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King honours its volunteers

King Township held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night, honouring dozens of dedicated volunteers. Long-time resident, business owner and former Chamber of Commerce president Angelo Santorelli was named Citizen of the Year. He is surrounded by local councillors. For the full story, turn to Page 10.

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Police looking into homicide after body found

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The shocking discovery of a body on a walking trail north of King City has York Regional Police homicide unit investigating.

Police deemed the incident a homicide and the victim has been identified as 18-year-old Zackhry Ramnath of Montreal. YRP said it looks like a "targeted incident."

Citizens out walking their dog along a trail at the north-west edge of Seneca College, King Campus, found the body at roughly 7:50 a.m. Sunday and called police. This was in the area of Dufferin Street and the 15th Sideroad.

Officers arrived and determined the circumstances of the man's death were suspicious. Members of YRP homicide unit are investigating.

Officers were active in the area for some time, canvassing for witnesses and looking for evidence. They're appealing to any witnesses, or anyone with information about the incident to contact them. If anyone has dashcam or video footage in the area, please contact police.

You can reach the homicide unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7865. You can also email them at homicide@yrc.ca.

Anyone wanting to provide information anonymously can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or provide a tip online at www.1800222tips.com

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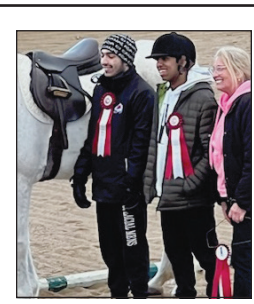
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Monday, May 15
6 p.m. – In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, May 4
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, May 10
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 am on the day of the meeting.

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- Project Manager - Parks – Community Services – Deadline April 28, 2023

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Residents across King pitch in during clean-up day

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Earth Day clearly has a lot of local support. Residents of all ages, from all across King, gathered on the weekend to clean up trash at roadsides, parks and wherever it was needed. Carter, Landon, Birklee, Paul, Declan and Matejo cleaned up Moore Park Drive in Schomberg for Earth Day. Bags and gloves were provided by King Township. The King City Lions Club got together to help clean up their community. A crew of volunteers tackled the Glenville Road and Dufferin area near Davis Drive. It was called a “great community effort” by organizers. Councillor Mary Asselstine led a group in Schomberg, during the inclement weather.



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

- Michael Connelly

Volunteers are the spokes in the community 'wheel'

It's been said that the world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.

That sentiment was evident last week as King Township recognized the efforts of citizens at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night.

Heralded as Mayor Pellegrini's most favourite event of the year in King, local givers were in the spotlight, shining brightly.

They were nominated by their peers, organizations and those touched by their efforts. It's likely that none of the volunteers themselves asked for recognition. It's just what they do.

Bill Clinton once said volunteering is "an act of heroism" and George W. Bush noted volunteers are "citizens in the fullest sense."

All true. As a bit of an "outsider," I was humbled to receive an award for non-resident, nominated by the King Township Food Bank. I have been acting as MC for its annual Sip & Savour fundraiser for more than 10 years now. I have also helped secure donations to help boost their coffers.

It's funny, because I wasn't a "career volunteer" before coming to King. Sure, I had my favourite charities and causes, but upon my arrival here I was immediately struck by the small but mighty Food Bank, led by a handful of volunteers, operating out of various nooks and crannies.

It was their heart, their intestinal fortitude, that impressed me.

Not one to shy away from trying something new, I accepted the role of MC at the annual gala without a second thought. Sure, in the first few years, I was really nervous, and I still get jitters before every event.

And then I remember why I'm at the podium, behind the microphone. I'm surrounded by like-minded individuals whose priority is giving back.

How can anyone say no to that? I also recall, vividly, when I first started at the King Weekly Sentinel, being told that Carol Ann Trabert was someone I had to meet. Winning her approval



Mark Pavilons

would not be easy, I was told. I believe I worked hard to earn her trust and respect. I hope I have done the same with all other organizations in King that serve the community.

I don't really consider my contributions all that special. I do what I can.

But isn't that what every volunteer does, without even thinking about it?

At the volunteer evening, it was also a bit strange being in front of the camera. My usual perch is behind it, looking through the lens, framing the moments. To be honest, I don't like having my photo taken.

And with regards to going above and beyond for groups like the Food Bank, I think that's important for a community newspaper. Our role is to not simply report events and cast a critical eye at decision-makers. More importantly, it's to further the well being of the community. And that means providing awareness, promotion and support to any and all community groups, service clubs, sports groups, arts organizations and more.

I hope that my work has carved a niche where the Sentinel is not just a ve-

hicle, but is completely imbedded within the fabric of the community.

People often ask whether newspapers are in jeopardy or "on their way out." I always respond "absolutely not."

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In a world of insta-bites and virtual blurbs, isn't it nice to sit at your kitchen table with a coffee or bagel, and spread out the pages of the Sentinel at your leisure? Okay, some have complained our pages are too big.

But you can never have too big of a heart or be too big when it comes to the community.

I smiled when Mayor Pellegrini mentioned in his remarks that I am considered an "honorary citizen". Love it!

I consider King my new home town. It feels good, like that favourite pair of jeans or those well worn summer sandals that you simply refuse to get rid of!

I also vividly remember attending my first King council meeting, and receiving a surprisingly warm welcome from the mayor, councillors and staff.

That genuine nature made it easy to "fit in" and get comfortable with King. I never felt like an "outsider."

I'd like to think I helped the municipality build momentum and gain traction, in the eyes of the taxpayers. Bringing their work to light and shining that positive beam on municipal efforts,

brings everyone together.

Now, it's hard to keep up with King. It's like a freight train of innovation, progress, success and achievement. I am constantly amazed at how such a relatively small municipality can create things like a modern municipal building, state-of-the-art library and seniors' centre and cutting edge recreation centre, all within a few short years. With limited resources, this Township has become a shining example of the best of small town Ontario and what communities can accomplish.

Of course, we all need a little help along the way. They say no one has made it through life without someone else's help.

That is true in government, and community-based volunteering. "You can study government and politics in school, but the best way to really understand the process is to volunteer your time."

And it's so easy in King. Volunteers and the organizations they represent welcome you with open arms.

Mahatma Gandhi once said that "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

As the population ages, the need for volunteers is more pressing.

While most volunteers are shy about receiving praise, the annual event in King is an amazing, special presentation, put together by a great team of people at the Township. As one councillor said, "it's the right thing to do."

Indeed. And so is our penchant to serve.

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."

Letter to the Editor

Chamber praises Angelo Santorelli

The King Chamber of Commerce wants to congratulate Angelo Santorelli, a long-time resident of King and past-president of the Chamber of Commerce, on being named Citizen of the Year for his outstanding contributions to the community. Angelo, who has lived in King for over 30 years, has dedicated much of his time to volunteering and supporting local initiatives.

The award serves as a testament to his hard work and dedication to the community and is a well-deserved honor for this outstanding citizen.

Angelo has been actively involved in many community organizations over the years, including the King Chamber of Commerce, Schomberg Main Street Business Committee and the Sustainability Advisory Committee, among others. He has also been a long-time supporter of the King Township Food Bank, Schomberg Community Farm and the Schomberg Agricultural Society.

In addition to his community involvement, Angelo is also a leader in business, running a successful construction company in the area. He has used his business expertise to support local economic development initiatives and has been a strong advocate for small businesses in the community.

Angelo's involvement with the King Chamber of Commerce is one of the many ways he has contributed to the betterment of his community. As a member of the board of directors with the Chamber, he has helped to promote local businesses and support economic growth in the area. His efforts have inspired others to get involved and have helped to create a stronger, more vibrant community.

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Quote of the Week

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

- Muhammad Ali

Trivia Tidbits

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Steady state of COVID-19 case levels are a concern

Despite a general perception that the COVID-19 pandemic is over, CoVaRR-Net experts have found that COVID-19 case levels and related hospital occupancies in Canada have remained steady at a high level over the past eight months - facts with serious implications for Canadians, our healthcare system, and our economy.

"Unfortunately, COVID-19 has hovered at a steady level since the early fall of 2022, rather than declining, even though immunity in the Canadian population is high," says Dr. Sally Otto, Co-Lead of CoVaRR-Net's CAMEO (Computational Analysis, Modelling and Evolutionary Outcomes) Pillar and Killam Professor and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair at the University of British Columbia.

"A relatively high level of COVID-19 in the population matters because it impacts rates of hospitalizations, long COVID development, and absenteeism in workplaces - collectively impacting both healthcare and the economy," adds Dr. Fiona Brinkman, Deputy, CoVaRR-Net's CAMEO Pillar and Distinguished Professor in Bioinformatics and Genomics at Simon Fraser University. "The waves have changed from big peaks and low troughs to smaller waves (or wavelets) centering around an over-

all higher COVID level. With the spread of recent immune-evasive variants, COVID case levels are consistently higher than we would want, and some people are getting re-infected three or four times a year."

"XBB.1.5 is the major strain that is driving cases now, and I expect a minor uptick in cases this Spring that should last for about a month," says Dr. Otto. "Like glacial melt raising sea levels, the higher transmissibility of XBB.1.5 and waning immunity are raising the sea level of COVID-19 cases. We continue to see new variants emerge, so we don't yet know what variant will dominate this summer, but we don't predict a big downswing in the summer either."

"The current vaccination rate in Canada is less than one million shots a month. If Canadians doubled the rate at which they are getting vaccinated, the level of COVID-19 cases would decline by about 40%," states Dr. Otto. "When more people get vaccinated, this helps to offset waning immunity. If Canadians were to stop getting boosters, our projections show cases would rise by about 40%."

Improving ventilation in crowded indoor settings would also reduce cases substantially. "Our modelling shows that if half of crowded environments

improved ventilation - halving the risk of transmission in those places -- cases in Canada would also drop by 40%," adds Dr. Otto.



Letter to the Editor

Democracy usurped at committee

The Committee of Adjustment is composed of a competent group of volunteers engaged to represent King residents and make decisions for the community benefit. Their meeting on April 19, however, made it profoundly evident that for democracy to prevail all meetings whether council or committee must be in person.

Technical difficulties disrupted the meeting. Connectivity was sporadic; often one couldn't hear the speaker(s). Attention and perception were affected. It was impossible to clearly view visuals. Residents having prepared to make deputations were dropped from presentations as they disappeared offline, surely not intentional but unacceptable non the less.

Despite difficulties the meeting progressed as expected until it reached the application for Marylake. Confusion began to permeate the meeting. The complications that surfaced appeared beyond the purview of the committee. Issues seemed so complicated that although far-fetched, it could be imagined that some snollygoster arranged the chaos with the view that the inexperienced committee, to save face might vote in favour of the Marylake applicant and end the discussion.

To their credit the committee recognized the need for consultation with King's solicitor and moved into closed

session. Whether this was even legal according to municipal procedural by-laws, I do not know. Should a volunteer committee even address issues that require legal interpretation? In my years of experiencing committee meetings, it seemed unprecedented. Equally confused, zoom fatigued after hours of observing proceedings, residents were then further disadvantaged as information from closed session wasn't available to them. A final committee decision, encouraged by planning for a one-week deferral seems inadequate and insufficient.

Public meetings require a clearly defined mandate, agenda, roles for organizers, facilitators and participants. Participation of residents helps legitimize final decisions or actions. Some of these critical factors appeared subverted at the meeting.

Zoom video conferencing may facilitate remote communication but as a singular process it must end. Residents deserve proximal, face-to-face meetings in King's council chamber. There is no longer any excuse for Zoom only council or committee meetings. King Township needs its own COVID reset where all meetings are in person and democracy is not usurped.

Judith Tenenbaum
King City

Citizen of the Year well deserved

From Page 4

Angelo previously served on the Chamber's board as president and has been an active participant in various committees and events. He has helped to organize networking events, seminars, and workshops aimed at helping local business owners succeed. Through his involvement with the chamber, Angelo has helped to create a strong and supportive business community in King.

Angelo's commitment to the King Chamber of Commerce is a reflection of his dedication to the community as a whole. He understands that a strong and vibrant business community is essential for the well-being of the town and its residents. His efforts have helped to create a thriving local economy and have made King a better place to live and work.

Congratulations Angelo on a well-deserved distinction.

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"We are taking action to refocus Ontario's education system on what really matters: strengthening reading, writing and math skills," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "Our proposed legislation would centre the education system on preparing students to succeed in life and work, putting more highly qualified educators in the classroom while ensuring parents have the information they need at their fingertips to support their kids. These reforms would ensure students graduate with a competitive advantage while learning modern lessons in modern schools, preparing them for the jobs of the future."

If passed, The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act would help students and families by:

Improving accountability and transparency by allowing the Minister of Education to set priorities in important areas on student achievement, like

reading and math, and requiring school boards to update parents on progress.

Requiring school boards to publicly post a multi-year Board Improvement Plan that reflects the minister's priorities for student achievement, creating authority to deploy personnel to support school boards when needed, along with greater oversight over provincially funded tax dollars.

Ensuring new teachers and educators have the skills they need to teach students effectively in math, reading and literacy.

Directing school boards to increase engagement and reporting to parents on student achievement and ensuring parents have easy access to the information they need to meaningfully engage with their children's education and success.

Building schools faster and implementing measures to utilize current school spaces, ensuring Ontario is getting more classrooms into communities who need them.

Strengthening the requirement for school boards to have a code of conduct for boards of trustees, creating a neutral dispute resolution process and authority to standardize and mandate training requirements for school board leadership.

Building on our progress to establish a leading system of student safety and educator oversight, furthering measures to expedite disciplinary decisions for educators convicted of a criminal offense.

Expanding eligibility for therapy counselling for student victims of sexual abuse through the Ontario College of Teachers.

Providing for more consistent approaches to student learning and well-being, including on student mental health.

Improving processes at the Ontario College of Teachers and College of Early Childhood Educators to enable them to operate more efficiently, including more consistent disciplinary processes.

Currently, school boards set their own education priorities, resulting in differences across the education system. For example, there are some schools consistently underperforming in EQAO data, including declining reading, writing and math scores. Moreover, it takes on average five to 10 years to build a standard school in Ontario and it can take more than 100 days to certify internationally educated teachers.

The province will work with the Ontario College of Teachers and Ontario's faculties of education to modernize teacher training and certification processes to meet the needs of students in the classrooms, including decreasing times to process applications to certify teachers.

Nearly 2,000 front-line educators will

be hired, supported by overall education funding at the highest levels in Ontario history. This includes \$693 million more in base Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding compared to the year prior, or a 2.7 per cent increase. With a focus on supporting students across the province, and building off the approximately 8,000 additional staff hired since 2018, the government will fund:

Nearly 1,000 specialized math and literacy educators to boost skills.

Over 940 educators to support students from grades 7 to 10 with a seamless transition into high school and in de-streamed courses.

In addition, Ontario's students are supported with the highest level of per-student base funding in provincial history at \$13,125. This record-setting investment will support school boards and educators as they prepare Ontario's students with the skills they need to succeed in life. To prepare and support students in the de-streaming of Grade 9, Ontario is investing in nearly 1,000 educators.

"Our mission is simple: drive continuous improvement to Ontario's education system so that we graduate the brightest, most ambitious, skilled and entrepreneurial students in the country," said Minister Lecce. "We are sending a signal across the province: we must – and we will – do better to ensure your children get a quality education that leads them to a good-paying job, home ownership and a life of opportunity."

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MPP helps mark resident's 90th

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, recently congratulated King resident Tina Fuligni for reaching her 90th birthday. MPP Lecce presented Ms. Fuligni with a scroll and a flag of Ontario. "Seniors like Tina Fuligni worked hard, made many sacrifices, and helped make Vaughan an incredible community to live, work, and raise a family," Lecce said. "It's a pleasure for me to wish Tina a very happy birthday."

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7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, April 27 to Wednesday, May 3

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CLUES ACROSS

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- A cirque
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Influential report author
- Satisfaction
- Recurring only at long intervals
- Islamic calendar month
- Neither
- Gelatinous substance
- American electronic music producer
- Old computer system
- Professional organization
- Malaria mosquitoes
- Not composed of matter
- It's in the ocean
- Peyton's little

CLUES DOWN

- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Zoroastrian
- Venomous snake genus
- Uninteresting
- Straightforwardness
- Expression of wild excitement
- Arrange in order
- East Indian cereal grass
- Hillsides
- Bird beak covering
- Baseball stat
- Edge of a surfboard
- Wrapping accessory
- Express approval
- Deduce
- Similar
- Born of
- Automobile
- Obligated to repay

CLUES ACROSS

- brother
- French commune
- Eyelashes
- Equal (prefix)
- Quality of little or no rain
- One who beheads
- Sung to
- Influential punk artist
- Amount of time
- Polio vaccine developer
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Job
- Flat-bottomed sailboat
- Japanese wooden clog
- Folk singer
- DiFranco
- FL city
- Naturally occurring solid
- Language of indigenous Asian people
- Dark brown

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Horses, students, team up for Trailblazer program

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A local farm is proving that horses do, indeed, have hearts. Big ones.

Horses at Heart celebrated its Trailblazer Program with a demonstration by students at the WasterStone Estate and Farms recently.

The students demonstrate horseback riding skills and their progress was demonstrated to parents and visitors.

The Trailblazer Training program is a program that has been running for 4 years and is funded through a grant from Employment and Social Development Canada (their Canada Service Corp program). The program is for at-risk youth and they come once weekly for 12 weeks to learn about horses and riding, and each week we facilitate emotional wellness activities that help them develop social and interpersonal skills.

Executive director Deborah Weiss said there is a wide range of benefits, from developing self-confidence (as each group participates in helping the next group), as well as the empowerment of learning how to take care of, and ride horses.

The organization is Horses At Heart Therapeutic Equestrian Inc. The recent event was a presentation of the Tommy Douglas High School Community Class (in Vaughan), which is a special ed class of ASD students (autism spec-

trum). They participated in a 12-week program which included horseback riding lessons and daily wellness journaling.

Weiss founded Horses at Heart in 2003 as a way to combine traditional therapeutic modalities with equine assisted therapy.

The response has been very positive, she said.

"Horses are a wonderful animal to partner with in experiential therapies. They're big enough to be intimidating to children, but under the right guidance they are patient and kind. Riding a horse is extremely empowering to a child - particularly if they are children who have not had a lot of empowering experiences."

She added the program is a great way to see the kids have a wonderful time grooming and riding the horses, and at the same time flourishing in their self-confidence and developing really positive social skills.

Weiss noted they will be starting a new group with the Huron Heights High School special ed class in May, and she wants to bring awareness of their mental wellness program across the York Region District School Board.

Councillor Avia Eek, who attended the recent event, noted "it was beautiful to watch. These kids felt so empowered and confident."

Councillor Jennifer Anstey noted she was delighted to watch the event.



"From my own experience, I know how therapeutic spending time with horses is, so it's great to see them being used as part of an Equine Assisted Therapy program. I loved watching the huge smiles from the students as they were riding, and I spoke to their teachers later who shared how impactful these kinds of experiences are for the kids. The work with the horses empowers the students and helps them build self-confidence, a powerful combination of life skills that can be of benefit to anyone."

"Horses at Heart was a great opportunity for our students. Having the chance to attend an extended program like this (thanks to the generous funding) really allowed our students to get comfortable with the horses and take

risks at their own pace," said Kim Weston of the York Region District School Board. "We were able to gradually move them out of their comfort zones little by little and their staff were so supportive in the process. There was never any pressure to do it. Which I think made each step, from simply petting or feeding a treat to grooming, mounting and eventually riding such a celebration. We're all so proud of the progress they've all made and I'm so glad that some of the parents got to see them all in action this week as well. The smiles we've seen throughout the 12 weeks speak volumes about how proud they are of themselves, too. Which is just the best part of it all."

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York Region communities see strong growth in 2022

The Regional Municipality of York continues to see confidence in the appeal of our communities with over \$550 million in development charges last year. The 2022 Annual Development Activity Summary confirms development charges revenue collected was the high-

est in any of the previous five years. Development activity highlights from 2022 include:

- \$568,088,449 development charges; a 24% increase from \$457,348,103 collected in 2021.
- 2,092 development applications; a

2% increase over 2021.

- 3,168 subdivision applications received, a significant increase of 87%.
- 18,547 new residential applications received, a 50% increase from 2021.

Development charges are collected through development approvals to pay for growth-related infrastructure. Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 proposes several exemptions and discounts for attainable, affordable, non-profit and rental housing. These exemptions limit revenue through development charges and may need to be funded in other ways. York Region shares the provincial goal of improving housing affordability and continues to advance the work in building more homes faster with support and engagement from all parties.

A status update on available housing supply in York Region was also completed as of December 2022, indicating a strong supply of residential inventory. This update showed an estimated 65,900 approved and registered units

across all nine municipalities. These unbuilt units represent a supply of over five years of growth that for many reasons have not been followed through on, including rising construction costs and shortages of skilled labour. In addition, there are 20,300 housing units under construction that will be occupied by residents upon completion.

The 2022 Annual Development Activity report summarizes new development applications received by the Region in 2022 using data collected from YorkTrax, York Region's digital development application and tracking system. YorkTrax provides application status data across the Region to help plan Regional and local municipal services and inform builders, developers and the public.

Developers and businesses can find more information about fees and approvals at york.ca/landdevelopment and to stay up to date on York Region's housing affordability initiatives, visit york.ca/housingaffordability



Local support for Ronald McDonald House

MacKinnon Restaurants are proudly back at Toronto Ronald McDonald House after a three-year absence to prepare, cook and serve dinner to the families. Smaller team and many protocols but still wonderful to visit the House and have a chance for some members of our team to see what all the hard work fundraising is for. This cheque is from the Schomberg Cougars game on March 9. Randy and Debra donate the proceeds (\$1,225) of one game a season to the Toronto Ronald House which was matched by local owner Rory MacKinnon. They Finally had a chance to get down to present the cheque in person. Shown with MacKinnon is Candice Gurwitz, president of the Ronald McDonald House.



New location for Physiomed

Physiomed Nobleton recently moved location and held its Grand Re-Opening at their new location at 13305 Highway 27. Councillor David Boyd was on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony, along with the owners. They offer physiotherapy, chiropractic, acupuncture, massage treatments and many others, to help you address your physical and mental challenges.

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Ontario invests in state-of-the-art research to support farmers

The Ontario government is investing more than \$343 million over five years to support agri-food research and innovation.

The investments are being made through a new agreement with the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance, a collaboration between the province, the University of Guelph and the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario. The funding will be used for research focusing on food safety and animal welfare and support the development of a highly skilled workforce that will lead to more economic growth opportunities for the agri-food sector.

“Our government is investing in the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance with the University of Guelph to support farmers. We are fueling research that protects plant, animal and human health, while growing new business and job opportunities in King’s agri-food sector,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. “The renewed agreement builds on the success of the previous agreement, which increased Ontario’s GDP by \$1.4 billion and supported more than 1,300 jobs.”

“The future of the province’s agri-food sector is bright and through this investment we continue to enable Ontario to be a world leader in agri-food research and innovation,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “By continuing our long-standing partnership with the University of Guelph, our government is demonstrating its commitment to Ontario’s agri-food research infrastructure, providing knowledge transfer and research-driven results to farmers to boost their competitiveness now and in the future.”

The Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance supports fundamental programming to help farmers and the broader agri-food sector build resiliency by:

Managing threats to food production and food security such as African swine fever and avian influenza.

Advancing science, research, innovation and commercialization of new products, processes and practices that support the long-term success of the agri-food system.

Building a future skilled workforce and develop talent that will advance Ontario’s agri-food sector including veterinary medicine in the agri-food

sector and rural communities.

Maintaining and maximizing use of the network of state-of-the-art research centres owned by the Government of Ontario through its agency, the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario (ARIO) and managed by the University of Guelph through the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance.

This work is supported by a network of research centres located across the province. These centres are owned by the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario and managed by the University of Guelph through the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance. This network provides a world-class infrastructure platform to bring farm-tested innovations to farmers across the province.

The renewal of the Alliance for an additional five years builds on the success of the government’s previous agreement, which increased Ontario’s GDP by \$1.4 billion and supported more than 1,300 jobs. Research investments that led to new businesses in Ontario include:

Clan Works, a \$7-million agri-food innovation company with 12 employees that has commercialized a novel waterless process called Clan Verification for decontaminating fresh and frozen produce, proteins, dried goods and shipping containers.

Escarpment Labs which provides unique, local and accessible yeast cultures to both local and global beer producers.

Psigrlyph Inc. which delivers a naturally derived nano-delivery technology that can increase bioavailability to improve the health of humans, animals and environment. This innovative company was recently named one of Canada’s “most investable” cleantech companies by Foresight Canada.

“The University of Guelph applauds the Government of Ontario for its continued support and strengthening of Ontario’s agri-food sector, bringing industry, government and university together to form a unique, world-class partnership,” said University President, Dr. Charlotte Yates. “Using our expertise, the University leverages this government investment to protect plant and animal health, guard against new disease and environmental challenges, safeguard Ontario’s food supply and support leading agri-food innovation.”

“The Agricultural Research Insti-

tute of Ontario is very pleased to continue our strategic collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the University of Guelph,” said Lorne Hepworth, Chair of the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario. “This collaboration has been a key driver of important research that has led to significant and important agri-food innovations in Ontario, including projects that come out of ARIO’s network of research centres across Ontario. ARIO’s research infrastructure enables the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance to be a world leader in agri-tech research and innovation.”

Since 2018, Ontario has invested over \$335 million in the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance to support research and innovation, further the development of new food products and agricultural advancements and drive economic growth in the sector.

The Alliance supports the goals of

the Grow Ontario Strategy and helps generate new knowledge that provides real and practical solutions for the agri-food sector; develop highly qualified talent, and maintain science capacity to address emerging issues facing the sector.

The Alliance provides specialized expertise and access to a unique agri-food research, laboratory analysis and knowledge transfer system through the provision of agri-food and rural research, laboratory services, veterinary education, research centre management and the new addition of training, education and certification for agricultural producers to meet requirements under legislation.

To learn more about agri-food research funded through OMAFRA, visit OMAFRA’s research portal.

The Ontario agri-food sector supports more than 860,000 jobs in Ontario and contributes more than \$47.3 billion each year to the province’s economy.



Officials meet with minister

King Township officials joined York-Simcoe MPP, Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, for her Farmer Appreciation breakfast recently. This breakfast was intended for the MPP to show her appreciation for the hard-working and dedicated farmers in York-Simcoe. The King Township portion of the Holland Marsh is, in fact, part of York-Simcoe, so Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor Avia Eek and MPP Robert Flack (middle) were delighted to attend in support of our farmers, along with mayors and councillors from the other municipalities that are part of York-Simcoe.














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King volunteers receive praise for their efforts at event

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King's volunteers were recognized for their selfless commitment to the community last week. King Township, council and the community gathered to pay tribute to these special people at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night.

This year, there were a record number of nominations, attesting to the tireless efforts of volunteers.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted his favourite night of the year honours one of our most important resources: volunteers.

"Without them King Township would be a very different place.

"First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of our volunteers. Your selflessness and dedication to making our community a better place is truly commendable. Whether it's volunteering at local schools, hospitals, non-profit organizations, shelters, or other community initiatives, you

have made a positive impact on the lives of countless individuals.

"I would also like to extend my appreciation to the families and friends of our volunteers. Your support and encouragement have been instrumental in enabling our volunteers to give their time and resources to the community. Your understanding and sacrifices have allowed our volunteers to make a difference in the lives of others, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of any community. Your willingness to step up and make a difference, without any expectation of recognition or reward, is a testament to your incredible generosity and kindness. You have embodied the spirit of giving back and have set an exemplary standard for others to follow. Your actions have made our community a more caring and compassionate place to live.

"Volunteering is not just about helping others; it also has personal benefits. It can provide a sense of

purpose, fulfillment and personal growth. It allows you to connect with like-minded individuals, learn new skills, and gain valuable experiences. Your commitment to volunteering demonstrates your deep-rooted values and commitment to creating a better world for all."

The mayor cited data from Statistics Canada that says roughly 1 in 2 Canadians aged 15 and over donate their time, energy and skills to charities and non-profit organizations. The approximately 2 billion volunteer hours they contribute is equivalent to more than 1 million full-time jobs.

"Can you imagine the impact to our economy and society in general if those volunteers stopped tomorrow?"

He's fortunate to meet many local citizens donating their time.

"And although they may volunteer in many different ways, they all have one thing in common - they obviously love what they do."

Councillor David Boyd relayed a story of one of the special recipients, Bob Phillips, and his decades-long contributions to the community. Volunteers, he said, have direct and indirect impacts and while they appear humble, they are very deserving of recognition.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey encouraged everyone to get involved in their community and there are plenty of ways to do this. She noted volunteering was a springboard to her interest in running for council.

Councillor Mary Asselstine said recognizing volunteers is "the right thing to do. You represent thousands of others who care," she said.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said the awards night is an "energizing evening," pointing to the priceless value of our volunteers. Their efforts are far-reaching and often inspire and energize others.

Councillor Avia Eek noted several qualities that make up a volunteer: generosity, understanding, empathy, compassion, patience and dedication.

"The volunteers ... have shown these qualities, and so much more," she said.

Special Recognition Award

This award is given to citizens or an organization for a special contribution made to the community. There were 15 recipients this year.

Beverly Berger was honoured for her dedication and commitment to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) for over 10 years. Her devotion and leadership to her community have truly been an inspiration to all.

Bob Belcher was given the award for his dedicated effort and time to the King Curling Club in both getting it started and sitting as a previous board member. He's spent countless hours helping to maintain and improve the ice conditions, the equipment, train volunteers and spearheading the "Family Day" curling event for King Township residents. In September 2022, the King Curling Club faced challenges with opening season potentially being cancelled. With only a few days' notice, he devised a plan to find a solution. His dedication to the King Curling Club is truly appreciated.



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Fiona Macrae, Llian Macrae and Gerladine Alletson were honoured for their involvement and dedication to Kettleby and Christ Church, Christmas in King (King Township Food Bank), Open Doors King (King Historical Society), Canada Day in Kettleby Park, Kettleby Fair, Christ Church Kettleby's Women's Guild Spring and Fall Teas, activities of Kettleby Village Association. As well, this team wrote, edited, and published a valuable and iconic representation of the character, stories and peoples of Kettleby Village and its Christ Church.



Gino and Susan DiFebo were praised for their dedication, effort and time to the Nobleton community by volunteering at the Nobleton United Church, helping the King Curling Club with ice maintenance, bartending, food preparation and bonspiels, as well as assisting neighbours during snowstorms by cleaning laneways.



King for Refugees was honoured for its tremendous efforts and contributions by assisting 30 newcomers from different parts of the world to reside in King. The group has raised the funds necessary to sponsor a family for a year, guide and support the families toward financial independence, secure accommodations, clothing, furniture and food, meet the new families at the airport, actively assist the families with their settlement needs including registration for school and English classes,

provide social and emotional support, just to name a few.



Linda Pabst was praised for her involvement in bringing ambulance service to Nobleton and King City, volunteering with EMS for over 16 years and serving as a King councillor for 24 years. After retiring as a councillor in 2018, she began contributing your expertise to the Accessibility and Advisory Committee, which has been invaluable to its success.

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Gillian Watt was recognized for as a member of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) for over 30 years, serving in various capacities including member chair. Her tireless efforts to protect the natural heritage features of King Township and promote sustainability have made a significant impact on the community. Her contributions have left a lasting impact and will continue to inspire others for years to come.



Ian Hilley was recognized for his dedicated time and leadership to Kingscross Estates serving as secretary of the Kingscross Estates Ratepayers Association (KRA) since 2015. As well, he is involved with King for Refugees, is a volunteer and board member for CHATS and president for the Canadian Hemachromotosis Society.

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Arts & Entertainment



Timeless Tales looking 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 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 Artsocietyking.ca website.

Pixomondo and Seneca to provide state-of-the-art virtual production

A new partnership will deliver world-class training to prepare creative professionals for careers in the fast-growing field of virtual production.

Pixomondo (PXO), an award-winning virtual production and visual effects studio, and Seneca Polytechnic, a Canadian leader in creative arts education, have partnered to offer a specially-designed training program starting this fall.

Developed by PXO's Virtual Production Academy, the 12-week program in Virtual Production: Virtual Art Department Content Creation will be taught by leading industry professionals using PXO's proprietary techniques.

The program is designed for professionals and graduates of programs in visual effects, 3D modelling, game animation and similar specialties. It will be delivered online – giving students the flexibility to take part from their homes.

Graduates of the program will receive a microcredential completion badge from Seneca and have direct access to employment opportunities at PXO.

This partnership is the first announced by the Seneca Film Institute, a new initiative that builds on Seneca's expertise in storytelling forms and technologies to create one of the most comprehensive film training centres in Canada.

"By combining PXO's cutting-edge technology with Seneca's outstanding academic reputation, we're set to prepare the next generation of filmmakers to push the boundaries of visual storytelling. We're so excited about the new standard of excellence this represents in virtual production education. As a long-time professor at Seneca, I couldn't think of a better way to kick off Virtual Production Academy globally. I can't wait to see the amazing work that will come out of this program," said Mahmoud Rahnama, Chief Innovation Officer, Pixomondo.

cer, Pixomondo.

"We are delighted to announce PXO as the first industry partner of the Seneca Film Institute. Together, we will deliver the most cutting-edge training in virtual production, teaching students the skills that will set them up for successful careers in this exciting field," added Mark Jones, Director, Seneca Film Institute.

"This partnership brings together two respected authorities in education for creative industries. With access to the combined benefits of Seneca's track record of academic success and PXO's unparalleled technology, graduates of our new program will be capable of working on any virtual production stage in the world," said Kurt Muller, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art & Design, Seneca.

PXO creates industry-leading Virtual Production and Visual Effects for premium Film and Episodic content. With over 20 industry awards and nominations, PXO, a Sony Pictures Entertainment company, is a trusted partner for storytellers and showrunners worldwide. The company has been creating iconic work since 2001, from Martin Scorsese's Academy Award winning Hugo and HBO's Emmy winning Game of Thrones, through to Amazon's The Boys, Marvel's Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania, and many more.

In Virtual Production, PXO helps clients to realize their creative vision, from production through to post-production. Using interactive technology and proprietary software and solutions, PXO brings ideas to life by virtually immersing filmmakers in the worlds they imagined, throughout every stage of the creative process. The company's latest LED volume work includes House of the Dragon, Star Trek: Discovery and Star Trek: Strange New Worlds and Netflix's upcoming Avatar: The Last Airbender.

Toastmasters boosts your self-confidence

Bolton Banter Toastmasters wants to help you feel confident.

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Toastmasters is an international club in 143 countries around the world. It is a non-profit organization dedicated on educating about public speaking and leadership skills, creating confident, driven and strong communication skills.

Bolton has their own Toastmasters club, known as Bolton Banter Toastmasters, run by local residents. The club was chartered on May 17, 2006 and has been educating and providing community involvement within the club for more than 10 years. Members gather at the Albion Bolton Community Centre the first and third Thursday of the month.

Currently, the club has 14 members. Bart Burness, VP Membership, talks about the joys of Toastmaster and who benefits.

"People who want to personally improve themselves, they don't want to settle with who they are," he said. "People who have fear of public speaking and want assistance and channels to overcome that fear. Sometimes people get into job promotions that require them to speak in front of people for the first time, and they didn't do much of that in their previous role but now that they have been promoted they're required to speak in front of a bunch of people. Some people have situations like weddings, or social activities that they need to practice on," he said.

Founded in 1924, Toastmasters has traveled all over the world with members of all diverse backgrounds.

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To contact the group, visit www.boltonbanter.org or call 905-951-8435.

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All of our volunteers deserve 'special recognition'

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Mary Muter received recognition for her active interest and advocacy for the natural heritage and wetlands of King's rural environment. She is chair of the Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation, and has generously shared her knowledge and expertise about the importance of protecting our green space. In addition, she's generously contributed her time as a member of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust (ORM-LT), Save The Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition (STORM), and dedicating much of your time representing the interests of Kingscross Estate residents for the past 10 years as director and several years as chairperson of Kingscross Ratepayers Association.



Michele McNally was lauded for her contributions as president of Arts Society King; sourcing major grants and donations, starting new projects which have expanded the character of art and cultural events in the community. Her interest in creating partnerships with arts groups outside of King and her bond with the King Heritage and Cultural Centre have enriched both organizations as well as arts and culture in King.



Susan Hayhoe was singled out for her involvement with the Nobleton Pool Committee, Nobleton Skating Club as well as being an integral part of the Nobleton Tennis Club. In addition to volunteerism in King Township, she has been part of the Young Mother's Group in Toronto acting as a support and mentor to young single mothers. Last fall, she was recognized for 25 years of service to the group.



Kathleen Rodgers received her award for her time volunteering with Arts Society King (ASK) since 2018 and as a director on the board since 2020. She's assisted in organizing member art exhibitions; was instrumental in bringing the International Women's Day exhibits to the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, and sits on the Exhibitions Committee at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre.



Meline Beach was honoured for her efforts with the King Township Food Bank as a volunteer. She joined the board in the role of secretary and expanding the role to include social media communications, organizing the highly successful Sip and Savour fundraiser, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support the Food Bank's needs. Her passion and commitment have helped the Food Bank grow in countless ways.



The Schomberg Horticultural Society was honoured its efforts in the community. Since its inception on April 12, 1935, it has been an integral part of King Township through its promotion and protection of the environment, good gardening practices, tree plantings, public beautification, and educational materials, organizing competitions, exhibits, field trips, contests, and awards, as well as its care of numerous gardens around Schomberg and the annual Garden Tour that takes place on the last Sunday in June.



Janice Gervais was honoured for her work with the King Township Food Bank's fundraiser Sip and Savour for the past six years, as well as her involvement with the King Curling Club community supporting various fundraising initiatives, including raising funds for the purchase of an accessible vehicle for a King resident.



Mark Pavilons, Editor of the King Weekly Sentinel, was honoured for his efforts as a long-time volunteer of the King Township Food Bank. He has dedicated countless hours of service and made significant contributions, including being an MC for the annual Sip and Savour fundraisers, as well as regularly promoting the Food Bank's activities and events through the King Weekly Sentinel.

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Local youth shine in their volunteer efforts

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Recipients who were not able to attend the event included Brenda See, Joe D'Ercole and Sharlene Maietta.

Senior Citizen Award of Merit

The Senior Citizen Award of Merit is an award given to a senior citizen of the Township of King to recognize and honour special contributions to the senior populations.



Robert Phillips was honoured for his efforts with the Nobleton Lions Club, as a Member since 2009 and as past president from 2011-2014. He has been an integral part of the club's success. His professional experience, enthusiasm, generosity, and unyielding commitment to community service is truly admired.

Lifetime Achievement

The Lifetime Achievement Award is an award recognizes outstanding citizenship within the community.



Louise Di Iorio received the honour for her involvement in several heritage organizations, sitting on the boards of the King Township Historical Society for 8 years, the Heritage Advisory Committee for 10 years and currently the King Township Museum Board.



Wendy-Sue Bishop was honoured for her work as the marshal for the annual Main Street Christmas Parade in Schomberg for the past 6 years and the voice of Schomberg with her weekly update in the King Weekly Sentinel for over 30 years. In addition, she helped organize the parade of lights that was held at the fairgrounds during the pandemic.

Youth Award of Merit

The Youth Award of Merit is given to a younger citizen to recognize special contributions.



Julia Tabrizi was recognized for her time supporting young members of the community in strengthening their reading and literacy skills through the King Township Public Library Reading Buddies Program.



Noa Brook was praised for her work with the Mayor's Youth Action Team and taking on the position of chair. She has taken on other volunteer initiatives by organizing a group to clean a public pond in King, coordinated a school fundraiser for the Vaughan animal shelter as well as teaching English to Ukrainian refugees.



Paul O'Neill volunteers with the Leaders In Training program for summer camps at the Township of King. He volunteered for 8 weeks at the King City Arena, leading campers through games, activities and helping with the

lunch program. He has been an excellent leader and has built great relationships with the campers and counselors.



Zoran Ouslis volunteered as a camp counsellor with the Township of King in 2021, acting as a volunteer mentor for younger high school students at King City Secondary School. He also volunteered to tutor students in Physics and Mathematics, volunteered with the Reading Buddies Program, and is currently enrolled in the Math Buddies Program.

Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year Award is an award given to a citizen to recognize and honor outstanding contributions to the Township of King.

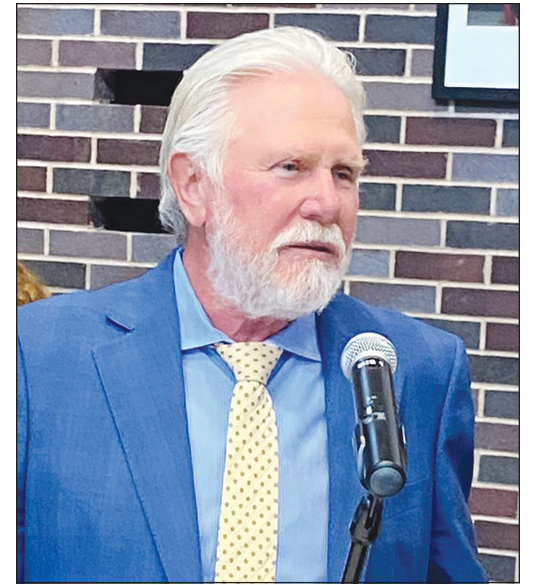
This year's award went to **Angelo Santorelli**. He was praised for his special dedication, generosity and time to the community as a long-time resident, proud business owner and president of Trisan Construction, member of the King Chamber of Commerce for over 10 years, including president since 2019, as well as his participation and involve-

ment in the Township's Sustainability Advisory Committee.

"You have helped bring businesses together and have been involved in creating a stronger and better community for all who live and seek to thrive in our Township. As a 40-year resident, thank you for calling King your home."

"On behalf of Council and the Residents of King, your exceptional dedication and commitment to your community is truly inspiring and appreciated," Mayor Pellegrini said in introducing Santorelli.

The soft-spoken Santorelli, a long-time King resident, had nothing but praise for the community and King Township. Getting involved is really important he said, noting he's enjoyed all the years of sharing with the community. His interest and commitment to the community is solid, and he's been lucky to have had the support from his family, the majority of whom all live here.



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8 out of 10 Satisfied with Township Interactions
(Service Level, Responsiveness, Professionalism, Issue Management)

Top Issues for Citizens

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- Traffic Congestion
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Top Rated Services
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York Region employment grew 4.7% to 615,760 jobs in 2022

The Regional Municipality of York released its 2022 Employment and Industry Report showing strong recovery and job growth in York Region over the past two years.

“Business and job growth are fundamental to York Region’s economic vitality, an important guiding pillar in our recently approved Strategic Plan,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. “The increase in job and business growth across York Region over the last three years is a testament to the resilience of the Region’s economy. We will continue to work together with the business community to attract and retain businesses and high-quality, well-paying jobs across a broad range of sectors for York Region residents.”

More than 33,000 York Region businesses with a physical location were surveyed in 2022, totaling an estimated 615,760 jobs, a 4.7% growth since 2019.

Highlights of the 2022 Employment and Industry report include:

- 27,620 net new jobs created since 2019; 6,950 jobs in the health care sector alone.
- 82% of York Region businesses are categorized as small businesses, having less than 20 employees.
- York Region’s economy and businesses continue to shift toward more knowledge-based and service-oriented jobs; aligned with national and provincial trends.
- Industries showing the largest growth since 2019 include manufacturing, health care and social assistance, real estate, professional, scientific and technical services, providing a variety of employment options.
- 11.7% increase in real estate; the fastest annual growth sector since 2012.

“York Region remains a thriving economic hub for talent and opportunity,” said City of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Joe DiPaola, Chair of the Region’s Planning and Economic Development. “We know many local businesses were negatively impacted through the COVID-19 pandemic, including some forced to close or chose to relocate outside of York Region. While we continue to recover, the optimistic growth of our overall business community demonstrates why York Region

remains a desirable place to live, work and invest.”

In 2022, York Region surveyed 33,110 physical businesses through the York Region employment survey. The survey collects employment data and provides a snapshot of York Region’s economy while comparing data over time to identify trends. The information collected through the survey is valuable for the Region and local municipalities to continue supporting economic vitality and to inform long-term employment land needs, infrastructure requirements and business directories.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses had employees working remotely, while others were closed to the public or had to adjust their service offerings. Due to these factors and other impacts to the economy, the number of current in-person jobs is the benchmark for employment in the Region and previous years surveys were adjusted for accurate readings and comparison from a pre-pandemic state.

To support further economic growth, York Region assesses the supply of employment lands that provide job growth opportunities. The 2022 Vacant Employment Land Inventory report shows almost 2,400 hectares of employment land is available across all nine cities and towns, with 85% of this vacant land serviced and ready to support new development and approximately 40% of these lands have applications underway.

Most of the Region’s vacant employment land is located within minutes of a major highway and almost half is within 500 metres of a transit stop. These vacant employment lands are key drivers of future economic development and can accommodate a range of uses such as manufacturing, warehousing, major office buildings, and supporting commercial, institutional and knowledge-based industries.

For more information on economic development and available resources to grow a business, visit YorkLink.ca or the York Small Business Enterprise Centre.

For additional information on York Region’s employment statistics, visit york.ca/census.

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Network celebrates students at annual Give Back Awards event

Neighbourhood Network’s annual Give Back Awards celebrate the outstanding volunteer contributions of graduating students from high schools in Aurora, Georgina, King Township, Newmarket, and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The 2023 Give Back Award recipient from King is Schomberg’s Mary Calleja, from Sacred Heart CHS. Also from King City Secondary, the winner was Kazi Rizwan.

“The Give Back Awards are all about celebrating the inspirational ways that local graduates donate their time to help others,” said Erin Cerenzia, Manager, Community Relations. “These students spent most of their high school years in lockdown, yet they still collectively volunteered over 6,200 hours. It’s a true testament to each recipient’s character and commitment to building better communities,” she said.

The recipients were celebrated in a week-long social media campaign, profiled on the Neighbourhood Network website, and at a special Give Back Awards Ceremony, all as part the organization’s larger National Volunteer Week.

To learn more about the 2023 Give Back Awards recipients visit www.nnet-network.org/GiveBackAwards.

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Hope House Hospice celebrates 40 years in the community

By Brock Weir

As the 1980s approached, Jane Reid, Barbara Marshall Houlding, and Salley Blaney identified an important need in their community, King Township, and set out to close the gap.

The result was the establishment of Hospice King in 1983, a York Region first.

Subsequently rebranded as Hospice King-Aurora-Richmond Hill to reflect the communities in which they served, and now known as Hope House Hospice, the Aurora-based organization is preparing to mark its 40th anniversary of delivering end-of-life care and counselling in the community.

Hope House Hospice started life at King's All Saints Anglican Church and immediately hit the ground running. Focused on at-home care, their programs have evolved over the last five decades to include myriad counselling programs and community outreach.

All of this will be underscored Wednesday, May 10, at Aurora's Royal Venetian Mansion with Celebrating 40 Years of Hope. Their first in-person fundraiser for the organization since the start of the global pandemic, Celebrating 40 Years of Hope will be a time to celebrate their successes and look ahead to their future.

"This is a celebration of the wonderful support that has been provided over many years by many people," says Hope House Executive Director Heidi Bonner. "We want to highlight the fact that we have been able to provide really quality care throughout the very difficult years of the pandemic that are still happening, that we continue to provide help to those who are diagnosed with illness, to those who are dealing with the death of a loved one, and are able to support our community throughout these difficult days.

"We are celebrating the history of the organization, which started 40 years ago when three women got together and decided that it was really important to support people to be able to die at home. At that time, most deaths were happening in hospitals so they had experience themselves – the very special aspects of hospice – and decided that they would like to have it in their community. They started Hospice King, which at that time provided support in the home for those end-of-life, and there was a volunteer

pool of nurses and family physicians that helped support at-home death.

"Over the years, building on supporting the bereavements – the families and caregivers of those hospice clients – we've now expanded even more with our wellness programs and support to those children and teens for bereavement. I think the celebration [of a] grassroots organization, which is now flourishing and providing programs that really do address the needs of the community."

Since Hope House's establishment 40 years ago, Bonner says there has been a "transition" in hospice care to support people earlier on in their disease trajectory. Supporting people from the time of diagnosis, throughout the illness, and even continued supports if they go through remission, has been their primary mandate.

"One of our programs, the Picking Up the Pieces Post-Cancer Support Program, was developed to address the needs that our clients who were coming to us who weren't necessarily dying but were going through a difficult time after experiencing cancer and finishing treatments," says Bonner. "We developed a program that addressed those needs to help them find their new normal. That is an example of a program that was developed to address the needs of the community.

"On the bereavement side in the past, we have had groups that are specific to losses. We have had a Bereavement Group supporting those who were experiencing death of a loved one by suicide. During the pandemic we had a COVID Loss-specific group, which was very successful and then sort of branching off and supporting children and teens as well – again, realizing that our young people need some support after the loss of a loved one, developing programs to help address their needs, to help support them, and to provide a place for them to go that's safe and they can talk about whatever the need to talk about when it comes to losing a loved one."

Over time, wellness programs also developed with a focus on wellbeing and strategies to cope with stress and illness. These initiatives have "flourished," says Bonner, and are regularly attended by people diagnosed with illness, as well as their caregivers and families.



Laurie Calvert, Hope House Board Member and Event Co-Chair, Hope House Executive Director Heidi Bonner, and Sandy Sheridan, Hope House Board Chair and Event Co-Chair, are pictured outside the Royal Venetian Mansion in Aurora where, next month, the local hospice will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Photo by Brock Weir

"Our staff team and our team of 100-plus volunteers are incredibly compassionate, innovative, and really supportive of the community," says Bonner. "We would not be doing what we're doing without them."

Death is a 100 per cent certainty and there needs to be a way to "normalize" that, adds Bonner when asked what makes Hope House's structure and programs endure. This entails encouraging people to "seek support and reach out to community organizations like Hope House" which are there for them.

"Part of our struggle is there are so many people in our community who don't necessarily know what we do and think of hospice as a place to go and die, but Hope House Community Hospice is filled with really, really great people who provide amazing programs to help people through their difficult times and all offered at no cost," says Bonner. "Ideally it would be great if people could find support through their own family, but connecting with others who are experiencing a similar journey, I think, is really important and it does help to normalize and give them a place

to talk about their experience and with death of a loved one or dealing with a serious illness. We have been told so many times, 'I don't know what I would do without Hope House.' It's pretty simple things that we do, but they seem to make a major impact on the community and on people's journeys through illness and loss."

For more information about Hope House Hospice, visit www.hopehousehospice.com. Details on the anniversary event can be found at www.hopehousehospice.com/40years.

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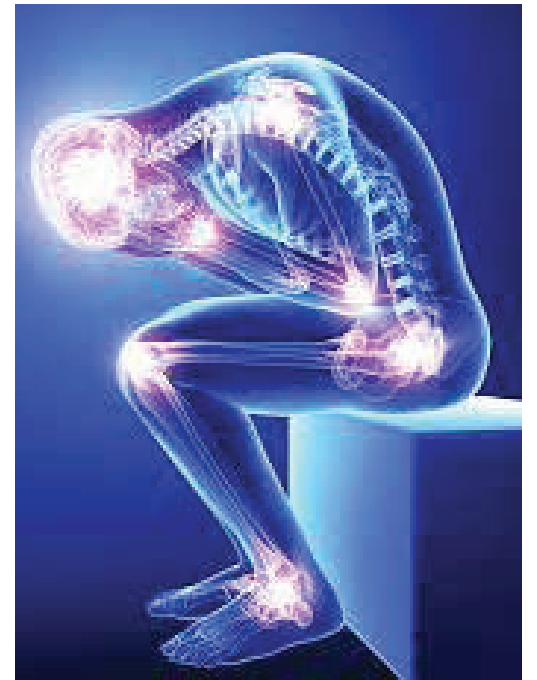
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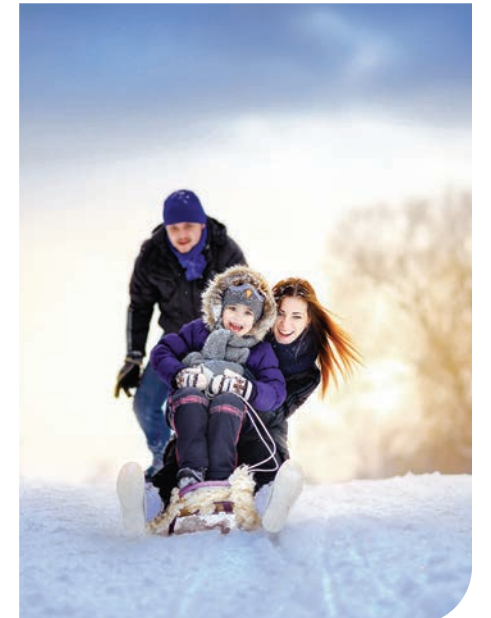
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Significant awards handed out at King Curling Club

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The King Curling Club held its year-end banquet with a full house of members and special guests.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Ontario Curling Association Provincial Wheelchair Championship Banner. It is the first banner for the club after Team Thurston of King Curling won their provincial championships earlier this year.

Coach Bruce Gorsline and team player Karl Allen were on hand to receive the award presented by OCA representative Rick Mersaka. Karl, who played 2nd position on the team, spoke from the heart when thanking the club for their support at the Provincial Championships (Hosted by King) as well as their journey towards the Canadian National Championships.

The other highlight of the night was the Paul Olsen Outstanding Contribution Award.

The award is in memory of a fellow curler, founding member and long-time supporter of both the King Curling Club and many other Township organizations – Mr. Paul Olsen. Paul was a long-time resident of King Township, who successfully built Brookdale Treeland Nurseries into one of the largest and most respected growers of garden plants in Canada. He was a dedicated volunteer of the Nobleton Lions Club, Nobleton United Church, Nobleton Curling Club and a Founding Member of the King Curling Club. Paul Olsen's presentation of our feasibility study to the King Township Council in October 2008 resulted in the construction of a dedicated curling facility at the Trisan Centre.

Paul chaired the opening ceremonies of our facility in 2011, continued as an active member of the Afternoon

Recreational Leagues and was a strong supporter of the Club until his passing a few years ago. It is not unreasonable to conclude that our club owes its very existence to many of the contributions made by Paul Olsen. The Paul Olsen Outstanding Contribution Award is to be presented to a King Curling Club Member who over a number of years has demonstrated Outstanding Contributions to the Club. This year's recipient was Bob Belcher.

Bob has volunteered for the curling club since its existence as a board member, coach, and organizer of the Family Day events. This past season Bob's biggest contribution was the organization and training of the ice maintenance volunteers. Club president Barb Davis commented that "Bob Belcher is a very deserving winner of this award."

He is an avid curler in the Men's League as well as the day leagues and this year he seemed to be at the rink every day or night assisting and or testing the ice conditions. A standing ovation was received by a very emotional Belcher who thanked his wife Peggy for putting up with his absence of "always being at the rink."

And as it is well known throughout the club, members said time and time again that we would not have curled this year without the dedication and hard work from Bob's devoted efforts. In his thanks to Davis, Bob humbly added "I want to let you and any others involved in my nomination know how thrilled I am to receive this Award named in Paul's memory. It was extra special for me to be recognized in front of so many club members and friends. I am honoured."

The King Curling club directors, executive and members congratulate Bob Belcher on receiving this very prestigious award and thank him for the many hours of his dedicated commitment to the King Curling Club.



Rick Mersaka of the Ontario Curling Association presents the Ontario Wheelchair Provincial Championship banner to Club President Barb Davis and to Coach Bruce Gorsline and Karl Allen.

Photo by Shellee Morning



King Curling Club president Barb Davis congratulates Bob Belcher on winning the Paul Olsen Outstanding Contribution Award.

Photo by Shellee Morning

Ansnorveldt Baseball Association

Come and play baseball this summer! Registration for all the summer ball leagues in Holland Marsh will be held on Saturday, April 22 and again on the 29th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holland Marsh Church (18935 Dufferin Street). The cost this year is: \$75 per person for the Adult League (ages 15 years +); \$65 per person for the Junior (kids ages 9-14) and T-Ball Leagues (ages 4-8) (with a Family Rate of \$160 for 3 more kids). You can also pay via e-transfer. If you have any questions, please call or email Tom Miedema at 905-392-7594 or tbmiedema@live.ca



Team Black crowned GHL champs

March 24 marked the 15th anniversary of the GHL championship game between the men of King City, fought between team White and team Black.

Team Black, trailing most of the game, battled back from a 3-1 deficit, to tie the game with 3 minutes left with a goal by Hugh Sutherland.

With 34 seconds left on the clock, Steve Smith scored the game winner, followed by an empty netter by game MVP Sutherland, to complete his hat trick.

Final score 5-3 and Team Black was crowned 2022-2023 champions of the GHL.

Shown are (top row) Hugh Sutherland, Marco Margiotta, John Whitehead, Joe Petrunaro, Mirko Gojic, Angelo Cozzi, (back) Rob Critelli, Kirk Markle, Dave Henderon, Enzo D'Amico, Sam Panetta, Chris Neilson, Gary Taylor, Greg Rossi, Steve Smith.

Greg Rossi, GHL Player of the Year, with commissioner Matthew Paric (right).



Township to pay for boards

For the upcoming season, Hockey Canada requires that kids under 9 years of age play on half-ice which requires the purchase of mini boards. In the past, the concession stands at arenas raised money for new equipment, but COVID and other issues have depressed sales, which has created a gap in funding. King Mayor Steve Pellegrini asked for, and received, council's support to use funds raised at the Mayor's Golf Tournament to supplement any financial shortfall the hockey club may have for the purchase of these boards.



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, "Love and Marriage" from Song of Songs 4.1-5.1. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments.

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

We invite you to join us on Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m., as we welcome Brett Ullman, a noted expert in youth and contemporary social issues from a Christian perspective, as he shares with parents and youth on how to deal with social media and discerning truth amid all the lies that exist out there today. This is for everyone who has kids or wants to learn more about this, so please invite your friends, and their youth.

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

A senior men's Bible study has started meeting every other week. You are welcome to join the gents.

Tuesday morning LifeConnect Group for women is meeting with a mix of Zoom and in person meetings every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. A Life-Connect Group, open to anyone, also meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. This group is also a mix of online and in person. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It is a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of our LifeConnect groups, be in touch with us via our online connection card, stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect

Quilting continues meeting Tues-

days 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

Please note, we are hosting our 10th Confirmation preparation class on Friday, April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church. Please bring your notebooks and pens or pencils!

Confirmandi are kindly reminded to take this time to review the previous videos and workbook as you begin to prepare your letter to Fr. Ignacio.

All adults are invited to join Fr. Ignacio and the Heralds of the Gospel on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. the St. Mary's Church Hall for the next episode of "The Search, Session 6 - Why a Church?," the sixth of seven sessions in our Parish Adult Formation Program. Highly recommended for parents and guardians of students preparing for the Sacraments this year. Drop-ins welcome!

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 9-12). 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!

Browse our websites:

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

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

Nobleton and King City Garden Club

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's meetings are resuming. 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, 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

This Sunday at 11:15 a.m., we are welcoming back Doug Reid, who has led us in joyful worship many times as we searched for a permanent minister. Doug is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader and has become our friend as well. Pastor Richard Gardner will return the following Sunday.

We had a wonderful service last Sunday at Schomberg's 175th Anniversary. Jane Haapiseva was the guest speaker and recalled her happy childhood in Schomberg with her father Rev. Hunter, the minister at Schomberg, in the 1950's. Jane followed in her father's footsteps and became a minister too and served in Switzerland. She chose very lively hymns and we ended with the toe-tapping "One More Step Along the World I Go." She provided the actions for this. The Community Singing Group had their debut singing two numbers in public for the first time. The group was also well received.

The Community Singing Group practices in our church on Fridays at 2 p.m. Instrumentalists are also welcome. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal - cell 416-550-5083, home 905-857-4033 or dennis5k@hotmail.com. The group sings a variety of songs. Come and join the fun!

Dennis Kowal, our pianist/keybord player for the past 8 years is retiring at the end of May. He has assisted with the Joyful Spirits, a singing group formed pre-pandemic, which sang Christmas carols outside Seniors' residences during the pandemic.

More recently Dennis formed the Community Singing Group. We have enjoyed his music and leadership and will miss him. Anyone know someone who might be interested in leading the music on Sunday mornings at two services, one in Schomberg at 9:30 am and one in Nobleton at 11:15 a.m., and assisting with the Community Singing Group? This is a paid position. If inter-

ested, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-557-0442.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, May 24, 5-7 p.m., and will have activities related to the theme of Pentecost, when the spirit descended on the disciples with wind and fire, (we will do paper airplanes, make windmills, etc) an interactive Bible story and song time at 6 p.m., eating together at 6:15 p.m. and then clean-up time. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is in May at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. The Schomberg Public School children will provide the entertainment. The lunch is "Breakfast for Lunch". 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 (@nobletonlionclub), 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 Community Hall, just north of the arena.

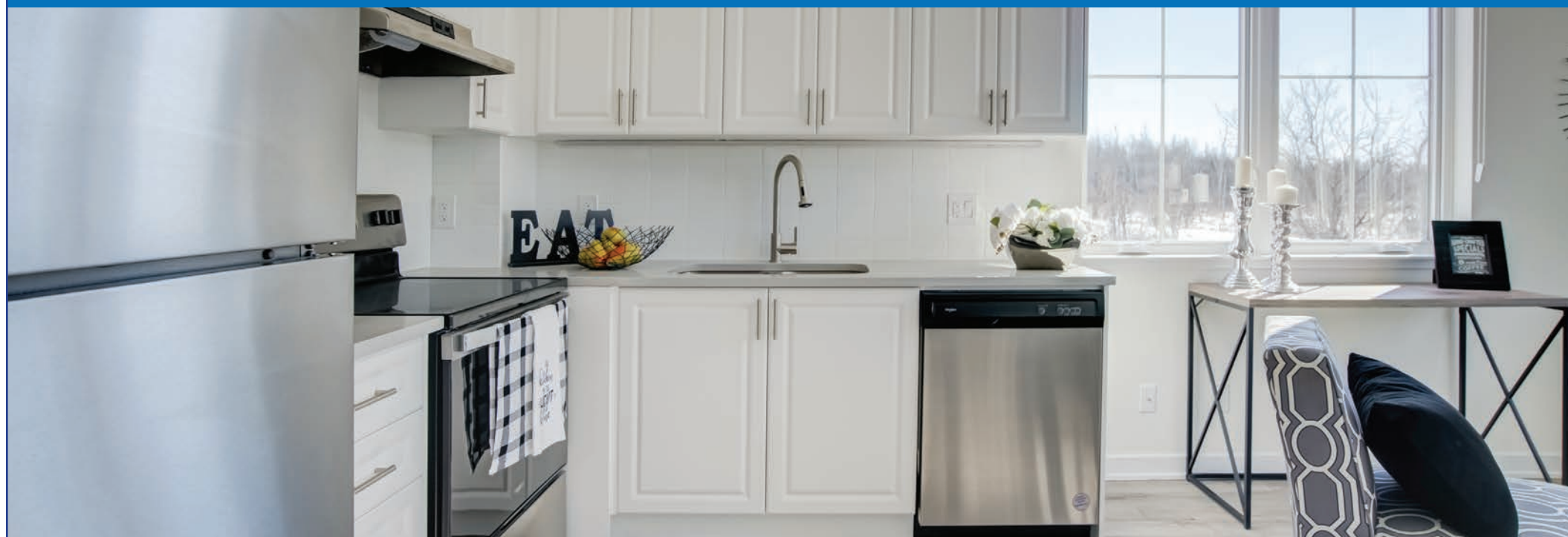
St. Alban's By John Arnott

Easter is not just a weekend affair, notes St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, but rather a 50-day observance and celebration.

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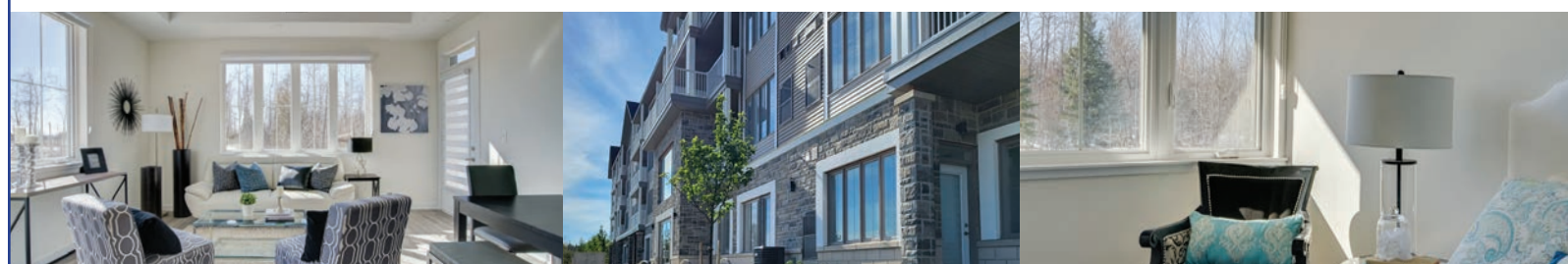


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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Last week we attended the opening of “The Addams Family” starring Schomberg’s own Steve McMahon and his Daughter Kyra. It was fabulous. I had no clue what to expect but everyone did such excellent job, the singing, the dancing the comedic timing, all perfect. Kudos to Kyra, who is in her first starring role as Wednesday on stage, and Steve, a more seasoned actor, on his portrayal of Mel Beinke. Excellent job Steve and Kyra.

I had no idea how good local theatre could be. I’ve been a Mirvish subscriber for 15 years, but after my nosebleed tickets cost almost \$1,000, for next season, I’ve decided to attend more local theatre and didn’t renew my subscription. There is a lot happening here and, on the upside, after driving in a snowstorm to Downtown Toronto to see Hamilton, I’d rather stick closer to home. From the NewRoads theatre in Newmarket to the Blackhorse Theatre in Caledon lots of great theatre to attend closer to home.

“The Addams Family” runs until April 30 at the NewRoads Theatre in Newmarket.

Continuing to support local our new store in town, “Heart in Home” is hosting an event on May 20, from 10 a.m. until noon outside of their shop. “Story Time with Ducklings” where they’ll have a local author Carolyn J. Morris with a chance to not only meet her but play with real live baby ducks. Sounds like fun to me.

If ducks aren’t your thing, but planting is they are looking for volunteers to plant trees, Saturday, May 13 from 9:30 until noon. You can register online at www.nnetwork.org. Help keep our community growing.

Speaking of growing, the Schomberg Horticultural Society is holding their self guided Garden Tour June 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. You can purchase tickets online at Eventbrite.ca or at the Schomberg Library the day of.

Our Annual Schomberg Fair is just a month away, aren’t you excited? So many new things to see and do and 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

Speaking of summer, what is summer without beer? Returning this June, the “King City Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival.” While it’s not exactly Schomberg, I know this is a popular event well attended by our residents. Put it in your calendar for June 10, noon to 9 p.m., details to follow.

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-too-many” 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. Opening May 6th, for reservations email the restaurant at events@historiacantina.com

The 55+ Group is growing in leap and bounds, and they have several events that are being held. The group is still looking for a qualified instructor that teaches Taoist Tia Chi, please reach out if you’re interested or know someone who is. Next meeting is Monday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Euchre night is Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at Trisan. It’s \$10 per night or \$20 a month. This week only, we are back to Friday, April 28. We will be presenting the awards, I know already this week I didn’t win, I’ve had a run of bad hands, but I know there is snacks after with cookies from our very own and euchre aficionada and “Cookie Duchess” Liz Loach so that soothes the sting of losing slightly. Come for the euchre, stay for the cookies.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Schomberg is having a “Spring Fling” next Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will tea room where sandwiches and goodies will be served, they will also offer baked goods for sale, and there will be a Garden Centre where you can purchase plants as well as a spring decor section where you can purchase baskets for many occasions. The baskets and plants will cost anywhere from \$10 to \$40. We hope to see you there, bring cash because that’s the option to pay.

The Four Seasons Market is back and looking for vendors, the spring show is coming up this Sunday, April 29, and the summer show is June 10 at the Schomberg Agricultural Fair Grounds. You can apply online to be a vendor at thefourseasonsmarket.com.

Spring Indoor Community Yard Sale is back again this year. It runs May 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Trisan. Cost is \$20 for one table, \$35 for two tables or \$45 for three tables, attendees are free. To register to go king.ca/communityyardsale.

McDonald’s McHappy Day is coming up May 10, at our local Schomberg McDonald’s. This year 50% of the proceeds will go to Ronald McDonald House, and the other 50% will be split between King Township Food Bank and We Believe in Abby as the local charities in our community. As is tradition they have invited local community leaders to participate to serve the community on that day, and I’m honoured to have been asked to participate. I’ve accepted so that means I better start practicing the phrase “would you like fries with that?” Hope to see you all out to support this wonderful cause.

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 sporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



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Nobleton Notes

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It began at sundown Holy Saturday with the lighting of the "New Fire" Easter Eve and runs until sundown 50 days later the beginning of Pentecost (Greek for 50), this year May 28. Once called Trinity Pentecost now includes Ascension and Whitsuntide that were short but separate church seasons. This 50-day timeframe is based on the Jewish celebration of Shavuot, 50 days after Passover, that marks the spring harvest and the receiving of the Torah, the first 5 books of the Old Testament the Jewish part of the Bible, from God. So now as Easter deepens and white for purity and joy remains the colour of robes and hangings in many Christian churches questions that have perplexed Christians since their religion began to spread beyond Israel into southern Europe and North Africa especially Egypt remain unanswered.

From its early years the reality of a God's son being the founder of this new religion has been challenged. Skeptics have even questioned the likelihood of a Jesuine presence on Earth, some even claiming there never was but an emerg-

ing power group calling themselves Christians who for their own purposes invented the whole Christ story.

Others say there was a 1st century AD back country Israelite itinerant rabbi called Yeshua (Joshua in formal Hebrew, Jesus in Latin) who had little to do with the emerging new religion. Still others suggest that the Jesuine figure of St. Paul's writings was based on a person from the distant past while some insist Christ of the New Testament, the Christian section of the Bible, is a composite of several men some from the past and others existing more closely to their own time all having Jesuine qualities.

Another concerning question that arises is why did the risen Yeshua allow Miriam (Magdalene) and Mary the mother of James the Younger to embrace his feet (Matthew 28,-9/10 yet in John's gospel 20-11/18) tell the same Mary Magdalene supposedly on the same day not to touch him because he had not yet ascended to God. And 8 days later (John 20-27/29) still not recorded to having made any ascent invited Toma (Thomas the Doubter) to put his hand on the spear wound in his side and touch the nail wounds in his hands. Biblical scholars today say he wasn't

nailed through his hands but through his wrists as nails in his hands wouldn't have held the weight of his body causing it to fall forward tearing his hands off the arms of the cross. Possibly his hands/wrists were roped to the cross arms as nails were all handmade, expensive and hard to come by on short notice and certainly not to be wasted on some "backwoods" preacher! The results would have been the same!

There is as well a question about the timing of his ascension. It is thought by many that Yeshua remained on

Earth some time after his resurrection. John's gospel (21-1/3) suggests this. And tradition has 40 days as length of this stay. But Luke's gospel (24-50/53) tells a different story saying that Yeshua's ascension actually occurred in the evening of Easter Sunday.

The fact that these events weren't written down for at least some 40 to 100 years after they happened, by writers who weren't eye witnesses nor knew anyone who was, could explain the discrepancies. But then again perhaps the Gospels don't tell the gospel truth!

Reid is new Library CEO

Adele Reid was appointed the new CEO of King Library. Ms. Reid has been acting CEO since June 2022 and has also worked as the Manager of Administrative Services at the library for the last 16 years.

Yard Waste Collection in King

Yard waste collection in the Township of King has started and ends the week of December 4. Material should be placed at the curb in paper organic yard waste bags, or open rigid containers, clearly marked as yard waste, before 7 a.m. on the collection day specified in the waste calendar, available at www.king.ca/waste.

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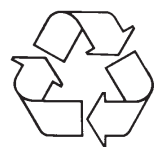
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Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, attended the St. Mary's Catholic Church Nobleton's annual Spring Gala April 22. Organized by church volunteers and supported by the Knights of Columbus, the event raised funds to pay down the church's mortgage. "It was wonderful to join friends from the Nobleton community, to support St. Mary's Catholic Church," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "The church community is enormously generous, embracing values of faith, family and charity."



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708 OBITUARIES

Vendla Castator
It is with profound sadness that the family of Vendla Castator announces her peaceful passing surrounded by family on April 16, 2023, in her 95th year. Ven is predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Ray Castator. She will be missed by her children Cathy, Garry (Daisi), and Norm (Wendy). Ven was also the loving and proud grandmother of Justin, Amy, Tara, Alex, Taylor, and Ryan. Her surviving sibling Ann Wood (Wayne), brother-in-law Bill Castator, sister-in-law Carol Aitchison, many nieces, nephews, and family friends will forever remember her as a wonderfully positive influence on their lives. Ven was born on October 30, 1928, to Norman and Mabel Aitchison of Woodbridge, Ontario. Her selfless approach to life started early. After her mother's passing, she supported her father in caring for her siblings as a young teenager. Ven was known for her work ethic, as well as her nurturing and caring personality. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, who always put the needs of others before her own. Ven enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether it was tending to her gardens, cutting the grass on the lawn tractor, or watching the birds. She had a special fondness for Cardinals, and her backyard was always filled with bird feeders that attracted a variety of winged visitors. She was also a late-blossoming golfer and enjoyed playing many rounds with her sisters and close friends. In accordance with her wishes, in place of a funeral service, there will be a celebration of life to be arranged at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lions Foundation of Dog Guides, Nobleton United Church, or King City Food Bank. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

708 OBITUARIES

Deborah Elizabeth Geaghan
With immense sadness the family announces the peaceful passing of Deborah Geaghan (nee Johnston) at Mackenzie Health Richmond Hill on April 15, 2023. Beloved daughter of the late Peggy and Jake Johnston of King Township. Deborah will be greatly missed by her brothers James (Heather) and John (Sharon). Wonderful Aunt of Christine (Steve) and Chelsea. Great Aunt of Victoria and Johnathan. She will never be forgotten by her cousin Suzanne (Fred) and their daughter Kate (Jordan) and family. A longtime member of the Toronto and North York Hunt. Deborah worked for many years as a production accountant for film and television. The family would like to thank the wonderful and caring staff at Elginwood LTC and the dialysis unit at Mackenzie Health. There will be a memorial service on April 29th at Marshall Funeral Home, 10366 Yonge St. Richmond Hill, at 2:00pm, with visitation 1 hour prior. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Humane Society would be appreciated.

701 COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING
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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

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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.

We are doing a Vacation Bible School this summer! Please join us for Hero Hotline from August 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Details can be found on our website. We invite you to come and shop at our Open Closet Outlet clothing, toy and shoe giveaway on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Mobility Matters is back in session! Instead of two classes each Monday and Wednesday morning, there will now be three. There will be classes at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. The first two are the more challenging programs while the 11 a.m. one is less challenging and is the same class that was held at this time before.

Join us on Friday, May 5 at 10 a.m. for a presentation by Vaughan Community Health Group. The topic is reading and understanding food labels.

We are pleased to invite you to High Tea on Friday, May 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. We will watch the coronation of King Charles III while enjoying the appropriate treats for high tea. There is no

charge for this event but because food is provided, we need to have final numbers for attendees by Monday, May 8. Please call the Centre at 905-833-6565 and leave your information. It sounds like a wonderful afternoon so don't miss out!

Friday, June 2 at 10 a.m. we will be having a tasting presentation by Heart to Home. Drop-ins cannot be accommodated for this food-oriented program. Please pre-register by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Our next trip will take place on Wednesday, June 21 leaving from the King City Arena. It sounds like the perfect start to summer with lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant and then a cruise on Georgian Bay. The coach leaves the arena at 10 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$150/pp. This is a very popular trip so make sure you book early by contacting Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436 before May 21.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, April 28 is art class.

York Pines United Church

This Sunday, Rev. Bruce is leading the service. On May 7, Rick McKinley

will be presiding while Rev. Andrew is on study leave. Everyone is welcome.

May 13 is Arbour Day starting at 9:30 a.m. where we tidy up the church inside and out. Volunteers are welcome. Bring your own rake and clippers or cleaning supplies. We finish by noon or whenever we're done.

Next month's Book Club is on May 17 at 10 a.m. both in person and on Zoom. This is a planning meeting for the next session starting in the fall. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118.

Kingcrafts workshops

Join us in learning how to create this beautiful outdoor wire mushroom sculpture. You will acquire skills in the fundamental techniques of creating a wire sculpture by incorporating 12 gauge wire with chicken wire. This will make such a beautiful addition to your garden. It takes place May 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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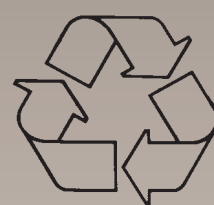
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St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

Join us at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City. Our Sunday Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. which are posted later in the day on YouTube. Go to the link standrews-kingcity.ca

Dirk deRoos led us in worship April 22 and spoke about Transitions giving Biblical examples: Noah, Jacob, Joseph and Jesus to name a few, and told us that God has a purpose for everyone in His time. Ecclesiastes 3.

Saturday, April 29 is our Spring Yard Clean-up at the church from 9 a.m. to noon. Don't forget to bring your rakes and gloves and we'll provide the snacks!

This Sunday, April 30, Alison Agnew will be leading us in Worship followed by our first congregational lunch

meeting led by the Church Revitalization and Future Committee. It is very important that you plan to come to all three of the lunch meetings planned. The second one is the following week, May 7 and the final one is May 28 where we'll vote on the options presented.

If you wish to share prayer requests or thanksgivings, we'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence. For pastoral care, please leave a message at the church (905) 833-2325, call one of the Elders or call our Interim Moderator the Rev. Jonathan Dennis (905-724-1979).

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Join us as we live-stream the Coronation of King Charles on Saturday, May 6 and watch it together at 10 a.m. Then stay for a wonderful potluck lunch. All are welcome.

We Had Hopes – Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on the story in Luke 24 of the risen Jesus meeting two disciples on the road to Emmaus who at first do not recognize him:

"When I meditated on the gospel this week, I got caught up in the words uttered by the disciples as they tried to explain to Jesus what they were dis-

cussing ... 'But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.' We had hoped. These words were filled with disappointment. 'We had hoped.' Reading those words I realized that many of us have also been on that road before and uttered those same words, discussing our hopes that were dashed.

"We had hoped he would pull through. We had hoped it wasn't that serious. We had hoped the cancer would heal. We had hoped she'd be able to keep her job. We had hoped the marriage would work out. We had hoped the pandemic would be over by now.

"Cleopas and his companion expressed their sadness, 'we had hoped Jesus was the one to save us all and defeat our enemies. Instead, we are the ones defeated.' It's a very different Easter experience from the disciples who had their visitation, who had their faith restored. They had moved on to their Alleluias. Sometimes seeing and recognizing Jesus, recognizing God with us, can be really really hard. Some of us are walking on a long road to Easter faith and Easter hope. This year, if you haven't felt that Easter connection yet, You're not alone. There are others on the road. Hope is still possible, even if it hasn't yet been realized.

"When he fell into step with the disciples he invited them to tell their story. And they did. Then he told the story back to them. He told them a story in which they could see the over-arching love, redemption, and life that God wants for all people and as they heard it their hearts.

"When Jesus revealed these things to the disciples, he let them make a choice to continue on with him. When they asked him to stay he sat down with them, blessed bread and shared it with them. This acts showed them that God would show up for them even on a backwater road, and share nourishment with them in a simple meal. Jesus did it for them, and he does it for us. God regularly shows up in the ordinary rhythms of our daily lives, revealing the sacred and the life-giving.

"My prayer is that when we do, we'll find people to walk with in those difficult moments and that we'll be open to the one in our midst who makes our hearts burn with love and energy and a lasting hope. This is the movement of Christian faith and experience. It's the movement from death to life. Jesus is risen, look for him, listen for him, invite him to stay with you and may the God of hope be with you always."



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