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Park redevelopment sparks core revamp

By Mark Pavilons Editor

Redeveloping the Nobleton Community Lions Park presents a unique opportunity to revamp the village core.

Council gave its stamp of approval for "reimagining" both the Lions Park and Nobleton Library. Staff pointed out this will be a collaborative efforts, in conjunction with development opportunities on adjacent properties.

It will literally transform the services in the village.

Staff have been evaluating options for improvements and redevelopment of facilities in Nobleton for years. And recent opportunities have arisen to help bring it all together.

The preliminary concept includes land transfers with adjacent property owners to help relocate and expand the library. Staff would like to see the Nobleton outdoor pool

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and ball hockey court replaced by a wading pool and outdoor ice surface. Soccer fields will be relocated and hopes are a pickleball court can be created.

Hope are arrangements can be made with adjacent landowners to enhance the area.

Sections of Old King Road will be subject to a block plan exercise to be undertaken by Growth Management Services.

This area presents a unique opportunity for the Township to establish a "main street feel" with enhanced placemaking opportunities along Old King and in the village core. One of the elements that will be a focus of discussion will be the future of the Nobleton Community Hall, requiring a process where staff engages the Heritage Advisory Committee in the coming months.

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Monday, April 3

6 p.m. – Council Public Planning meeting In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. and live streamed at <u>http://king.ca/meetings</u>

Monday, April 11

6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at <u>king.ca/meetings</u>

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, April 6

6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing <u>cpang@king.ca</u> by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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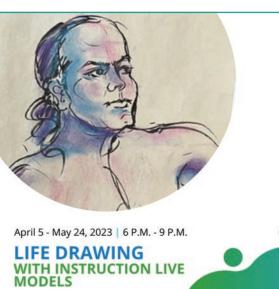
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Library, former school site to be redeveloped

From Front Page

The Nobleton branch of the King Township Public Library services has been identified as requiring significant building improvements and an expansion to accommodate population growth in the village.

King's Facility Services Master Plan (2019) recommends exploring opportunities to consolidate facilities onto joint campuses to reduce operational requirements, specifically staff resources.

This project proposes the construction of a new library branch at the arena/park property and abandoning the existing building and location as surplus lands to be sold.

The pool was last open in 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pool did not open in 2022 due to a combination of aquatic staffing shortages, technical issues and equipment failures.

Staff have worked over the past 18

months attempting to get the Nobleton pool ready for reopening.

The physical condition of the pool and the continued national labour shortage of certified aquatics instructors have heavily impacted the Township's ability to reopen the pool. Due to significant structural deficiencies in conjunction with the expected opening of King's first indoor aquatic centre in 2024, the Nobleton Lions Outdoor Pool in King will be permanently closed starting in 2023.

The closure presents an opportunity to re-develop the space for the future and enhance recreational services for the community of Nobleton.

Plans being considered include a seasonal wading pool/water feature and the Township's first refrigerated outdoor ice surface.

Staff are proposing to relocate the existing soccer field and to move it closer to existing sports fields, which enables shared lighting to expand current land disposition.

The pickleball courts will expand a service that is quickly becoming the most requested amenity for Community Services, while the parking enhancements will be included to assist with all of the new features.

A bandshell is being proposed, since Nobleton hosts several significant events each year.

From here, staff will:

• Undertake a community consultation process to ensure the vision presented aligns with the vision of the Nobleton community and its citizens.

• Negotiate with abutting landowners to establish terms for disposition and acquisition of lands to facilitate

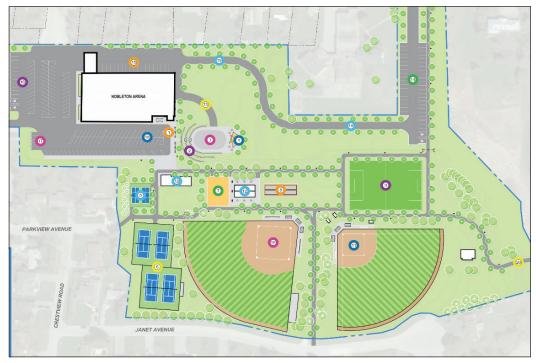
service capacity and facilitates possible the re-development project from both a land and financial perspective.

> Undertake a block plan exercise for affected and surrounding lands.

> • Make alterations as required and report back to Council with a financial and timing strategy for implementation.

> Sources of funding for the project will include DCs and money from the sale of lands. Staff will report back to council on the financial aspects for the construction and operation.

> Councillor David Boyd noted that many Nobleton residents have expressed the desire for a main street feel, often highlighting Old King Road as a suitable location to start the revitalization.



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King's highest-paid staffers

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making the "Sunshine List" in 2022 rose once again, as the cost of governance continues to soar across the province.

Last year, 42 staffers earned a total of \$5.597 million.

Among employees who received more than six-figure salaries in 2022, 11 received earnings between \$100,000 and \$110,000 followed by 23 who received between \$110,001 and \$150,000, 7 received between \$150,001 and \$200,000, 1 received between \$200,001 and \$250,000 at the Township Of King.

CEO Daniel Kostopoulos was the top wage earner, pulling in \$271,755.

He was followed by Treasurer Peggy Tollett and Stephen Naylor, director of Growth Management Servicers, who both made \$195,179.59.

Kathryn Moyle, who retired late last year, earned \$191,563.98. Chris Fasciano, director of Community Services, was next with a salary of \$191,563.98.

Fire Chief Jim Wall was paid \$179,826.97.

Samantha Fraser, director of public works, made \$174,910.97

Mayor Steve Pellegrini pulled in \$158,905.58.

Scott Donald, manager of fleet, earned \$140,846.

Adele Reid, acting CEO and manager of administrative and branch services. earned \$135,908.89. Kyle Brett, manager of parks, earned \$134,888.05. Mandy Paglia, manager of infrastructure, plan took in \$134,818.25, while Carolyn Rodgers, manager of development, made \$134.818.20. Earning \$131,836.46 was Brennen Filice, manager of capital facility construction. He was followed by Barry Budhu, manager of transportation, who made \$131,191.21.

nology, Christel Gregson, manager of revenue, Nancy Cronsberry, manager of bylaw enforcement, and Gaspare Ritacca, manager of planning and development.

Andrew Quattrociocchi, chief building official, was next with \$127,100.70.

Kyle Snell, manager of environmental services, earned \$126,634.21 and Matthew Wideman, water/wastewater operator, took in \$124,075.83.

The remainder of staffers included Kelly England, manager of community engagement, \$122,372.03; Amanda Hicks, manager of recreation, \$121,100.70; Denny Timm, manager of legislative services, \$118,114.50; Jamie Smyth, manager of economic development, \$117,299.42; Jennifer Ignoto-Caietta, manager of office of CEO, \$117,299.42; Paul Kulyk, senior planner, \$115,339.90; Kate Gibson, manager of content and information, \$112,953.89; Donna-Lynn Kell, manager of communications, \$111,836.57; Kristen Harrison, manager of policy planning, \$109,559.10; Jonathan Thompson, roads supervisor, \$109,548.19; Bobby Tibbitts, fire prevention officer, \$108,836.45; Gavin Tanner, facility maintenance supervisor, \$104,233.15; Angelo Callisto, supervisor of information technology, \$102,451.39; Fabrizio Chiatto, network systems analyst, \$101,890.26; David Van Veen, senior project manager, \$101,682.06; Jonathan Bell, recreation

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Jodi Mancini, manager of human resources, earned \$130.768.05.

All earning \$127,157 were Barbara Harris, manager of information tech-

and business services, \$100,858.05. Rounding out the list, all with salaries of \$100,160, were building inspectors David Lightheart, Ryan Rueckwart and Daniel Wilkinson.

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~ Michael Connelly

Automobile innovations a reflection of society

The automobile has become one of our most important tools of the modern era.

It's hard to believe just how far we've come in the last 100 years or so.

Credit for early automobiles goes to German designers Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler. The 1901 Mercedes, designed by Wilhelm Maybach, is considered to be the first modern motorcar. Henry Ford's Model T and the introduction of the assembly line changed history forever.

It's also hard to believe that early automobiles didn't have brakes, seatbelts, or horns. Like the early days of flight, you had be very brave to get behind the wheel or stick of one of these newfangled machines.

Today, we take things like ABS, backup cameras and power seats for granted. Heck, when I started driving, we only had lap belts and crank windows. One of my cars, a 1973 Dodge Dart, had standard steering and brakes. But it also had nice large chrome bumpers.

Muscle cars of the late 1960s and 1970s have had a huge following in recent years. But today, totally restored beauties command huge price tags.

I had a 1970 1/2 Camaro RS with split bumpers. I bought it from someone in Brampton for \$900 while I was in high school. It needed a bit of TLC, but I loved it. I got rid of it when I went to college and have been regretting it ever since.

Now, all I do is look at photos online of beautiful versions of this, and other models. And I weep, silently, to myself.

My son asked why I got rid of it in the first place. I said at the time, these weren't particularly rare or sought-after muscle cars. They were merely cars of the day.

If everyone who had a Camaro, Cor-



Mark Pavilons

up put it away in a barn, we'd all be rich.

When I discussed finding an older model car with my mechanic a few years back, he suggested just getting the brand new version – they're safer, have all the bells and whistles and even cost less!

Can't argue with that logic, but since when did logic dictate a person's taste in classic automobiles?

Automotive innovation is a tell tale sign of society's progress.

The Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) awarded a trio of technologies with its Automotive Innovation Awards for 2023.

The winner for Best Safety Innovation was Subaru's EyeSight Wide-Angle Mono Camera and pre-collision braking system.

I believe that any visual assistance vette, Mustang or Challenger growing the driver can have is great. Rear, back-

up cameras are pretty much standard with more technology than the space today, and enhanced rear-view mirrors, shuttles. warnings and lane correction options can all be life-saving.

tion went to Range Rover and its Adaptive Off-Road Cruise Control.

to navigate tricky terrain by maintain- choose from some reasonably priced EV ing steady progress according to the ground conditions. When one of four comfort settings is selected using a selves, even take themselves in for a steering-wheel switch, the system will intelligently adjust the vehicle speed, allowing the driver to focus on steering.

vehicle and its movement to understand the terrain, whether it's on a gradient, Buick." ice, uneven rocks or in deep snow. The system then modulates the speed accordingly.

Yes, our cars have come a long way of the days of chrome and carbs.

And that's a good thing.

I thought ABS and skid correction were amazing when they came out.

But I'm a simple guy. Sticking my arm out the window in the summer for that driver's tan makes me smile. That, and some cool tunes from the 1970s and 1980s and I'm in my happy place.

As we bid farewell to the fossil fuel burning vehicles and say hello to our ligent mowers that roam the back yard, newfound electric buddies, more will change.

Almost daily, I see internet posts about the newest concept car and most filters its way into modern medicine. modern technology. I suppose that when We need that more than ever. Heck, you remove the engine and transmis- I'd gladly pay \$100,000 for a "sick bay sion, designers can spend more time bed" at home that monitors, diagnoses and apply creativity to the interiors and and treats all illnesses. exteriors of the vehicle.

What we're seeing are futuristic cars but keep it all in perspective.

That's all well and good, but what's not so appealing is the \$100,000-plus The award for Best Technical Innova-sticker price on these modern marvels.

Hopefully, when all the major manufacturers settle in and complete the This new technology helps drivers transition, consumers will be able to cars and vans. And yes, before too long, they will drive themselves, park themcheck up. It will be weird.

I do agree that life's too short to be driving boring cars. But alas, I have Sensors monitor every aspect of the turned into that guy that my kids admit, with head down, "yes, that is my dad's

I don't need to monitor the galaxy through my sunroof or flip on the infrared to see if any Sasquatches are roaming the woods. Hey, I loved James since the bare bones sedans and coupes Bond's vehicles as much as the next man, but at some point we have to applv the brakes.

If our engineers and designers could only apply such marvels to other aspects of society, we'd be in much better shape.

An ejector-type lawn chair, now that's something I could use. Or a robot that paints the house and refinishes the kitchen cabinets, now that's worth its weight in gold. They already have intelcut the grass and even pick up dog poop. That's cool.

I'm also hoping that our tech prowess

Enjoy the automotive eye-candy folks,



Outdoors LSRCA offers spring safety tips

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is reminding residents of the dangers that exist near bodies of water, particularly around this time of year, and urges people to keep family and pets away from the edges of all waterways.

With warmer temperatures, people look forward to getting outdoors. Warmer temperatures, however, also usually bring rain, melting snow and shifting ice which can contribute to higher, faster flowing water in watercourses.

There is still a significant amount of snow throughout the Lake Simcoe watershed. The ground remains frozen and local rivers, streams and lakes may be partially covered in ice. With warmer weather, comes melting snow and potential rain which will contribute to higher water levels and increased velocities in local watercourses. As well, slippery and unstable streambanks and extremely cold-water temperatures can also lead to hazardous conditions close to bodies of water.

Be safe this spring and remember the following tips:

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a) Yes

b) No

Results from last week's poll:

Are you itching to get out

in the garden this spring?

Keep family and pets away from the edges of all bodies of water.

Avoid all recreational activities in or around water, especially near ice jams or ice-covered watercourses and waterbodies.

Do not attempt to walk on ice-covered waterbodies or drive through flooded roads or fast-moving water.

If you live close to the water, move objects such as chairs or benches away from the water's edge to avoid losing them during potential spring high water.

Avoid walking close to/across riverbanks and ice-covered water to prevent falling through. River banks can become unstable in the spring due to snowmelt and erosion.

Rescuing another person or a pet from icy water is dangerous. If you see anyone that has fallen through the ice call 911 for help immediately.

It is the mission of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to collaborate to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed with innovative research, policy and action.

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Quote of the Week

'Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.

– Albert Einstein

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Are you looking forward to

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a) Yes

b) No

OFA advocacy yields results for farmers, rural communities

By Drew Spoelstra OFA Vice President

There was some welcome news for farmers in the Ontario budget released last week. The provincial government announced new funding for veterinary training, and an agricultural soil health and conservation strategy, as well as ongoing investments into expanding highspeed internet access across Ontario.

All three of these areas are ones where the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) had identified a need for investment and had been encouraging the provincial government to support to ensure the ongoing resilience of our food system.

Last fall, our minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson, announced the Grow Ontario Strategy to increase the production, consumption and manufacturing of Ontario food, as well as boost our annual provincial agri-food exports.

Comment

Our sector generates \$47 billion in economic activity every year and supports over 750,000 jobs across the province, so we know we're up to the challenge. The OFA has also been clear, however, that we'll need support from the provincial government so we can achieve these goals together, and last week's budget funding announcements are a sign that the government is hearing our concerns.

Together with our Ontario livestock commodity organization partners, OFA has identified the critical shortage of veterinarians in the livestock sector, particularly those practicing large animal medicine, as one of the biggest problems facing Ontario farmers. Veterinarians play a critical role in promoting and protecting the health and welfare of livestock, and limited veterinary capacity ultimately leaves people, animals and our food system at risk.

What OFA asked for: a multi-faceted solution that combines increased veterinary capacity and opportunities with programs and incentives. This ask has also been echoed by livestock farm organizations in Ontario.

What the province announced: an investment of \$14.7 million over two years to launch a new collaborative Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program between the University of Guelph and Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Additionally, the government has announced \$900,000 over three years in student loan assistance for recently graduated veterinarians to practice livestock veterinary medicine in underserviced areas.

Another key area for farmers is soil health, which is part of the larger OFA priority of promoting and protecting our capacity to produce food. As a farmer, I know that soil is truly one of our most valuable resources and that we must take care to nurture and protect it if we expect it to continue to feed us sustainably in the future.

What OFA asked for: a soil health strategy that will support land stewardship and provide farmers with tools, like baseline soil health data and modernized soil health maps, to encourage even more widespread adoption of soil best management practices. This ask resulted from OFA's participation in an industry-government collaboration known as the Soil Action Group.

What the province announced: a \$9.5 million investment over three years for developing and implementing the Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy to improve soil data mapping, evaluation and monitoring in Ontario. It's a long-term framework that will set the vision, goals and objectives for soil health and conservation in Ontario to 2030, with accompanying actions and methods to measure progress.

OFA has also long been encouraging the provincial government to invest in rural Ontario infrastructure. Transportation, energy, communication, schools and healthcare are key factors in determining where people choose to live and work, and where businesses choose to grow and invest. For rural communities to be successful in attracting new businesses and residents, they need long-term investments into roads, bridges, broadband and energy infrastructure.

The pandemic very clearly demonstrated, for example, that reliable and affordable high-speed internet access is no longer a luxury but an everyday essential that is critical to the day-today operations of businesses and daily lives of Ontarians.

What OFA asked for: although the province has already made significant progress in improving high-speed internet access to underserviced areas, it's essential that the rollout of rural broad band infrastructure continues, and that current inefficiencies and barriers are addressed.

What the government announced: an investment of nearly \$4 billion to ensure every community across Ontario has access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025, including more than \$63 million to bring high-speed internet to 63,000 homes, businesses and farms through the Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) project.

We recognize that there are many more important issues impacting farms and rural communities that also need addressing, but we appreciate the steps the provincial government announced last week to support agriculture and help maintain healthy, safe and sustainable food production in Ontario.

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Ontario reducing red tape

Ontario introduced the Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023 that, if passed, will enhance fiscal management, cut red tape, and save taxpayers dollars. The proposed legislation would allow the province to improve the management of real estate and bring efficiency changes to the environmental assessment process.

"Our government is looking to take another meaningful step towards reducing inefficiency and improving oversight with the introduction of the Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "The changes ..., if passed, would help our government cut red tape, save taxpayers money, and streamline processes so we can continue to practice good governance on behalf of the people of Ontario."

As part of the proposed legislation, a framework would be established to modify the real estate authority of 14 entities which are under the oversight of eight ministries and provide the Minister of Infrastructure with the ability to oversee and manage this real estate. This will be done through amendments to the Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011 and complementary amendments to nine other Acts.

The proposed legislation would also allow the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, on a project-specific basis, to alter or waive the 30-day waiting period for Class Environmental Assessments projects. The government is modernizing its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow, too costly, and too burdensome. The proposed changes will help projects get built faster, without compromising environmental standards and protections.

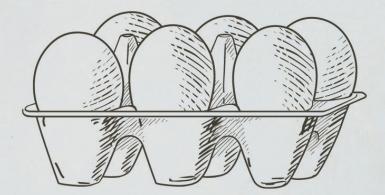
The proposed legislative amendments in the Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023, if passed, will address the 2017 Auditor General's report and other third-party reports that have identified opportunities for the province to deliver the real estate portfolio more efficiently through initiatives that centralize authority and decision-making.

Class environmental assessments are a simplified assessment process that sets out requirements for consultation, impact assessment and mitigation for projects with routine and predictable effects (e.g., municipal roads).

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Aurora, King, Stouffville unveil Korean War monument

By Brock Weir

The words were penned more than 70 years ago, but were as evocative as ever for Terri O'Connor.

A member of the Richmond Hill branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, O'Connor knew the words by heart as she approached the podium at the Aurora branch over the weekend; they were penned by her father on May 29, 1951, just prior to a battle.

"There's blood on the hills of Korea," he wrote. "It's the blood of the brave and true/We're the 25th Brigade and we're bound together/under the banner of the Red, White and Blue."

"Forward they marched into Battle/ with faces unsmiling and stern/they knew as they charged into the hillside/ there were some who would never return/Some thought of their wives and their mothers/some thought of their sweethearts so fair/Some as they stumbled were reverently whispering in prayer. There is blood on the hills of Korea/it's the gift of the freedom they love/may their names live in glory forever/and their souls rest in heaven above."

The very next day, O'Connor's father's blood was spilled on the hills he helped memorialize and on Saturday afternoon his daughter helped commemorate a new monument for the men and women from Aurora, King, and Whitchurch-Stouffville who stepped up to serve during the Korean War, often known as Canada's "forgotten" conflict.

More than 70 years in the making, the new memorial, located at the Aurora Cenotaph and Peace Park on Yonge Street, was unveiled amid a deluge of rain and wind gusts which was somewhat poetic in light of the conditions servicemen and women endured in the theatre of war.

Due to the blustery conditions, however, a service of unveiling at the Cenotaph, by monument designer Alex Theaker and Jeremy Hood of the Aurora Museum & Archives, was split into two elements, with dignitaries set to speak on site instead delivering their messages in the dry comfort of the Aurora Legion.

"On June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea starting the Korean War. Fighting continued for over three years until July 17, 1953, when the Armistice agreement was signed. 2023 marks 70 years since the signing of the agreement and I am so proud that we were able to unveil this memorial to mark the anniversary," said Mayor Tom Mrakas, welcoming a host of dig-

Township approves condo plan in King City

By Mark Pavilons Editor

King council approved plans for a townhouse complex on Keele Street in King City.

Councillors okayed staff recommendations permitted the 48-townhome project by Stateview Homes.

The development will be located on the east side of Keele and north side of Dennison Street. Related applications for the proposal were approved by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The applicant appealed the Township's Official Plan, which was approved with modifications in October 2021.

The construction has progressed to the point where draft plan approval is required to change the form of tenure to condominium ownership.

The proposed site layout includes common element roads to access individual units with a signalized intersection on Keele, opposite Norman Drive.





nitaries, including Newmarket-Aurora MPP Tony Van Bynen, Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce, Minister of Seniors Raymond Cho, area MPPs, the Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and Council members from all three municipalities.

"We know of at least 11 Aurorans who left home to serve in the Korean War with many more from neighbouring communities," Mayor Mrakas continued. "In 1951, Albert Armitage, one young Auroran who served in Korean wrote a letter home to his family and described the battlefront. 'It is very cold over here. Lots of snow and frost beside the noise. Our boys are holding up under the strain wonderfully well. It sure makes a fellow wonder sometimes what is happening next. Some days it is like a quiet day in the hills at home and the next minute everything seems to bust to pieces. One year over here is worse than six in the last war.' It is truly hard to comprehend what these young men went to as they courageously served their country. Many of them just in their early 20s. Thankfully, all 11 Aurorans returned home safely but sadly 516 Canadians would lose their lives in the fighting and more than 1,200 were wounded. Our Korean War memorial will provide a space for reflection and commemoration of those who served from Aurora, King and Stouffville, as well as honour the more than 22,000 Canadians who bravely fought."

With the memorial made possible through support from Veterans Affairs Canada, MP Van Bynen said it was an "honour" to be present for the conscion

in our minds at any place and at any time, having such a monument in our communities ensures that our veterans are never being forgotten. Community organizations and community members like you understand the importance of honouring those who have served in uniform in the past and in the present."

In his remarks, Minister Lecce noted the "solidarity" of the three municipalities, the Province and the Federal Government in making the memorial possible.

"Nearly 27,000 who volunteered in the service and advancement of democracy and freedom cannot be understated as a demonstration of what courage looks like," he said. "We honour those who serve. We remember the hundreds who did not return and we thank those on land, sea and air that gave so much of themselves to advance a values system that continues to carry forward today in freedom, for human rights and the rule of law.

"Here in this community, in York Region, and frankly across our Province through curriculum and education, we want the next generation of Ontario students to never forget the sacrifices. I want to thank all of you for being present and for ensuring the Torch of Remembrance carries forward for those who served so courageously in Korea in the pursuit of democracy over communism. There are great parallels today, both fighting for freedom in Ukraine, Taiwan, Iran and so many places and these values must endure in our hearts

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honour" to be present for the occasion.

"We meet today to pay homage to some of Canada's greatest heroes: those who gallantly served our nation generations ago, those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country and those who continue to serve today," he said. "I am so grateful to see our community dedicate this solemn, sacred place to the citizens to understand and to remember the tremendous achievements and sacrifices of Aurora residents and those of neighbouring communities through the Korean War.

"Today the Korean War is now recognized as [one of] the most important chapters in Canadian history. Though remembrance can be in our hearts and and as a nation."

One person who strongly carries the "Torch of Remembrance" is the Korean-born Minister Cho who recalled as a young boy he "grew up with tanks in the street, soldiers marching by my house, and B29 Bomber airplanes flying overhead."

"It's something that sticks with you," he said. "Today, standing here at this ceremony I want to tell you that I will be forever grateful to the 516 young Canadians who gave their lives to protect South Korea from the invasion in the North. If they did not sacrifice, I would not be able to speak to you here in Canada today. Today is a day to celebrate the freedom and democracy that we have here."

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Stakeholders gather for tourism symposium in King

By Mark Pavilons Editor

Joining forces to promote tourism. Central Counties Tourism hosted the seventh annual Tourism Symposium under the guiding theme of Together in Tourism. The conference took place in King at The Kingbridge Centre.

With an economic impact of more than \$3 billion in 2022 from domestic overnight visitors alone, tourism contributes significantly to the health of the regional economy. The diversity of the tourism-related businesses that attract these visitors ranges from major attractions, vibrant urban centres, and galleries to farm shops, rural museums, and quaint small towns.

This year's symposium welcomed a cross section of 180 delegates from Central Counties and beyond for a full-day of learning, networking, and idea-sharing with the common goal of growing visitation.

The event welcomed a cross section of nearly 180 delegates from the Central Counties region and beyond for a full-day of learning, networking, and idea-sharing with the common goal of growing visitation.

"This year's Symposium was themed Together in Tourism, and that was apparent in every part of the day. From the first speaker to the last panel session, the event delivered relevant and compelling content for everyone in the room. It's a special thing to have so many businesses, municipalities and destination marketing organizations in one room together for the purpose of growing tourism in a region. It's a billion-dollar industry that has a positive ripple effect across an entire community," said Chuck Thibeault, Executive Director, Central Counties Tourism.

"We learned about the Indigenous history of the region and how best to collaborate with Indigenous peoples to build tourism together, as well as new ways to approach the industry's labour challenges, and gained important insights from social media experts. Above all, there were peer-based panels that gave perspective and guidance on community tourism planning and product development that when combined help drive the visitor economy."

Jamie Smyth, Manager of Economic Development Growth Management Services Department for King, was pleased to show off King's bounty to the visitors.

"King Township was honoured to be a Gold sponsor of Central Counties Tourism's annual symposium held right here at one of King's gems of an event venue. Every time I am part of an event at Kingbridge, I talk to attendees that say it is their first time here and what an asset it must be to have this facility in our community," he said.

"The Symposium was a great showcase and networking event with a great line up of relevant and timely keynote speakers, panel discussions and Q&As. Always some great takeaways to consider and use.

"Central Counties Tourism has been a great partner to King by providing guidance and support for all of tourism marketing and product development efforts under our 'ExperienceKING' brand for almost 10 years now."

In the event's opening keynote, Dakota Brant, Mohawk Nation, entrepreneur, speaker, and artist, began the day with an important and timely talk for those in the tourism industry and beyond with 5 Questions to Guide Indigenous representation and relationship building in the Canadian tourism landscape.

Dakota is a member of the Mohawk Nation, born and residing on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory (Ohswé:ken). This thought-provoking presentation provided insights into the journey of cultural understanding, the place of the Wendat people within the Central Counties region, acknowledging our local history, as well as an understanding of some of the concerns Indigenous peoples have in relation to their representation in tourism in Canada.

Afternoon keynote, Philip Mondor, President and CEO, Tourism HR Canada, addressed the ongoing labour challenges of the tourism industry during the Now Hiring with Tourism HR Canada. This presentation incorporated delegate-sourced questions and concerns into featured topics including new ways to look at and build your workforce, how to adapt in an increasingly tight labour market, expand your recruitment strategies, and navigate wage expectations.

Refresh of ICSP no longer necessary

By Mark Pavilons Editor

The evolution of King Township has allowed it to outgrow the need for a continual refresh of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

King has come together across all departments, with the implementation of several strategic plans, not the least of which are the Official Plan, Corporate



Chuck Thibeault, Central Counties Tourism Executive Director, moderates a Product Development and Collaboration panel at the 2023 Central Counties Tourism Symposium held at The Kingbridge Centre. Shown are (I to r) Chuck Thibeault, Petra Schwirtz, Sandra Bannon, Jessica Elliott.

Throughout the day delegates learned from the success of their peers during interactive panel sessions that included Community Tourism Planning, and Product Development and Collaboration, as well as from industry-recognized social media influencers and experts with a practical conversation on Elevating the Social Media Experience.

This year's symposium, in partnership with Destination Markham, was made possible by several event partners including Tourism Vaughan Corporation, Regional Municipality of York, and Town of Ajax (Platinum); Durham Tourism, Experience King, and Visit Caledon (Gold).

Central Counties Tourism (CCT) was established as a regional tourism organization in 2010 under the framework developed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Its mandate is to help stakeholders build their capacity which, in turn, grows visitation and vibrant communities throughout the York, Durham, and Headwaters regions. CCT is funded by the Ontario Government and managed as a not-forprofit organization by a voluntary tourism industry board. CCT's mission is to develop, support and promote tourism within the region.



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Strategic Plan and King Climate acton Plan.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is no longer deemed necessary and its role will be switched to an environmental action team.

Staff noted the ICSP was launched, with much fanfare, in 2012. This was a huge resource that identified a clear path for King's future, its community groups, businesses and organizations. It provided direction on key objectives, how King made decisions and developed partnerships. It helped fill the gap until King's outdated Official Plan could be properly upgraded.

The main "pillars" of the plan – environmental, socio-cultural, economic and financial – are now incorporated into the new Official Plan.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) was initially created to support the municipality in implementing its action items and goals. SAC members (volunteers) assisted staff in reviewing funding projects, goals and strategies.

While the ICSP and SAC served King well for almost a decade, SAC's mandate became redundant. Provincial regulations came along that forced municipalities to build climate action, asset management and financial sustainability into its routine operations. As well, the committee struggled to retain members and meet quorum, hindering its effectiveness.

The new "Environment Action Team" will be more action-focused, staff said, providing the Township with more opportunities to apply for grant funding from external sources.

Moving forward, staff will be developing terms of reference for this action team and create a strategy to attract new members. Hopes are they will be able to create an operational document by late this year to encompass priorities.



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BMW provides seamless service at new Aurora dealership

By Brock Weir

When BMW Aurora began the move to a brand-new dealership near Wellington Street East and Highway 404, their goal was to be a leading customer-centric dealership in the country and for the entire automotive industry. Now that their doors are open on Goulding Avenue it's easy to see they're well on their way towards that goal.

"We want to 'wow' our customers," says BMW Aurora's General Manager Blake Elliot, "and that's from the moment they drive up to our dealership, walk in, or even go to our online showroom at bmwaurora.ca. Our spectacular showroom is designed, floor to ceiling, based on BMW Canada's latest modern and innovative layouts, and being off a main artery like the 404, this was a big opportunity for us to connect and be more visible to the market."

Aurora is a growing community, he adds, and that is one of the myriad reasons why they moved south from their previous location on Mulock Drive in Newmarket.

"This community has transformed in the past 10 years and in the next 10 years it is going to be even bigger," says Elliot. "This visibility is why we've really decided to place ourselves in a market, a community, we can help support and grow with."

From the moment you step into the showroom, customers will notice the features that set BMW Aurora apart. Greeted at the door, you're welcomed into a bright, airy space where customers come first.

They aim to provide what they describe as a "frictionless" experience, whether they are long-standing clients or new to the BMW brand. "We want to limit that gap between guest and dealer," says Elliot. "We want to make it easier for everybody, from the purchase to the service experience; which includes in-person and remote transactions where deliveries are made straight to your doorstep. You will find ease working with our service department, with access to our 24/7 kiosk you can drop off your car and pick up your vehicle, without ever having to see an advisor. Just drop [the keys] in our kiosk, tell us what services you need to do, and it will be ready for you the following day."

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Another key feature of the client-centric building is the heated drive-thru, which is accessible during regular hours, straight to the team of knowledgeable advisors. Customers no longer have to get out of their vehicles in the often-inclement Canadian weather, where they will be greeted by a valet.

"Our state-of-the-art service centre can service up to 20 vehicles at a time, and regardless of the service requested or required, each vehicle receives a complimentary video diagnostic and thorough polish in the in-house car wash system."

If you're in the market to purchase a vehicle and can't get to the dealership, BMW Aurora offers a white glove mobile service where they bring the vehicle to you to test drive. And when you ultimately seal the deal, there's another "wow" factor: they will deliver it to your door in an enclosed trailer.

Whether you are shopping for a new vehicle in their spacious ground-floor showroom, or looking at a pre-owned vehicle located on the second floor accessible by their heated all-weather ramp, you will experience a seamless and attentive experience from a dedi-





Blake Elliot, General Manager of BMW Aurora, is pictured in their second-floor show-room at Goulding and Wellington Street East.

Photo by Brock Weir

cated sales team.

"Every KPI (Key Performance Indicator) aspect of our business involves customer satisfaction and that is our vision," says Elliot. "We will continue to learn through trial and error, through feedback from our customers, and our employees, on areas that we can become more efficient and deliver on."

Since the start of the global pandemic, BMW Aurora and the Dilawri group have remained nimble – something they are very proud of, particularly with advancements and enhancements in their service departments and staying ahead of the game when it comes to technology.

"We're planning to see growth when

it comes to the BMW brand this year and specifically BMW Aurora; there are plans in place to make sure that we have the foundations set to serve our guests better each year."

Being part of the Dilawri Group, "We lead Canada in the automotive industry, based on the standards we place on the leaders, dealerships and our employees. We nurture from within and grow capabilities to allow our teams to develop into the next personal and professional stage of their lives. I'm proud to be able to support my staff in our stunning 60,000-square-foot facility, probably one of the largest-sized BMW stores. I'm proud to be a part of this change and making a difference for community, inside and around BMW Aurora."



HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00am - 5:30pm; Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm; Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm



King welcomes 2nd EV to its fleet

New to King's fleet line up is the 2023 Ford F150 Lariat, Lightning. This all-electric vehicle has a battery range of over 500 kilometres and a towing capacity of 7,000 pounds. The Lightning will be deployed in the Parks Maintenance Department. The addition of this electric vehicle aligns with King Township's Corporate Strategic Plan of a Green and Sustainable Future.





Annual Studio Tour King brings out the best

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.

Brochures were 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 @ artssocietyking.

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

After exploring traditional quilt

blocks for 25+ years, Kathleen Rodgers became interested in creating fibre art designs based on colour and shape for art quilts, table runners and lap quilts using her own hand dyed and hand painted fabrics and batiks.

She has participated in group fibre art exhibits for several years, including the International Women's Day Show (OMAH and KHCC) and the Fibre Content traveling exhibit. She is having her second solo show at King Township Municipal Centre this summer 2023. She is part of a fibre arts group that is creating travelling thematic exhibitions. Check out her website: KathleenRodgersArtisan.ca and social media at Facebook: KathleenRodgersArtisan and Instagram: @KathleenRodgersArtisan.

After a successful career as a graphic designer, Judy Sherman studied Academic Painting in Florence, Italy and in 2006 received an OAC Emerging Artist Grant. She's been published in American Art Collector Magazine, interviewed on Rogers TV, and has appeared on City TV with Marilyn Dennis. Judy has juried shows, conducted workshops and has been teaching for over 15 years and is currently teaching for McMichael Art Gallery. She has won awards and is represented in galleries. Her paintings are collected worldwide.

Judy is a narrative painter using a juxtaposition of the old masters' style and present day life. "Things aren't always as they appear to be. At first glance my paintings may make you smile but the true meaning lies just beneath." Her Instagram account is @ judyshermanartist.

A native of Toronto, Steve Silverman is a Canadian, award winning, fine art photographer with a keen and unique artistic vision. His passion and dedication to the black and white www.monochromevision.com. medium is reflected in his dramatic landscapes and compelling cityscapes from across Canada and the United States. Steve's photos represent a visual interpretation of his outer reality. He often uses strong tonal contrast, texture and mood to express his artistic vision. Simply put, he is able to transform a simple, mundane scene into a dynamic black & white fine art photograph. Check out his website:

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!

The artists look forward to seeing you and sharing their work with you on this year's Studio Tour King 2023!









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celebrate its 50th anniversary with the opening of "Bathroom Humor," a very naughty farce written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore.

The play takes place in a bathroom in a home during an office party, and we quickly discover that it turns out to be a handy place for gossip and hanky-panky, as we learn of the wild and crazy things going on at the party. Bathroom Humor contains adult content and is not recommended for children.

This laugh out loud comedy was first performed at the Blackhorse in 2001 and quickly became a hit with audi- more, call the box office at 905-880-5002.

The Blackhorse Theatre continues to ences. Director Cheryl Phillips leads a brand-new cast that is equally talented and funny as the original.

Bathroom Humor opens on March 31, with weekend performances continuing to April 23. There are no performances scheduled for Easter weekend. Please visit www.blackhorsetheatre to purchase tickets or for more information on dates, admission and show times.

The Blackhorse Theatre is a volunteer-based, not-for-profit, charitable organization located at 17272 Mount Wolfe Road and the corner of Highway 9. For

Popular writing contest opens for entries

By Dorita Peer

Timeless Tales III: The Portrayals is the third of the annual writing contests dreamt up by the team at Arts Society King and King Heritage & Culture. York Region writers are invited, this time, to a compose a short story based on the most curious, most compelling visual prompts ever excavated from the archives at the KHCC museum.

Writers of all ages will be choosing from five vintage black and white photo portraits on offer to pair with one of five antique book titles. This mix-and-match prompt will be the basis for imaginative tales of who these people were or weren't, and what those books were all about, or not.

Hearing that, the panel of three special adjudicators from the literary world can't wait to uncover the most promising entries in each of four age categories vying for awards, fame and glory. And the stories will be published in an anthology. In 2022, Timeless Tales II: The Artifacts published all 27 stories, each one shining with talent and some glittering. It sold out two printings.

The contest is open to entries right now and closes on May 31.



Returning this year is a special authors' reading and book signing event that will feature the judge's favourites. Tale Tellers Night will happen at Laskay Hall on Sept. 21. Fans of really tall tales well told are invited to join the celebration of literary arts rising in the region.

Details are available on the Artssocietyking.ca website.



The cast of Bathroom Humor, in no particular order, features Julie Kovach (Schomberg), Vincent Ursini (Palgrave), Morris Durante (Bolton), Sarah Simpson (Alliston), Mark Hayward (Schomberg), Robert Redden (Newmarket), Julian Bachlow (Tottenham) and missing from photo, Melanie Burgess (Newmarket).





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Three CDS debaters compete on world stage

This year marks the 16th year in a row that The Country Day School has had students qualify to compete in the prestigious World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships, this year being held at The Clifton School in Durban, South Africa, taking place through April 1.

At this English language tourna-

ment, 120 competitors from around the world will be participating in four different events: Persuasive Speaking, Parliamentary-style Debating, Impromptu Speaking, and Interpretive Reading.

This year's qualifiers from CDS are Grade 10 students Millie Steinmann and Diviya Amarnath, and Grade 11 student Sarah Croxon. The three Auro-



Family skate aids Food Bank

A March Break Family Skate in support of the King Township Food Bank was held in King City, courtesy of Rob Payne, who organized and set up the event.



CDS Debaters Sarah Croxon, Diviya Amarnath and Millie Steinmann, visited the top of Table Mountain in Cape Town in advance of competing in the World Championships in Durban, South Africa.

ra residents have all been involved in public speaking and debating at CDS for a number of years, and they are excited to have qualified to travel to Africa to represent Canada at this annual event.

The Country Day School has a lively after-school debate program, and four of the school's alumni, Natalie Ganzhorn (2016), Olivia Railton (2017), Anna Croxon (2019) and Maria Ivoditova (2022), have won the top honours at the Worlds in the last seven years being crowned World Champion.

This year, Millie's persuasive speech touches on the devastating consequences of the shockingly frequent occurrence of false confessions; Diviya's piece explores the effects and solutions of environmental racism, and Sarah's speech emphasizes the ongoing dangers of sexual abuse experienced by young athletes by their coaches and support staff.

We wish them all the best as they travel to the Southern Hemisphere to compete on the world stage!



Minor Hockey Registration for the 2023-2024 Season

NobleKing Minor Hockey and Schomberg Minor Hockey offer Local League (travelling House League) programs for 4-18 year olds from King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and the surrounding area.

There are limited spots available for all ages to ensure quality of play, so register early to avoid disappointment.

For those new to King Township and interested in Rep Hockey, please contact the Registrar for more information regarding King Rebellion AA program, as well as our other competitive programs.



Registration will be open mid-May. Please visit our website to register.

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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 Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be sharing a message this Sunday entitled, "Shifting In Their Seats" from Luke 22. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our livestreamed 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.

A senior men's Bible study has started meeting every other week. The next meeting is on Thursday, March 30 at 10 a.m. in the lower hall in the church building. If you would like to join the gents, they will welcome you.

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

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.

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.

Quilting 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. Mary's Church

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). LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 9-12) for our Life Night this Saturday, March 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.

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

Nobleton and King **City Garden Club**

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's meetings are resuming for 2023, starting March 27 at 7:30 p.m. The March meeting will include a presentation on "Planning Your Pollinator Garden" with Sally Hossain to learn how to prepare a site and choose pollinator-friendly plants!

Registration is open for renewing your club membership or joining the club! The yearly membership fee entitles you to admittance to all 2023 meetings featuring expert guest speakers, member events, flower shows, and discounts! For those interested in registering as a club member, the fee is \$20 to be e-transferred to nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com.

Dates and Speakers:

Monday, April 24: "The Shrinking Lawn and the Native Bee" with Lorraine Johnson.

Monday, May 29: "Vertical Vegetable Gardening" with Ken Brown.

Monday, June 26: "Environmental Stewardship for King" with Kathryn McLellan and Sabrina Guvenc.

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Member event, Walk & Workshop at Cold Creek.

Monday, Sept. 25: "Everything You Wanted To Know About Succulents and More!" with Molly Shannon

Monday, Nov. 27: Annual General Meeting, including a workshop on "Creating Beautiful Evergreen Arrangements" with Barbara Downey.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Pastor Richard Gardner's Thursday Lenten series of learning and lunch continues on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. The location alternates. This Thursday, March 30, it is at Nobleton United. Then on Thursday, April 6, it will be back at Schomberg United and that one will be a pot luck, so everyone is encouraged to bring something. Please contact Pastor Richard (call 905-859-3976 or email pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the Mar. 30th one, as he needs to have enough food. It is okay to attend if you missed the previous ones. No prior knowledge is required. No charge for the series. This Sunday, April 2 at 11:15 a.m. is Palm Sunday, the joyous time when we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Enjoy some refreshments after. On Friday, April 7, we have a Good Friday service at 11 a.m. at Nobleton United. Schomberg will be joining us as we remember the solemn time of Jesus dying on the cross. To celebrate Easter (Sunday, April 9) we will have a short Communion service starting at 11:15 a.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children, organized by Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. In the United Church, everyone is welcome to partake of the bread and juice

bring your children and grandchildren! The sanctuary will be beautiful with all the memorial pots of tulips at Easter. if you would like to order a pot of tulips, please contact Sue, Val, or leave a phone message at the church. The cost is \$10.

The Community Singing Group practices in our church on Fridays at 2 pm. 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. Come and join the fun!

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday Apr. 19, 5-7 p.m., and will have activities related to the theme "Love Your Neighbour" for 1 hour, an interactive Bible story and song time at 6 p.m., eating together at 6:15 p.m. and then cleanup time. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. No cost. Guaranteed to put smiles on everyone's faces!

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. If you would like to attend, please contact Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315.

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. You do not need to be a member of our church to join this Coffee hour.

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

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 (@nobletonlionsclub), on Twitter (@NobletonLions), and on our website, by simply Googling "Nobleton Lions" which will bring up the link to the site.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from September to June at the Commu-

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of Communion, even children. Plan to nity Hall, just north of the arena.

St. Alban's **By John Arnott**

I find daffodils now pushing up through the cold wet spring earth in my Tecumseth Pines garden reminding me the wild ones, aptly called Lent lilies and subject of last week's horticultural note, should be almost at their best across Britain and much of northern Europe creating a bright spot as the solemn church Lenten season deepens.

The St. Alban's Anglican Community in Nobleton notes fasting has nearly always had a role to play during this dark time. Soon after Constantine, the first Christian Roman emperor, convened the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD in Turkiye, records show fasting before the Easter celebration only applied to new converts as a period of repentance and reflection before their Easter baptism.

Later when the Lenten observance including fasting became more widespread though observed for only a short period – a few hours or even 3 to 4 days – absolute abstinence from food and water was expected from healthy adults. But as the observance grew longer then the fast was altered to having 1 main meal a day around 3 p.m. but no meat, fish nor dairy products were permitted with the same exemptions still allowed.

By the 8th Century AD the strictness of fasting began to relax and by the 15th Century AD a small early morning meal was added, a blessing for workers.

Fasting was mainly aimed at the well-to-do as the poor would seem almost on a perpetual fast. Fasting gave these well-to-do a taste of what it was like to be poor and hopefully encouraged them to be more generous in helping them. And of course in centuries past by this time of year winter supplies would be beginning to run low and fasting would help stretch these now meagre supplies a bit further. Psychologically fasting for a purpose such as a religious one is somewhat easier to endure than going hungry simply because food is scarce.

Fasting is one of the pillars of the Islamic faith. Our fellow Muslims are now observing solemn Ramadan which requires all healthy members of this community to fast from dawn to dusk as a sign of repentance and reflection and to make them more aware of what the poor and homeless face daily.



Browse our websites:

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

St. Mary's Mission: https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/

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But there is more to it than that. Boys carry a natural wariness for things that are not genuine, and become bored easily when the activity at hand does little to forward their own sense of meaning. To that end, our teachers create an authentic curriculum; help boys find purpose in life; train them to care for themselves and others; and endow them with a sense of personal commitment and integrity. These goals become more realizable in a culture that presupposes one can be much more than what can be offered by the limiting stereotypes of masculinity. «

Dr. Michael Paluch, Deputy Head of School, Director of Academics



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Ladies league crowns its curling champions

By Shellee Morning King Curling Club

The excitement continues for the members of King Curling with the semi-final and final playoff games for 2022-23.

In the ladies league, rivals Stronach and Morning met for their final playoff championship game this past week. Stronach, a Ladies champion in the past, and Morning, who has never been honoured with the title, were pared up for what many pegged to be a tight endfor-end contest. Team Stronach that was led by Skip Kelly Stronach, Carol Morawetz as Vice. Edith Mussato in 2nd and Teresa Steenhoek while Team Morning led by Skip Shellee Morning, Veronica Wilson as Vice, Kim Battershell as 2nd and Sue Burman in the Lead spot were 1 and 2 after regular season play.

The opening frame and with the hammer, Stronach earned a solid deuce. Morning playing the yellow rock was held to a single in the second. Morning's front end all played strong in the second with Morning completing the frame with a big 3 on the board.

After close scoring in the opening frames and a 2-point lead for Morning going into the 6th, things got very interesting. Stronach and company owned

the house with several of their rocks scattered for a multiple score. Morning was left with a freeze on the button rock to hold them for just a score of 1. A big point that now tied the contest. Kim Battershell for team Morning in the 7th executed a perfect hit and roll and buried to sit 2 behind cover. Veronica Willson Vice for Morning delivered a well-placed stone in the 8ft that got bumped in to the 4 ft to now lie 3.

A valiant try on Stronach's last throw for the angle raise was missed by a millimetre leaving Morning a chance to draw for 4 on her last rock. A measurement was required resulting in a score of 3. The final end was strategically and well-played by Morning's rink eliminating rocks keeping the rings open.

Vintage curling by Kelly Stronach had one stone in the open and one back button. Morning missed her takeout on her first attempt giving Stronach the chance to lie 3. Coming up a bit short Morning didn't miss on her second attempt after great line calling and superior sweeping to end the game 8-5 for the win.

Shamrock bonspiel

King curling has had a full house of excitement this year and it hasn't even

begun to let up as the season is winding down to a close.

The sheets were filled of energized kids for the Annual Gordon Fogg Memorial Shamrock Spiel. The Shamrock spiel is home to Little Rocks and Youth on their March Break who participated in a one day event that included 2 games, lunch and prizes. Teams from Acton, Stroud, York and King played their game as though it was the final of The Brier. The hurry hard volume down at ice level was booming and at times ear-splitting.

In the Little Rocks division the kids' ages ranged from 7-11 and the Youth division ranges from 12-20 years. King had 2 teams in the Youth division that included Sarah Komljanec, Kate Jones Marisa Farrugia and Keira Scott for team 1 and Thomas Harrison, Sierra Sheardown, Amy Peelar and Penny Bennet for the second team.

Youth program director Kathleen Gorsline is extremely proud of her group as they all displayed top sportsmanship throughout their games. They never gave up and tried their absolute best maintaining the good host of camaraderie. These youngsters are the stars of the club and all show a very promising future. Stroud and York were the eventual winners.

The Luck of the Irish was lavishly spread throughout the lounge where the host of volunteers were decked out in their finest of green attire and Shamrock accessories. Congratulations and special gratitude to all of the event sponsors and to the entire team of volunteers (some were last minute) for a very successful day of great curling and a pot of gold that was full of fun.



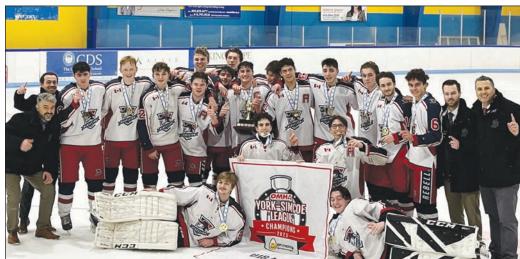
Kim Battershell of Team Morning delivers her rock for a perfect hit and roll assisting her team towards their win in the Ladies Final championship game.

Photo by Bob Belcher

Go for the green

They say there are only 2 kinds of people on St. Patty's Day. The Irish – and those who wish they were Irish.

The club's annual Go for the Green spiel took over the rink on Saturday with Leprechauns and Shenanigans spreading their green of fun in a 2 game spiel where everyone's a winner. Costumes, prizes lunch and snacks all reflecting the motto "Eat, drink, curl, and be Irish." Sponsored by Green Tractors of Nobleton and the generosity of members Barb and Karl Davis thanked the many volunteers that assisted in helping of the day's success. Bryce Clark, Edith Mussato, Karel Span and Sharon Dorney all won best costume for their draw.



Cougars trail foes 2-1 in series

By Jim Stewart The Schomberg Cougars have saved themselves after a 5-3 victory, to close the gap in the series against the Alliston Hornets. The Cougars still trail 2-1 in the series. After losing a 3-2 heartbreaker in double overtime on Friday night in New Tecumseth, the Cougars looked flat in their 4-1 loss to the Alliston Hornets on Saturday night in front of the biggest crowd of the season at the Trisan Centre. The back-to-back losses by the Cougars put the Hornets up two games to none in their PJHL divisional semifinal series.

crowd by delivering a series of heavy bodychecks on the reeling Cougars, but Alliston paid for its chippy and pugnacious behaviour as Schomberg's power play was given the chance to reduce its two-goal deficit. Uncharacteristic misses on goal mouth tip-ins by the potent quintet loomed large until 11:57 of the middle frame when Cougar forward Carlo Lionti finally beat Alliston netminder Rod Lewis. A consistent scorer on the Cougars' top line, Lionti slid a "change up" under Lewis to convert sharp passing by Luke Miehm and Lucas Vacca. A huge sweeping save by Longhi 30 seconds after the Cougar goal preserved the 3-1 deficit and the relentless checking of the Cougars resulted in the Hornets habitually icing the puck. Turcotte snapped a puck past Lunghi on a centering pass from Kyle Grassy to give the visitors a 4-1 lead. Palazzo created another brilliant scoring opportunity in the waning seconds of the period when he put another pass on the tape of a teammate, but Adam Miller couldn't pull the trigger and the Hornets took their 3-goal lead into the second intermission. Palazzo's goal at 14:45 of Game 1 on assists from Anthony Nascimento and Austin McKibbon was the lone marker of the first period to subdue 805 fans at the New Tecumseth Recreational Centre on Friday night. The Cougars increased their lead on the home team at 12:43 of the second period when Captain Cameron Kokelj fired his 5th goal of the playoffs assisted by Luke Miehm who gathered his 6th helper of the post-season. Cole Turcotte got Alliston on the scoreboard with less than two minutes left in the period to narrow the Hornets' deficit to 2-1. The Cougars clung to their one-goal lead, but it slipped from their grasp with only 21 seconds left in the third period when Hornet Andrew Maltby scored, assisted by Mark Coish to send the game into overtime. Coish eventually scored the game winner at 16:17 of the second overtime to salvage the win for the home side in a game they never led until Coish's goal in double OT.



U18 Rebels win York-Simcoe title

Another week and another championship for King Township Minor Hockey.

It was an exciting night last Wednesday at the Nobleton arena. In front of a packed house (standing room only), the U18 A Rebels continued their solid play to win the YSMHL championship. With a core of players in tact since they were nine years old, the 2005 age group persevered to win the title. It was a long road to get here, however, being able to go out on top in their last year of minor hockey was truly a sight for parents and friends.

The team chemistry, with the guidance of head coach John Apollinaro and assistant coach Connor Thomas, Mike Baldessara and team manager Kim Baldessara was the best in years. They helped the team capitalize and reach their potential. To see some of these 17-year-old boys continue to improve their skill was rewarding.

None of this was possible without the amazing 2006 born players that helped take the team to another level. This is where the amalgamation of King Township hockey pays off. Players from Schomberg, Nobleton, Pottageville, Snowball, King City, Bond Head and Caledon had their finger prints all over the trophy.

The U18 team started to take off as the playoffs were marching on. An opening round robin 4-4 tie to East Gwillimbury put some urgency into the team and they didn't look back. A 2-0 win over TNT, 4-1 win over Bradford and 9-0 win over Stouffville closed out round robin play.

Next up was a looming quarter-final game against Richmond Hill. This game would give U18 an automatic entry into the OMHA playdown tournament as well keep the playoff run going. A convincing 5-1 win in front of a Friday evening Trisan Center crowd was convincing and the determination was ever apparent for the team. Semi-final match-up was against the Markham Waxers and the result was a 1-0 win in a low scoring game. It would not have been possible if it wasn't for goalie Christopher Brunato's unbelievable saves which again showed what a true team effort is. Who would have thought a first period short handed goal by Caleb Kokelj could stand up.

The championship game was against the Georgina Blaze. U18 jumped out quickly to a 1-0 lead which had Nobleton arena buzzing however Georgina struck back quickly with two goals taking a 2-1 lead. It was now time for this U18 team to dig in. The team was pushing hard in the second period which paid off - three goals were scored to take a convincing lead. The team was powered by yet another hat trick by forward Keaton Walsh and the "shut down" team defence lead the rest of way to victory. Other goals were scored by Caleb Kokelj and Jack Caravaggio respectively. The third period was scoreless with U18 playing defensive hockey lead by team captain Luke Bottero to close the game out. With the win, U18 obtains great positioning in March 31st OMHA provincial championship playdowns. The team is excited and ready for the next job.

KTMH also took the opportunity to present head coach John Apollinaro with Rep Hockey coach of the year. A very well deserved accomplishment for the success the team had this season so far. Shout outs go to assistant coaches Mike Baldessara, Connor Thomas and team trainer Mark Bottero.

Congratulations to Adam Baldessara, James Watt, Luke Bottero, Jawad El Sayad Nicolas Tomada, Jonathan Melilo, Tristan Torres, Caleb Kokelj, Sean Adams, Stephen Voorn, Christopher Brunato, Nathan Evangelista, Nathan Watt, Grady Duggan, Brody Meyer, Andrew Voorn, Frankie Femia, Jack Caravaggio, Keaton Walsh. "Our best players needed to be our best players. We needed to play with more urgency and we need to be harder to play against," said Coach Kondrotas.

Unlike Game 1 where the Cougars held the lead for much of the game on the road, Schomberg never led at home in Game 2. The Hornets scored first midway through the first period when Andrew Maltby netted his 6th goal of the playoff by re-directing Will Millington's pass behind Cougars' netminder Matthew Lunghi. Undaunted by the visitors' goal nor their power play, Schomberg's Jordyn Palazzo created three scoring opportunities for the Cougars while killing off Luke Miehm's penalty at 6:50 and single-handedly took territorial possession away from the Hornets. However, Palazzo's spirited play did not inspire the Cougars and they failed to capitalize on offensive opportunities versus Hornets' netminder Rod Lewis in the opening frame.

The failure to convert those first period opportunities came back to haunt the Cougars when Maltby – a thorn in the side of Schomberg's squad – scored his second goal of the game on a feed from Cole Turcotte just 43 seconds into the second period to give the Hornets a 2-0 lead. Dramatically, Alliston struck again a mere 17 seconds later when Connor Hiles banged in a goal from the slot to give the visitors a 3-0 lead that quieted the big crowd at the Trisan Centre. The Hornets stirred up that 16 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - Thursday, March 30, 2023

The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I've got some high hopes that spring will arrive soon, but we still seem to be a bit "lite" on the sunshine (pun intended). April seems to be living up to its "April showers" reputation this year, but May is when the fun starts.

The flowers, and our very own Schomberg Agricultural Fair arrives. This year it's taking place May 25 to 29, with the theme "Through the Farm Gates." I've also just heard great news about the Fair. Judging from the action in previous years, the Beer Tent will be open all weekend this year. On the upside it will make it easier to find your husband but, on the downside, it will make it easier to find your husband. It's

all about perspective.

If your teen needs hours or you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, the Fair is looking for help, please email schombergfair.volunteers@gmail.com

The Easter Bunny is getting ready to make his deliveries in a few weeks and I see that this years Easter egg hunt sponsored by the King Township Lions Clubs is Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. Make sure to note that the location is now the Nobleton Community park at the picnic shelter behind the arena. Please don't forget your baskets and make sure you wear your fastest running shoes, and some ear plugs might be a good plan for the parents, from what I recall this hunt is loud and fast, but also a lot of fun.

Have you sent in your stories to Christine at, "Historia Cantina?" They are still looking for your stories – funny stories, spooky stories, stories of love, heartbreak, and the "one-to-ma-

ny" Tequila shots that cured them. These stories will be displayed anonymously in the restaurant, so don't be shy. Give them all the juicy details. Be a part of Historia Cantina Confessionals and email your story to chris@historiacantina.com.

I recently joined the 55+ Club as I mentioned last week, and they have a lot of things going on that many may not know about. There is "Mobility Matters" which meets every Tuesday from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. and Friday 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. at Trisan, which are free. They also have Carpet Bowl and yes, I had to ask what that was as well. It's apparently like lawn bowling but on carpet and from what I've been told it's a lot more challenging that it sounds. The cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. I'd encourage you to come out next meeting April 3, 10:30 a.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall, cost is \$15 each or \$ 20 a couple.

This group is very active and has many things lined up and are looking at mini golf and bowling to add to the list. I really enjoyed listening to everyone's story. We all have a story and the older you get the longer it is. People judge others from the point they meet them in their story and that often leads to misunderstanding at times. Maybe if we knew where they came from or where they've been, we'd look at them very differently and have more empathy and understanding.

More on that thought to come but I'd encourage everyone to get to know people's stories, you might learn a thing or two and it will help you to have a better understanding of why they are who they are.

Starting April 6, Euchre will be Thursday nights at 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club. We still have one more Friday, the 31st at Trisan before it switches. It's \$10 per night or \$ 20 a month. Come on out, get a lone hand and become Facebook famous.

The Four Seasons Market is back and looking for vendors, the Spring show is April 23, and the summer show is June 10 at the Schomberg Agricultural Fair Grounds. You can apply online at thefourseasonsmarket.com.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is inviting members of the community to join the society. Joining the society connects you with experienced local gardeners, wo can provide valuable gardening advice. The monthly speakers feature informative and interesting guest speakers. If you wish, you can volunteer with meetings, weeding, administration, plant sale or the garden tour.

Too busy to volunteer? Then just come out and meet your neighbours. Membership will not only help you garden but it can also put you on the road to discovering your community.

Membership is \$20 per person or \$25 per family. For more information contact schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Spring Indoor Community Yard Sale is back again this year, May 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Trisan. Cost is \$20.00 for one table, \$35 for two tables or \$45 for three tables, attendees are free. To register to go king.ca/communityyardsale.

Again, 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 at sporter5952@ gmail.com or 416-460-5952.

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Schomberg United Church

By Nancy Hopkinson

Pastor Richard Gardner's Thursday Lenten series of learning and lunch continues on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. The location alternates. This Thurs. Mar. 30, it is at Nobleton United. Then on Thursday, April 6, it will be back at Schomberg United and that one will be a pot luck, so everyone is encouraged to bring something. Please contact Pastor Richard (call 905-859-3976 or email pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail. com) if you are interested in attending the March 30 one, as he needs to have enough food. It is okay to attend if you missed the previous ones. No prior knowledge is required. No charge for the series.

This Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. is Palm Sunday, the joyous time when we celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Enjoy some refreshments after.

On Friday, April 7, we have a Good Friday service at 11 a.m. at Nobleton United. Schomberg United is invited to join to remember the solemn time of Jesus dying on the cross.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, there is a Communion service at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to partake of the bread and juice of Communion. For those with children or grandchildren, you may want to celebrate Easter at Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m. where there will

be an Easter egg hunt after the service. The Community Singing Group practices at Nobleton United Church on Fridays at 2 p.m. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, April 19 at 5-7 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. Theme is "Love Your Neighbour." For more info, contact Nancy @ 905-859-0761. No cost. Lots of fun.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, April 18 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. Wearing a mask is optional. Long time King resident Carol Field will be discussing her two books, "Memories of King" and "More Memories of King."

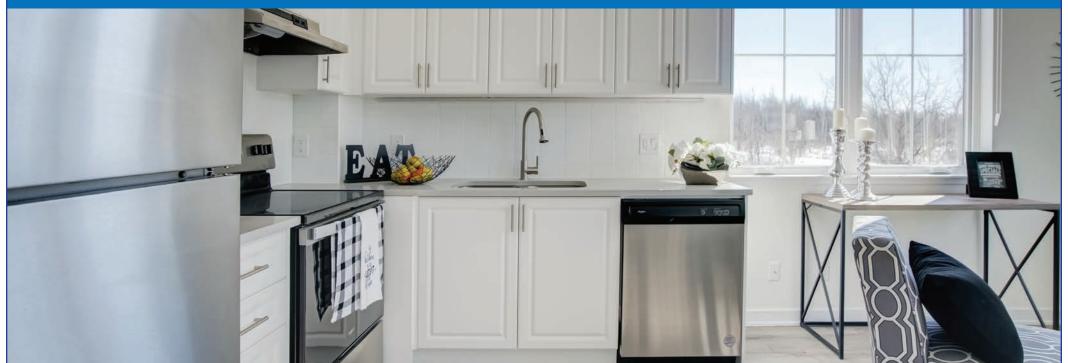
The meal will be ham, scalloped potatoes, grilled asparagus and dessert. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

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. You do not need to be a member of our church to attend.

Schomberg United Church meets at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com.

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, April 2, we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week when we, as Christians, experience a myriad of emotions from excitement and hope on Palm Sunday, to the sadness and despair of Good Friday and finally to the Joy and celebration of Easter Sunday.

Take some time this week to pray, take some time to hope, for the Good News is coming. We can be assured that God is with us always and in his care, we can make a difference in our world today.

Rev. Andrew Lee will lead our worship at 10 a.m. followed by some light refreshments. All are welcome to join with us as we connect with each other and deepen our faith and we would love to see you there. To read previous sermons please visit our website.

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. Pastor Mark is speaking on 1st John. 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 new class started on Monday, March 27 at the Centre. It is called Music and Movement and is described as a Zumba-like program for seniors. The

time is currently set for 1 to 2 p.m. each nion will be served. Please join us for Monday afternoon.

A reminder that Good Friday, April 7 is a statutory holiday so the Centre will be closed.

Thursday, April 13 – YR Public Health will be holding a vaccine clinic at the Centre between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. A clinic will be held again on Tuesday, April 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. These clinics will provide updated information on vaccines and can administer vaccines as needed.

Friday, April 21 is the date of our next potluck lunch beginning at 12:30 p.m. Each attendee is asked to bring a main course item or a dessert to add to the buffet table. These lunches are always a great time for good food and good conversation.

New members are always welcome to join.

York Pines United Church

March's Fellowship Luncheon is on the 29th at noon. The restaurant is "In This Corner" in the Brownsville Junction mall. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118. Come and bring a friend.

April 2 is Palm Sunday with service at 11 a.m. Celebrate Christ's arrival in 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jerusalem with palm fronds. Commu-

refreshments after the service.

The Good Friday service on the 9th will take place at King City United Church at 10 a.m. This is a joint collaboration service with all three York United Ministries churches and both ministers participating.

April 9th is Easter with service at 11 a.m. People are invited to bring flowers on Easter Sunday before the service and place them in the Sanctuary.

The next York Pines Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19 at 10 a.m., both in person and on Zoom. The book is Sacred Earth Sacred Soul by John Philip Newell. You don't have to read the book to participate. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118.

Kingcrafts workshops

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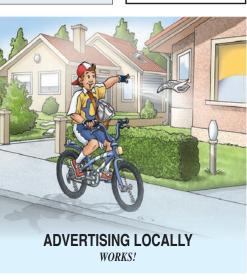
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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church! This Sunday, Palm Sunday, is the beginning of Holy Week. Lynn Vissers will continue with the Book of Ephesians series as we approach Easter. Our other services this week are: Maundy Thursday, at 7 p.m. and Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Both services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Vissers and Holy Communion will be served. Our Worship Services are in-person; however, if you can't join us, the services are recorded and posted later in the afternoon at standrews-kingcity.ca.

Last Sunday, Lynn Vissers brought us the message from Ephesians 5: 21-31, making us understand that Paul was writing to the Christians in the Greco-Roman civilization. For her, the crux of the passage was verse 21 where we are told to submit to one another out of reverence to Christ. Looking then at Galatians 3:28, we are told that in Christ Jesus all are one. We are to show respect, love and honour because of our reverence and love for God.

Lynn will also lead us in worship April 16 which will be her official last day as our Director of Congregational Ministries. Lynn Vissers has decided to retire; however, we know that she will certainly keep busy, using her many talents in this chapter of her life, being a blessing to many, knowing God is with her. Following the worship service, there will be a special Farewell Lunch as we say "Goodbye" to Lynn and John Vissers.

Contact Lynn (416-998-4652) or Kathy (905-833-0391) if you wish to share prayer requests or thanksgivings! We'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence.

The Greater Grace Fellowship meets in the church lounge, Sunday afternoons 2-5 p.m. For information call Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at 416-878-8499.

All Saints Anglican Church **By Patrick Gossage**

Last Lenten Taizé Service Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

Join us for this beautiful service that enables us to spend some quiet, contemplative time with God. The service includes candlelight, icons, prayer and chant.

Holy Week Services – Palm and Passion Sunday, April 2 at 8 and 10:30 a.m., Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. I hope that we will always remember Good Friday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.

From Death to Life -Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus in John 11:

"Death is a natural part of life. We experience death in so many ways it sometimes seems to be a pervasive part of our existence. Some of us have lost loved ones to death. Some of us live in fear of dying. Some of us experience death in non physical ways, such as the end of hopes or dreams or best-laid plans. Death can come in the form of broken relationships or estrangement, ended careers, financial problems, global pandemics and other situations where life seems suddenly changed, empty or barren.

"Mary and Martha felt in despair when their brother Lazarus died. They had hope when they thought Jesus was going to get there in time to save Lazarus. But he arrived too late,

"Both of them approached Jesus: "How could you let this happen?" "Why didn't you stop it?" "Where were you when we needed you?" These are the questions so many of us share when we experience grief. These words are

choked out of our throats when we feel so alone in our grief and our pain. Yet this, Jesus wept too with Mary and Martha. Jesus loved each and every one of the mourners.

"God cares a great deal when we experience the anguish of death.

"But Jesus knew he knew that he was about to bring life from death. Jesus went to the tomb and ordered the stone sealing the tomb to be moved. So they did as he commanded and Jesus called into the tomb 'Lazarus come out!' And Lazarus came out, fully alive. Jesus had just shown the people that God had the power to conquer even death. They would soon find out that Jesus intended to conquer death not just for one person that he loved, but for the whole world.

"God brings life to all death in our world. God can breathe new life into our bodies - and offers us the gift of eternal life

"Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We will still weep when we experience life's deaths, but I pray that we will never fall fully into despair. I pray that we will hold onto the promise of new life and believe that death is never the end, with God its only the beginning."

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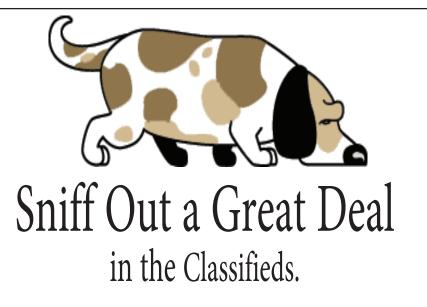
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