Matthew details several temptations and in each he reminded Satan that he was obedient to God. Even he, the Messiah, had to prepare for his mission.

"And so, like Jesus, we're given the opportunity to enter a time of preparation so that we can also fulfill the mission that God's given us. Jesus's preparations involved going into the wilderness. Most of us aren't very good at taking time to be alone with our thoughts. And it can be unsettling to meet our temptations face to face ... it is much easier to either give in to them or ignore them and hope they go away. As we begin our Lenten journey it's important to remember that the temptations we face stem from the primary temptation to forget who we are.

"That is Adam and Eve's problem. When the serpent comes, he tries to undermine the relationship of trust between them and God. When their relationship was damaged they're susceptible to forging an identity independent of their relationship with God, and so

they take and eat the forbidden fruit. When Jesus encounters temptation, the devil tries to undermine Jesus' relationship with God by telling him to test it by throwing himself off the mountain, or -creating food for himself, or seeking his patronage rather than trust God's. But at each point Jesus resisted, by quoting Scripture that reminded him of God's promise to care for him.

"There are so many temptations in this world. They come as subtle messages invite us to forget whose we are. Ads suggesting that we're inadequate; headlines suggesting that there aren't enough resources to go around. Politicians insisting that there is more to fear from each other than love about each other. In the face of these undermining messages, we have the time in Lent to root ourselves in the same baptismal promise that safe-guarded and empowered Jesus.

"This season let's face the tempting messages that undermine our identity as God's beloved. Let's figure out who we are, and what we're called to do, because in God's eyes we have infinite value and great purpose. I pray this time of preparation will help us resist temptations and be firmly rooted in God's promises."

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Passed away peacefully on Friday, February 17, 2023 at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie. Beloved husband of Karen Smilsky (née Wionzek). Loving father of Kristine Smilsky and Eric Smilsky (Kandice). Loved son of the late Irma and Mil Smilsky and brother of Larry Smilsky (Carol-Lynne), Joy Elines (Brian). Dear son-in-law of Mary and the late Ben Wionzek and brother-in-law of Donna Neary. Jim will be sadly missed by his nieces, nephews and many friends. Visitation will be held at Drury Funeral Centre, 519 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 12 - 4 with sharing of memories at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the Alliston & District Humane Society would be appreciated.



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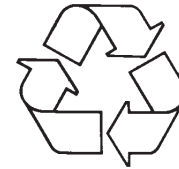
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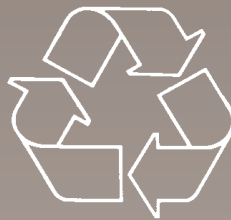
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Nobleton Notes

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 Pastoral Intern, Alison Agnew will be preaching this Sunday. 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. 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 continues meeting Tuesdays at 1:00 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 First Sunday of the Holy Season of Lent.

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 to reverently receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

Please note, we are hosting our 7th Confirmation preparation class tomorrow evening, 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church.

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (grades 9-12) for our Life Night this Saturday, February 25 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! Drop-ins are welcome!

The St. Mary's Gala, coming Saturday, April 22, is fast approaching. Get your tickets now! Space is limited; tickets must be purchased beforehand. Contact the parish office or Mr. Rick Minicucci, the St. Mary's KofC – Grand Knight.

All adults are invited to join Fr. Ignacio and the Heralds of the Gospel tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. for "The Search," Session 3 – Why a God? The third of seven sessions in our Parish Adult Formation Program.

Browse our websites:

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

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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).

You will continue to be in our prayers, Rosary and Holy Mass Intentions, especially those in our community who are sick or homebound.

Society welcomes members

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is welcoming new members. Come and join this enthusiastic group of volunteers, whose 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 fol-

lows 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 is \$20 and family membership is \$25. For more, email schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Nobleton Book Club

Mark your calendars. The next meeting of the Nobleton Book Club is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 and new members are always welcome. The title of the March book is "When We Were Young & Brave," written by Hazel Gaynor. We meet at the Nobleton Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come by and enjoy these interesting and lively discussion groups. It does not matter if you are able to come every month, but rather, come when you are able. Whether you have read the book or not, you will enjoy these entertaining discussions with many points of view.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

The famous DiFebo Pasta and Meatball Dinner was a happy community event last Friday. Many thanks for Sue & Gino DiFebo (who handmade each meatball), Val Ball (who supplied dessert) and all the myriad of helpers making the Caesar salad, setting up the tables, serving the pasta, and the dessert, packaging a present and reading us a story where the present moves left and right when those words appear in the story, until the story ends, and the clean-up crew. It was a great team effort and much appreciated.

Pastor Richard Gardner is having a Thursday Lenten series of learning as he cooks (maybe we help) and we all eat, starting on Thursday, March 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. The location will change to Schomberg's location at 116 Church St. every other week. Please contact Pastor Richard (call 905-859-3976 or email pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com) if you are interested as he needs to know how much food to prepare. It is okay if you miss a session or two. No charge for the series or the food.

The Community Singing Group practices in our church on Fridays at 2 p.m. Instrumentalists are also welcome. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal – cell 416-550-5083, home 905-857-4033 or dennis5k@hotmail.com. The group sings a variety of songs. No audition required. People are coming from Potageville, Schomberg, King City, Bolton, Nobleton. Come and join the fun!

Church service is at 11:15 a.m. Sundays. You are welcome to join us for an hour of singing, listening to scripture and a reflection on what the scripture means for us today. Afterwards enjoy some fellowship with some light refreshments.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, March 15, from 5-7 p.m., and will have Easter activities for 1 hour, story time at 6 p.m., and then eating together at 6:15 pm. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. No cost.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on March 14 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. For more info, please read the "The Scoop from Schomberg."

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.

There is a Zoom workshop organized by the United Church of Canada's Ontario Regional Councils on March 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Would you like to learn more about 2-Spirit people? The special guest is Ozhawa Anung Kwe who will discuss some of their life story living as a brown Anishinaabe 2-Spirit person. Here is the link to sign up for the workshop: <https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/justice/social-justice/pie-day-resources/pie-day-registration/>

Nobleton United Church is at 6076 King Rd., Nobleton, about 6 buildings west of Hwy 27, north side of the King Rd. There is a large parking lot in the back. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com.

Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is back and in full swing.

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coming events in April, May, and June. Details here soon!

The knitting and crocheting slippers initiative for Ronald McDonald Houses continues to move ahead. For followup 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

Many people know Lent is a solemn season in the Christian year, yet the word has no religious connection. It comes from the old Anglo-Saxon "lenc-ten," which gives us length and lengthen. As February meets March, daylight lengthens so the Anglo-Saxons called the season on the horizon that we call spring, Lencten. Now the plant native to Greece and the Balkans soon to be in bloom here in Southern Ontario also has no religious significance although it is known as the Lenten rose. Botanists and most gardeners refer to it as a hellebore (from the Latin 'helein' for impure and bora for poisonous). There are some 22 species of this early spring perennial with the best known being helleborus niger because of its long dark taproot.

I've never grown hellebores before but late last summer I came across some plants for sale at Botanix in Alliston and bought all 6 of them – they weren't cheap at over \$60. for the lot. I went home and got out my trusty gardening books to learn how to plant them. I was warned to choose their forever home carefully as like all plants with taproots once established they are very difficult if not impossible to move.

And also they don't like acidic soil so they shouldn't be planted near needled evergreens. Hellebores won't survive in dry conditions either. They like all day moderate to dappled shade and damp soil that has a humus content so I dug in a goodly amount of composted cattle manure in the spot where I thought they would be happiest.

Most hellebores grow about 9 to 12 inches/23 to 30 cm high with drooping flowers attached to the main stem by tiny stemlets. The dark green evergreen leaves are palmate[hand like] with each having 7 slightly serrated fingers.

The flower is actually a ring of 5 wide sepals that over millennia have developed the ability to produce nectar thus becoming more like true petals. In the centre of the bloom is a cluster of small feathery yellow pollen carrying stamens.

Sepal-Petals on wild hellebores can be white and like trilliums fuse with pink as they age, rose, dark wine or dark purple. Hybrids have larger flowers often bicoloured. Some hybrids produce double flower and some varieties sport up facing flowers. The plant is poisonous but has such a foul taste that even a little bit would be immediately spat out! Even so keep young children and pets well away from them.

The 5 sepal-petals strongly resemble the flower of the wild rose hence the name Lenten rose but hellebores are not related to roses but rather to buttercups.

Schomberg United Church

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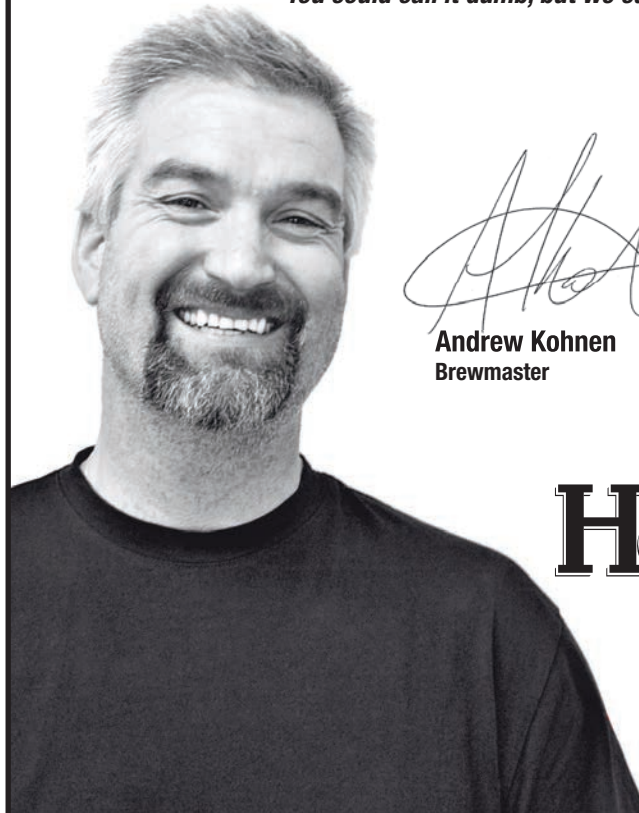


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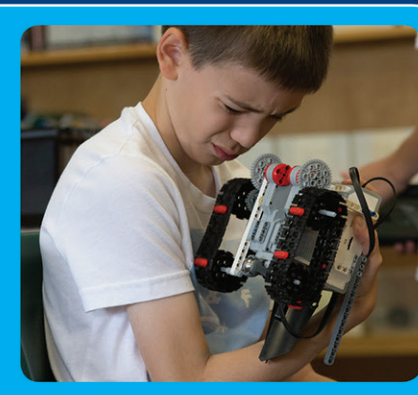
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(completed Gr. 3-8)
Weeks #2, #3, #4, #6

Campers will experience the thrill of seeing their robotic creations come to life using the all-new LEGO® EV3 robot kit. The camp will explore the fundamentals of structural design and programming using this fun, hands-on approach.



LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT)
(completed Gr. 9)
Week #1

The Leaders in Training (LIT) program will offer future camp counselors:

- the qualities and skills involved in becoming a good leader
- firsthand experience in working with children ages 8-13
- volunteer hours toward their high school diploma (during a second week spent as a camp volunteer)



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