

Firefighters boost Food Bank

A cheque for \$4,000 was recently presented to King Township Food Bank by the King City Firefighters Association, all volunteer firefighters. The money comes from various fundraising activities including their famous car washes. Thanks to the firefighters for their community support and thanks to the community that supports their efforts!

Changes coming to King, Keele in King City

By Mark Pavilons Editor

To facilitate improvements in King City and improve traffic flow. King is opting for some changes to King and Keele.

Staff noted that stopping prohibitions and no-parking zones will improve pedestrian safety and connectivity in the core.

Council supported amendments to the York Region Bylaw to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional roads. Councillors also supported intersection improvements at King Road and Keele Street and a pedestrian crossover on Keele Street.

King is also asking that York review the current and future timing for the left turn lanes for both north and south bound on Keele Street (at King Road) and increase the timing of the current signalization.

King also wants York to assume Keele Street, from Lloydtown/Aurora Road to Davis Drive; and 17th Sideroad from Jane Street to Dufferin Street as regional roads.

Staff is being directed to develop a comprehensive communication plan related to the implementation of parking changes along Keele Street and report back to Council prior to the end of 2023, and that staff consult with the King Chamber of Commerce in the development of the plan.

The area, staff noted, serves as a major thoroughfare for commuters travelling to the GO station, Highway 400, and throughout the Township. This combination of pedestrian and vehicular traffic results in significant congestion, especially during morning and afternoon peak hours. Some contributing factors being a bottle-neck effect due to the on-street parking permissions along both sides of Keele Street and the absence of dedicated left-turn lanes onto King Road.

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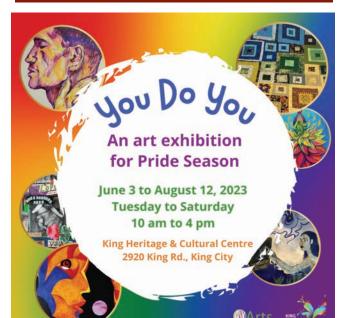
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Chamber comments on street parking on Keele

From Front Page

Some commuters have taken to using the local roads of Burns Boulevard and Burton Grove to avoid the King/Keele intersection during peak hours. This significantly increases traffic and vehicle speeds in these neighborhoods, staff said. Several traffic-calming measures have been implemented in both areas to help reduce non-local traffic:

• No Heavy Trucks sign on both Burns Boulevard and Station Road.

Eight speed humps along Burton Grove, Patricia Dr. and Warren Rd.

No Through Traffic from Station Road onto Burton Grove, 4 p.m. 6 p.,m., Monday to Friday.

· Traffic-Calmed Neighborhood signage.

Local Traffic Only signage.

Multiple studies have been commissioned by both the Township and York Region to improve traffic flow while ensuring pedestrian and motorist safety.

Staff pointed out that a consistent recommendation is that the Township and Region implement dedicated leftturn lanes on Keele Street.

The 2020 Township of King Active Transportation Strategy recommended several locations on Regional roads within the Township for millstock pedestrian crossings. The location that was identified as the highest priority is along Keele Street in the King City Core Area (approximately 120 meters south of King Road at the All-Saints Anglican Church). This area received high scoring as an efficient method to connect patrons between parking on Doctors Lane and the businesses on Keele Street.

The 2020 King Township Transportation Master Plan (TIM), approved by Council in February 2020, identified the following list of potential road candidates for upload to York Region:

Caledon-King Townlike - 17th Sideroad to Township's South limits.

Caledon-King Townlike – Highway 9 to 19th Sideroad.

Miller's Sideroad - Dufferin Street to Bathurst Street.

17th Sideroad – Jane Street to Dufferin Street.

The 2020 King Township TIM also identified the following list of future potential Road candidates for upload to the Region:

15th Sideroad - 10th Concession to Keele Street.

10th Concession – 15th Sideroad to King/Vaughan Road.

8th Concession - 15th Sideroad to King Road.

Dufferin Street – Miller Sideroad to Davis Drive West.

Drive West

bound left-turning trucks.

Provide a 3.2-m wide left-turn lane with storage, parallel and taper lengths on the northbound approach. The two left-turn lanes on Keele Street line up.

Maintain two southbound through lanes on Keele Street, configured as one shared through and right-turn lane and one through lane at the southbound approach.

Provide pavement markings on the northwest corner to delineate the southbound shared through and rightturn lane, reducing the need to modify roadway curbs.

Provide one northbound through lane on Keele Street, configured as one shared through and right-turn lane at the northbound approach.

Modify the northeast corner curb and radius at the intersection to accommodate the westbound right-turn truck movements.

Staff are also recommending York Region install streetlamping features, such as curbside planters or decorative bollards, along Keele Street for additional pedestrian comfort.

For the new intersection design to function effectively, Keele Street requires four unobstructed north/south traffic lanes, specifically during peak hours. The proximity of buildings to the road, and current sidewalk width, means road widening is not feasible to preserve on-street parking. As such, the Township is requesting York Region amend regional bylaw 2017-37 (to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional roads).

Currently, the only locations for pedestrians to cross Keele Street are at King Road and 850 meters south at Station Road. This leads to instances of jaywalking for patrons who want to access the opposite sides of Keele from further down the block. A more-convenient crossing location is recommended to reduce this dangerous behaviour. The crossing will align with the existing footpath connecting Doctors Lane to Keele Street and provide a secondary crossing option to connect the core area to public parking.

The new parking restrictions will follow the completion of the intersection improvements and new pedestrian crossing. Implementation of the intersection improvements and pedestrian crossing are expected to be implemented in 2024.

The Region evaluated all road segments identified in the Township's TMP for transfer now and in the future and provided us with their assessment.

The assessment indicates that the following two (2) local road segments in King Township's jurisdiction satisfy Keele Street – 18th Sideroad to Davis the criteria set out in the Region's Policv

of the business sector has been slow, with the challenging economic environment, higher interest rates and labour shortages.

"We recognize that adding increasing uncertainty to their ability for serving clients with on-street parking adds an additional challenge to their already full plates, and that this issue has caused significant concern with our member businesses.

"There is no question that with the planned growth and the increased traffic in the area, changes are required. The staff report notes that the intersection will be at capacity by 2026. While the staff report allows for an additional pedestrian crossing, there is much more that could be included in the plan in order to ease the transition for our small local businesses.

"Firstly, given that the capacity level will not be reached until 2026, there is every opportunity for the municipality to develop additional off-street parking and to ensure that these are in place prior to the removal of the on-street parking, ensuring that at a minimum, the number of parking spaces removed is equal to the new capacity provided. We recommend that Township staff investigate the potential to invest in the additional capacity prior to the intersection development and associated impacts to on-street parking, while also looking at long term development plans for the King Community Centre and other planned developments as to not impact the changes in the near future. This might have the effect of delaying the intersection improvements until 2025, but at least there will have been ample time to ensure adequate capacity for parking with minimal interruption to small businesses."

Frauley also said that data from 2009-2018 should be updated to reflect today's numbers.

She said lessons have been learned from significant road transformations in the region, including the rapid transit lanes along Davis Drive in Newmarket and others. The impact of those developments to the local small businesses were mitigated with strong investment in signage, wayfinding and a detailed communications plan.

"We would strongly urge Council to include these essential components as part of an overall transition plan, and potentially request that they be added to the Region's budget, to help both the businesses and the customers navigate the altered parking arrangements. This would be a good investment whether the parking changes are implemented in 2024 or, as we would hope, in 2025.

"While Keele is no doubt a regional road, it is also a part of our village centre, and should reflect the welcoming neighbourhood look and feel that is currently in place. We are confident that there are options and approaches that would accommodate the growth while preserving of the village feel, and minimizing the negative impacts to the small businesses at the heart of our village centre.

"By taking an integrated approach with a view to ensuring supports are in place for a smooth transition, including potentially waiting to remove on-street parking until alternative capacity, wayfinding, signage and communications plans are in place, Council would signal to the local business community that they will support efforts to help them prosper, as these small businesses are still fighting economic headwinds to recover from the pandemic."

She noted the Chamber stands ready to collaborate" with the Township to engage with member businesses and to support the drive towards realizing the future of King Township, as envisioned in the official plan.



Township staff reviewed the Regional Road Assumption Policy and met with staff from York Region to discuss the proposed road candidates from the Township's Transportation Master Plan.

With the current configuration, if no improvements are implemented, the intersection is expected to operate over capacity by 2026. This is characterized by frequent individual cycle failures (when vehicles are unable to proceed through the intersection due to backup), poor traffic progression, and the wait for right/left turning is at the maximum acceptable limit.

York Region has prepared a design, the following improvements are recommended:

Provide a 3.5-m wide left-turn lane with storage, parallel and taper lengths on the southbound approach. The stop bar of the southbound left-turn lane will be set back to accommodate east-

Keele Street from Lloydtown/Aurora Road to Davis Drive West, and 17th Sideroad from Jane Street to Dufferin Street.

As the surrounding areas and the Township of King continue to grow, there is more and more traffic related to regional and inter-regional travel.

The King Chamber of Commerce weighed in on the matter, commenting on Keele Street parking.

Chamber President Michelle Frauley said the Chamber supports the goal of creating complete communities, including increasing the commercial tax base through the attraction and retention of businesses in King, and creating an environment where people can live, work, play and prosper.

Frauley pointed out that local businesses were significantly impacted by the pandemic, including the restaurant and retail businesses located along Keele Street in King City. The recovery

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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

Food woes compounded by questionable practices

Canadians are in the midst of one of the worst inflationary periods for food in our history.

We're plagued by high prices and scarce products on shelves.

As polite Canucks, we didn't say much when butter hit \$7 per pound or a good steak breached the \$30 mark.

Those who do the grocery shopping each week know all too well how food prices are dinging the bank account.

And there are some new and strange activities going on that make us question the conglomerates.

By now, most of us are used to self-checkouts, albeit many still don't like it. Replacing human cashiers with machines can't be a good thing, can it?

I'm not sure if it's this particular practice, or the sky-high prices, but food theft is also at an all-time high.

But then again, so are profits for the grocery chain giants.

Stores have installed gates and barriers, as "loss prevention measures."

Just recently, it was mentioned that some Loblaw-owned stores notified customers their receipts may be checked upon exiting. Wow.

Okay, some stores like Walmart have been doing that for years now, but given the financial pain at grocery store checkouts, many see this as a really bad move.

Spin-doctoring has the chain telling customers they're doing this to verify and maintain inventory. Ya right.

tice isn't enforceable by law, so you Foods (Canada) Inc., to increase pricdon't have to comply and can just es for various bagged and sliced bread pleasantly decline.

see this as an intrusion, an invasion of sorts.

Shoplifting, too, is on the rise, but



Mark Pavilons

detain you, even if it's obvious you've taken something.

In my youth, pinching so much as a gumball would result in the store owner grabbing you by the ear and calling your parents.

But keeping people "honest" comes at the same time as Canada Bread was handed a \$50 million fine after pleading guilty to fixing wholesale bread prices.

Nice.

Canada Bread admitted that it ar-Legal experts note that such a prac- ranged with its competitor, Weston products, such as sandwich bread, hot But some are undoubtedly going to dog buns and rolls. The price-fixing resulted in two price increases, one in 2007 and one in 2011.

The guilty plea is the result of an there are some legal loopholes here. ongoing investigation by the Compe-Retail store staff can't touch you or tition Bureau into alleged price-fixing

Letter to the Editor King urged to halt gas plant expansion

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) announced that it is planning to contract with Capital Power for a 38 megawatt (approximately 10%) increase in the generation capacity of the York Energy Centre gas plant in King Township. The proposed expansion is to support the Government of Ontario's plan to increase the output and greenhouse gas pollution of Ontario's gas plants by more than 300% by 2030 and by 700% by 2043. Expanding the output of our gas plants in the midst of a climate crisis is climate lunacy. The proposal to expand the capacity of the York Energy Centre is also economic lunacy since we have cleaner and lower cost options to keep our lights on. In December 2022 Ontario's Minister of Energy directed the IESO to only contract for new gas-fired generation in municipalities which have passed resolutions of support. To the best of our knowledge, King Township has not passed a resolution of support for the expansion of the gas generating capacity of the York Energy gas plant. King Township and 33 other municipalities have passed resolutions calling for the phase-out of gas-fired power. These 34 municipalities represent almost 60% of Ontario's population. The City of Toronto has passed a motion requesting the Government of Canada to issue Clean Electricity Regulations which will prohibit the expansion of the Portlands gas plant on the Toronto waterfront. We hope that the Township of King will pass a similar motion with respect to the York Energy Centre.

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between producers to raise whole- or non-existent. sale bread prices, as well as alleged price-fixing between grocery stores to that sells beer, and the cashier acturaise retail prices.

is a significant milestone in the Bu- that mean? It's on the shelf, with a reau's ongoing investigation. The price and label. That one really dumb-Bureau continues to investigate al- founded us. leged price-fixing by other companies, including Metro Inc., Sobeys Inc., Walmart Canada Corporation, Giant they are accusatory, like "sir" you Tiger Stores Limited, and Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

"Fixing the price of bread – a food staple of Canadian households – was a stores so consumers are forced to bring serious criminal offence. Our continu- their own reusable ones. Okay, there is ing investigation remains a top priority. We are doing everything in our not forget that someone is making power to pursue those who engage in money on these very same bags (dare price-fixing," said Matthew Boswell, I say the grocery store chains them-Commissioner of Competition.

investigation, the Bureau has execut- more on your way out of the store? ed search warrants against Canada Bread, Weston, Loblaw, Metro, Sobeys, grandparents would be shaking their Walmart Canada, Giant Tiger, Over- heads at current grocery prices? How waitea Food Group Limited, and Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

So, here's the picture: Large groit would be laughable.

was always right. There was respect, ence." courtesy and high levels of customer service.

Today, store staff has been cut, in favour of self-checkout. Products are slow to reappear on shelves, and in riots begin, I'll pass on the bread prodsome cases, inventory is backordered, ucts!

My wife went into a grocery store ally told her she could not purchase it The record fine for Canada Bread because it was "overstock." What does

There was a time when "sir" and "ma'am" were terms of respect. Now can't stand there, or "ma'am" you have too many items in your buggy.

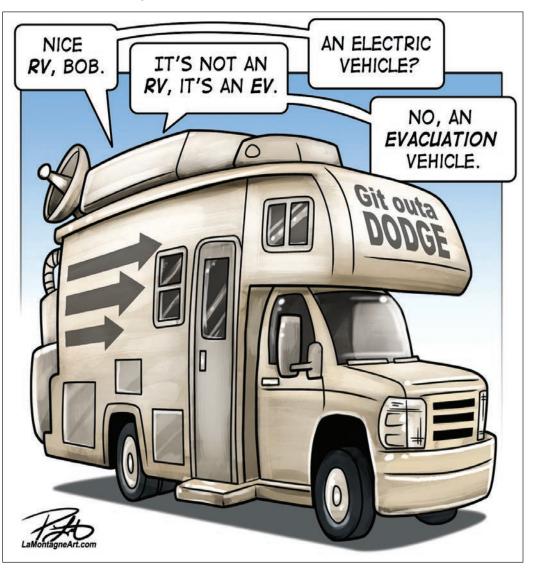
Bags have disappeared from most rationale behind this move, but let's selves). And, how many times have you During the course of its ongoing forgot your bags, forced to purchase

How many of our parents and many would turn to churning their own butter?

We are living in a climate of quescery chains making record profits, tionable cost increases; hidden practicsome cheat customers and then try to es; fewer perks; less customer service, catch them stealing. If it wasn't true, and a lack of trust. We are greeted by shifty stares by sales associates as we There was a time when the customer finish our "amazing shopping experi-

It's sad to say, but if current economic trends continue, we're headed for an "everyone for themselves" society.

When society breaks down and the





Quote of the Week

"What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it."

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– Hugh Mulligan
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Thursday, July 6, 2023 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - 5 Knowledge of nature challenges human-centric thinking

By David Suzuki

Up until about 400 years ago, it was widely accepted that Earth was at the centre of the universe, and everything revolved around it. When scientist Galileo Galilei challenged this "geocentric" view - confirming Nicolaus Copernicus's "heliocentric" theory that planets revolve around the sun - he was charged with heresy by the Catholic Inquisition, a crime punishable by death. In 1633, he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Galileo died under house arrest in 1642, but the Church didn't lift its ban on heliocentric works until 1757. Despite the evidence, heliocentrism threatened a world view that put humans at the centre of "creation."

Understanding of our place in the cosmos may have advanced considerably over the past few hundred years, but we're still largely operating from "anthropocentric" (human-cenan tred) if not geocentric mind-set. That is, we see humans as the pinnacle of existence, on a level well beyond that of other life.

That perspective is also facing challenges in light of growing scientific evidence. In western culture especially, plants and animals have long been considered rudimentary life forms, incapable of the advanced cognition and communication skills of humans. That's given us justification to exploit nature without much thought about the consequences.

But scientific research is starting to confirm what many Indigenous Peoples have long known: that other life forms, and perhaps even non-living things, are as much our kin as they are objects to be used for our purposes.

From sentient bees to self-aware crows to plants that call out when they're stressed, the living world is turning out to be far more fascinating and complex than we imagined.

Stephen Buchmann, a pollination ecologist and author of What a Bee Knows: Exploring the Thoughts, Memories and Personalities of Bees, has studied bees for more than 40 years. He argues that these tiny insects "can demonstrate sophisticated emotions resembling optimism, frustration, playfulness and fear" and "can experience PTSD-like symptoms, recognize different human faces, process long-

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term memories while sleeping, and maybe even dream," the Guardian reports.

Oliver Milman, a Guardian writer and author of The Insect Crisis: The Fall of the Tiny Empires that Run the World, says, "Honeybees understand the concept of zero, can add and subtract numbers and can even be trained to detect land mines more effectively than sniffer dogs." And some bumblebees "can be taught to play soccer, and remember good and bad experiences, suggesting they have a form of consciousness."

As for crows and other corvids, research shows they "know what they know and can ponder the content of their own minds," which is "a cornerstone of self-awareness and shared by just a handful of animal species beside humans, such as monkeys and great apes," a Popular Mechanics article reports. They can "also use their complex brains to find creative solutions, such as dropping nuts on the road so passing cars can crack them open."

We're also learning that plants have complex abilities that allow them to communicate and care for each other. Research by scientists such as Suzanne Simard at the University of British Columbia, popularized in books by Peter Wohlleben and others, including me, show that trees share nutrients through fungal networks and can warn each other of threats.

New research has found that some plants emit high-pitched sounds when they experience stress from damage or dehydration. Although these are at frequencies humans can't hear, they could theoretically be detected by other animals.

Although there's "no evidence that the plants were making the sounds on purpose," researchers were able to distinguish between the different plants and the types of stress they were experiencing by the rate of sounds, according to Smithsonian Magazine.

What much of this research shows is that we have been, and still are, operating on a limited understanding of nature and how it's all interconnected. We don't stand outside of or above nature; we're part of it. This is why many Indigenous Peoples regard nature as

"kin" to which we are connected rather all existence. than "resources" to be exploited.

We'll no doubt continue to learn more about the world around us, which will necessarily change our perspective. We rely on nature for sustenance, but even the limited knowledge we have shows that we must fulfil our needs with greater humility and respect for

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York Region District School Board passes \$1.6-billion budget for 2023-24

York Region District School Board approved the 2023-24 operating budget of \$1.6 billion at its June 20 board meeting.

The 2023-2024 budget prioritizes supports for student achievement and well-being and aligns with Board priorities. It also reflects priorities and feedback shared through public survey results and advisory committees, including a focus on early literacy support, supports for students with special education needs, destreaming and mental health.

In alignment with the board's commitment to maintaining current program and service standards, the 2023-24 budget includes a projected deficit of \$12.9 million, which reflects a reduction compared to the prior year's budget. To achieve a balanced operating budget for the upcoming school year and comply with the Ministry of Education requirements, the budget incorporates a moderate use of reserves.

"I want to thank staff, trustees and community who supported this important process in developing our 2023-2024 budget, centering student achievement and well-being as our core mandate," said Chair of the Board Ron Lynn. "The budget reflects an alignment with our priorities as a school board, the feedback we heard from our school community and our commitment to offer high quality education."

"We want to thank everyone who shared their feedback through our budget consultation process," said Trustee and Finance and Property Committee Chair Cindy Liang. "The feedback from our community helped to inform the budget process and decision-making to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our students and families."

Highlights of the budget include:

\$1.6 million to hire permanent staff, including social workers, psychological and occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists to address the diverse needs of students who require special education supports.

Using carried over revenue from the previous year to continue supporting Indigenous education programs.

Allocations to support Empower and Primary Literacy Teachers to assist students with early literacy, and Destreaming Coaches to support the transition of elementary school students into secondary school and provide assistance to secondary school students in destreamed classes, including mathematics.

Allocation of 33 Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) to assist students with special education needs in their successful transition to fully integrated classrooms.

\$600,000 toward staffing and resources to support multiple language learners.

"The 2023-2024 budget includes important investments in programs and services designed to meet the diverse needs of our learners," said Associate Director and Chief Financial Officer Vidyia Maharaj. "Our budget process reflects our commitment as an organization to model ethical leadership, listen to the voices in our community and be transparent and fiscally responsible."

"Thank you to everyone who provided feedback through our budget consultations and who supported this process to develop a budget that is aligned with our priorities and commitment to deliver programs and services to support students and their families," said Scott Yake, Interim Director of Education.

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By Brock Weir

Since its launch in 2015, the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe's Mobile Youth Walk-In Clinic (MOBYSS) has welcomed more than 2,000 students and youth each year to its safe and welcoming space to receive free medical and mental health care.

But MOBYSS has begun a new chapter in its service within the community.

More than 400 members of the community came together this month for the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe's (CMHA-YRSS) biggest annual fundraiser, Mental Health in Motion.

The annual cycling event, which aimed to raise \$130,000 to support MOBYSS this year, more than met the target and, on June 11, culminated in the debut of a brand-new MOBYSS vehicle for the community, increasing both capacity and accessibility.

"We launched our first MOBYSS vehicle back in 2015 and those needs are ever-increasing as we try to reach more youth," says CMHA-YRSS CEO Rebecca Shields, noting their mission to bring the MOBYSS vehicle to places where youth are often gathered, such as schools and rec centres. "We always need to ensure that youth have accessible services. They need services where they can feel comfortable and that is why they can attend MOBYSS anonymously. They can have any of their questions met, they have a nurse practitioner, a youth mental health worker, and a peer who understands them so we can connect with them right away and with whatever their needs are. 66 per cent of the youth who attend MOBYSS (do so for) mental health-related supports, but we still have 40 per cent that come in for other primary care reasons so we can help kids when they need it the most.

"Our lovely MOBYSS bus served us well from 2015 all the way through to 2023 (but) it was time to decommission it and get something that will keep MOBYSS on the road."

In developing the new vehicle, the CMHA-YRSS consulted both with their team and the youth they aim to reach. The goal was to replace it not with a carbon copy of what they had, but in a way that improves accessibility.

The new space is now fully accessible with a wheelchair lift, equipped with more efficient heating and cooling systems to make sure it's comfortable and functional in the heights of winter and summer, and, from a driving perspective, it's a bit more "wieldy" for the team, says Shields.

"It's not about a brand-new service; it's about building on and ensuring what we're doing and that we continue to reach more kids - and we're reaching more than ever. We still reach between 2,000 and 2,500 kids a year, but we're seeing the service rise now with new models that include virtual support and we're going to reach more kids that need a team."

The value of the MOBYSS service was underscored at Mental Health in Motion where clients, their families, and community members at large came tother to support the cause.

It was a chance for the CMHA-YRSS to get together after the height of the global pandemic and to highlight the ongoing needs of the organization.

"Without the event and our donors we would not be able to keep MOBYSS on the road because it is not a fully-funded program by Ontario Health and it is just so necessary," says Shields. "The program really goes into saving lives. We do a lot of high-risk suicide interventions every year. We help kids get care confidentially and privately that they wouldn't otherwise get, so we're able to do that early intervention. When we unveiled the new bus, the people who have been supporting the program and people whose families have used them – I just saw tears.

"I saw the emotion of our donors and staff (who) were just so excited to see





not only that the program is continuing but it is continuing with something that is brand-new, that meets even more needs for more community members, more youth, more accessible, and that the commitment from the CMHA and our donors is just to grow and expand the service.

"You see a mix of pride, determination and commitment and just gratitude. The thing about CMHA and mental health is everybody is touched; everybody is touched by mental health

and mental illness and, for some, substance use, and we get it. The idea that we can reach somebody early and get the help that they need before it becomes a crisis, before it becomes a life-long illness, before it becomes a death by suicide, that's why we're all doing this: we can help someone today and then save a life. That emotion, that pride, that resilience, that determination ... and also just that community where we're all here doing the right thing together is just amazing."

York population steadily increases

update on York Region's growth and development trends through the annual Growth and Development Review. The report provides an update on population, building activity, construction value and other important indicators of economic vitality and community building.

"Strategically planning for York Region's growth is a priority and focus for York Regional Council," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "With our population and development activity continuing to increase, it reinforces York Region remains a destination of choice to live and invest."

Highlights from the Growth and Development Review 2022:

A total population growth of 11,300 people in 2022 to 1,239,500 residents, a 0.9% increase over 2021 and comparable to pre-pandemic growth.

Estimated construction value for all sectors of \$4.3 billion, a decrease since 2021 but demonstrating a strong increase in the industrial sector.

Non-residential building permit construction value increased by 4.9% since Planning and Economic Development. 2021, reaching a 20-year high of \$1.7 billion; these permits include industrial, commercial and institutional developments, giving an important balance to overall development. Residential building permits in York Region remained aligned with the 10year average, though decreased since 2021 with 7,120 units and a total construction value of \$2.6 billion in 2022. 5,264 homes completed in 2022, comprising of 39% apartments, 38% single detached and 23% semi-detached and townhomes.

York Regional Council received an by contrast, the total number of resales for all unit types decreased by 42% in 2022, showing a shift in the housing market likely due to the mid-year 2022 rise in interest rates.

> Development charges are collected when a building permit is issued or when a subdivision plan is registered. This major source of funding for York Region helps deliver critical services and infrastructure such as water and wastewater, roads and transit. Development charges collected in 2022 are the highest in the last five years, increasing by 24% since 2021.

> Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 proposes several exemptions and discounts for attainable, affordable, non-profit and rental housing. These exemptions will impact the amount of development charges collected, which may begin to decrease over the next several years once Bill 23 is fully implemented.

> "Many of York Region's employment sectors are recovering well after the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Joe DiPaola, Chair of the Region's "Continued development in all areas strengthens the Region's economic vitality by retaining and growing businesses and top talent showcasing our diverse and vibrant economy." York Region continues to recover from employment losses through the COVID-19 pandemic and shows resiliency for future job creation, with an estimate of 615,760 jobs delivered through over 33,000 businesses surveyed through the Region's Employment Survey in 2022. Unemployment rates have also improved at 4.2% as of December 2022, down from 6.4% at mid-year 2022.

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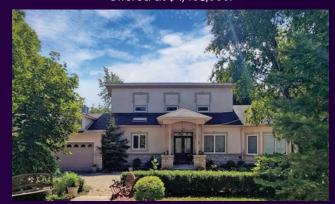
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Local entrepreneur helps redefine 'passion projects'

Bv Mark Pavilons Editor

A King entrepreneur has teamed up with GoDaddy to highlight how Canadians are redefining the "passion project."

When Nobleton local Kat Velez is not fulfilling her role as a mom to three young boys, you'll find her at her fulltime job as an interior designer for a hospitality brand. She also coaches

skating in the community, teaches an interior design class at a local college and runs the interior design side of 2LS Design as a side hustle with her architect husband, Cameron.

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Kat affectionately describes herself as a "busy body," and this entrepreneurial spirit seems to connect many Canadian side hustlers. New research from GoDaddy has revealed more than a third of Canadians have had or currently have multiple side hustles



Greater flexibility now available to court services users

York Region Court and Tribunal Services 2022 annual report showcases the advancements made to the courts' system, allowing for improvements to its organizational structure, modernized operations supporting timely access to justice and efficiency.

"We continue to evolve Court and Tribunal Services, providing those who access our services with options to make their experiences timely and as smooth as possible," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "The pandemic further fast-tracked our efforts to advance technology, enabling virtual court appearances and online payment options."



on the go.

Since launching her side hustle during her maternity leave four years ago, Kat has taken on a range of projects from farm-house interiors to sleek minimalist storefronts to a Costa Rican retreat. She works alongside Cameron to provide a full-service architectural and interior design offering to their clients.

These entrepreneurial roots were nurtured in the community.

2LS Design began with small jobs designing for friends and family in the community, and has grown into a much larger and profitable business than either Kat or Cameron imagined. Apparently they aren't alone in this regard, as nearly three quarters of side-hustlers hope to turn their side hustle into their primary business in the future - and for over one-third of those entrepreneurs, their side hustle began as a passion project.

parents, Kat had always been inspired to run a business of her own. "I love what I do and it's part of me and my family's way of life. Design is embedded in our lives."

In addition to designing the homes of family and friends, Kat and Cameron have also had the opportunity to design their own dream home in Nobleton. Several of their designs are available online and can be spotted in the community.

In any career, there's a constant need for balancing creative time and life.

"Design has been my passion for as long as I can remember and I'm grateful that through my side hustle, I can earn extra income doing something I love on my own time and take on as many 'side' projects and clients as I want," Kat added. "The flexibility means I have time for my family, and I can make time for my coaching and teaching commitments which are very important to me."

Initiatives in the 2022 annual report include:

Upgrading courtrooms with remote hearing capabilities, allowing participants the option of attending court virtually or in-person.

Expanding fine payment options, including accepting payment over the phone, in addition to online, mail and in-person.

Finalizing the 2023-2026 Court and Tribunal Services Action Plan which identifies key actions by Legal and Court Services in support of the Region's Strategic Plan.

York Region's Provincial Offences Court provides administrative services to more than 30 law enforcement and regulatory agencies. All municipal Provincial Offences Act matters, including parking, bylaw, building and fire code offences, are administered and prosecuted by York Region.

"York Region's Court and Tribunal Services continues to make great progress in operational efficiency and improving the court user's experience," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of York Region's Finance and Administration. "The 2022 Annual Report delivers a broad overview of the current and future services York Region provides to the justice system."

In 2022, more than 85,000 people accessed Court and Tribunal Services either in-person or by telephone. Approximately 41,000 court users were assisted online with their inquiries.

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Growing up with entrepreneurial



The GoDaddy findings arrive at a time when many Canadians are looking to earn extra income amid ongoing cost of living challenges. Almost half of Canadian side hustlers said it only took them a couple of days to a week to have their website up and running – and launching their side hustle cost them under \$1,000 overall. The majority spend under 10 hours a week on their side hustle, leaving time for other life commitments and priorities.

At the end of the day, Kat always makes sure "we prioritize family time ... If that means working late after the kids have gone to bed then that's what we do. To counteract everything, we take a vacation every few months where we shut off from everything."

Velez has some advice to aspiring entrepreneurs.

Although many people don't associate passion projects with profitability, Canadian side hustlers, like Kat, seem to be turning this notion upside down.

"To Canadians who might be on the fence about starting a side business, I would say: you have more skills and creativity than you think - put yourself out there and you might surprise yourself with how far it'll take you," she said.



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KCSS students kick it for King Township Food Bank

A group of Grade 10 students at King City Secondary School started to focus more closely on issues of hunger through their study of the novel Shattered by Eric Walters.

Recognizing that there are families in need here in King, they decided to host a kickball tournament to raise money for the local King Township Food Bank to bring it to the attention of the wider student body.

This served as an opportunity for students to demonstrate their leadership skills within the school community. The Kickball for Hunger Tournament was such a success that they surpassed their fundraising goal, earning a dance-off between two staff members. The winning team played the match for 'gold' against the King City Fire and Emergency Services team. The tournament spread awareness about hunger and the food bank throughout the school. Their efforts raised \$1,100.



Members of King Fire and Emergency Services and King City Secondary School students and staff joined together for the kickball tournament.



A Picnic with Poets features the 'Haiku Hunt'

In a collaborative event with Arts Society King, on Saturday, July 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., lovers of the natural world are invited to the Kingbridge Centre to impressions of nature through poetry readings over a picnic lunch.

The poets will be reading from their own works, and also handing out haiku they created on site. The venerable Japanese tradition of the haiku form seeks to capture an ichi-go ichi-e moment, a once-in-a-lifetime, never-to-be-repeated happening.

After lunch, visitors may wander the grounds and seek out the source of the haikus inspiration, perhaps to experience the moment themselves.

For further information, please visit artssocietyking.ca

For reservations contact events@kingbridgecentre.com



King City students present cheque to King Township Food Bank representative, Meline Beach.

11 tips to keep your home safe when you're away

July and August are popular vacation months, so before you head out on your upcoming vacation, use these easy tips to keep your home safe.

Ask someone to collect your mail

Stop mail and newspaper deliveries, or have them regularly picked up by a neighbour, so it looks like someone is still home.

Arrange for lawn care

Have your landscaping tended to by a friendly neighbour or local service. Before you leave, trim tree branches that might allow access to a climbing burglar.

Prevent power surges

Disconnect your computer, TV, stereo and other electronics, or make sure they are plugged safely into a surge protector.

Invest in temperature control

Use a programmable thermostat to lower your heat or air conditioning usage.

Secure valuables

Consider putting your jewelry or other valuables in a safe deposit box, and hide any other expensive items so they



Lock your garage

Even if there's no direct entrance to your house, you likely store some very valuable items - like expensive sports equipment or landscaping tools – in there, so don't allow burglars easy access.

Notify your alarm company

If you have a home security system, let your representative know you'll be away from home, and make sure the alarm is set properly when you leave.

Avoid status updates

Don't broadcast your location on social media – especially if your profile isn't restricted to just your friends or colleagues.

Enjoy your summer vacation stress-free thanks to these guick and easy tips! If you're interested in more ways to protect your home, give me a call to discuss your property needs - and, for additional advice on how to prevent

Comedy in King fundraiser

By Patti Skrypek

Christmas in King is thrilled to announce that it will be hosting a Yuk Yuk's comedy night on September 23 at the Kingbridge Centre in King City. All proceeds from the show will go to helping hundreds of people in King Township have a brighter and merrier holiday season.

The need is particularly great this year. The King Township Food Bank has seen an increase of more than 50% in the number of people it serves and it is only July. Christmas in King reaches beyond food bank registrants to help those who can manage 11 months of the year but need that extra support during the holidays.

The show will feature Martha Chaves as the headliner along with Patrick Have and Justin Shaw.

Comedy in King replaces the Holiday Light Tour this year as the premier fundraiser for Christmas in King, a sister organization of the King Township Food Bank. Comedy in King is supported by Arts Society King and the Township of King. Sponsorships are welcome; please call or text Carol Ann at 416-559-7898 for details.

Tickets are \$60 and will go on sale at christmasinking.ca on August 23. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Mark your calendar today and get ready for an evening of fun and laughter!

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Don't leave spare keys outdoors

Collect any spare keys you may have hidden around the exterior of your home because burglars know the most popular hiding places, like beneath mats and in potted plants.

Set timers on both your interior and exterior lights

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Check all doors and windows

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The weather gods were smiling on this year's garden tour, as nearly 200 visitors toured the fabulous gardens and large estates in and around Schomberg in brilliant sunshine.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society's event showcased "tucked' away" gardens along Main Street; a fabulously manicured garden on Western Avenue; the Schomberg Community Farm, 3 gardens in the Lloydtown area; a hobby tree farm on the 18th Sideroad and Pioneer Honey Brand near Nobleton.

The common thread among numerous visitors was: "You guys are so lucky to be living in King, such breath taking scenery, what beautiful gardens, generous owners to let us come in and see them, warm hospitality everywhere and your volunteers are awesome!" Members of Arts Society King added extra flaire to the gardens as well.

The succesful tour culminated in a celebratory Appreciation BBQ at the home of Jack & Kim Campbell, where Councillor Mary Asselsstine brought greetings from the mayor. Barb Niemeyer and Eleonora Schmied, the garden tour directors, thanked the property owners, the artists and the numerous volunteers for their immense contributions to the success of the tour.

"Our volunteers are the most precious and appreciated human assets of our Society, we could not have done this without them," said Eleonora.

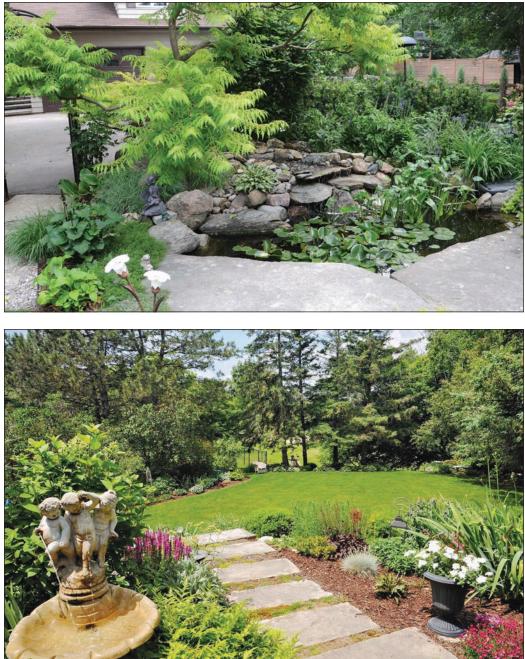
The organizers sincerely thank the sponsors and supporters of the Garden Tour: King Township, Nature's Shade Tree Care, Hermann's Ltd, Green Tractors of Nobleton, Schomberg Village Pharmacy, PDR Investments Ltd., Anna Talenti (member), Historia Cantina, Arts Society King, Heirloom Photography, Tim Hortons, and the King Weekly Sentinel (Editor Mark Pavilons).

The funds will be used to beautify gardens in and around Schomberg, educate the public on sustainable gardening practices and to fund speakers for the monthly meetings.









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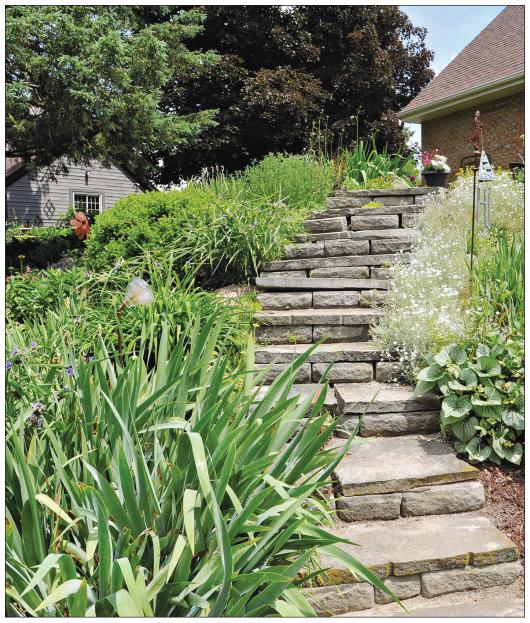
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12 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - Thursday, July 6, 2023 ______ Canada Day revelers enjoy King's hospitality

By Jim Stewart

Canada Day revelers received a welcome respite from the smoky, acrid air that has blanketed York Region skies for much of the end of June.

Hundreds of celebrants, who came from far away as Texas, enjoyed the fresh yet humid air flowing up from the United States that bathed Tyrwhitt Park. Canadian flags bedecked Kettleby Road, including the flag-draped Dorio's Kettleby Bakery which stayed open later than usual to serve a steady stream of ice cream aficionados.

Admittedly, I enjoyed a tasty sample of Dorio's pistachio ice cream in a cup – one of 10 flavors available for the big walk-up crowd – in the air-conditioned comfort of the charming country store as a prelude to the Canada Day celebration.

On Kettleby Road, I joined Blair and Elizabeth Day amid the wave of revelers resplendent in red as we meandered down to Tyrwhitt Park. The charming couple, who lived in King Township for 46 years before moving to a retirement condo in Aurora, extolled the virtues and setting of the event: "It's great to share the Canada Day spirit with you in beautiful Tyrwhitt Park – one of many beautiful spots in King. The best part of today is seeing friends and neighbors whom we haven't seen for far too long. And that we all share the blessings of Canada."

The blessings of Canada were evident to the wide range of visitors to the idyllic conservation area, including four 2023 graduates from Dr. G.W. Williams High School in Aurora: Rania Alhalabi, Liza Lialina, Brooke Lethfingoe, and Hiba Datooin. Although they were travelling as a close-knit cohort, the charming quartet had various reasons for enjoying the Canada Day celebrations: Alhalabi noted the "music and the food" were draws for her; Lialina relished the idea of "being outdoors in the fresh air;" and both Lethfingoe and Datooin agreed that the best part of the afternoon was "spending time with friends.'

The activities for friends and family at the event were varied and guests were welcomed warmly by Chuck Mott of the Kettleby Village Association and Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Shaeffer who in turn introduced Kettleby resident Eliza Jane to sing the National Anthem. Eliza Jane delivered a riveting, pitch perfect version of "O Canada" to an appreciative audience and the festivities began in earnest.

The pre-fireworks green space was abuzz with fathers and sons having a catch right out of "Field of Dreams," while others were playing Frisbee, flying gliders, enjoying a friendly yet competitive game of soccer, and trying their hand at Corn Hole while awaiting the free services provided in the face-painting and caricature-drawing tents. James Han and his son Michael of Aurora were visiting friends in Kettleby. James noted that the best parts of the July 1 holiday event were "the games for the kids and seeing other people celebrating. Just seeing the kids having fun outdoors on Canada Day is great." Michael, who was showing good form in Corn Hole versus his dad, mentioned that he was "excited to get my picture done."

All visitors gathered around the stage with their delectable Lions Club burgers and hot dogs, corn on the cob, and a slice of Canada Day cake to enjoy the rich Celtic-Canadian sounds of the Flailing Shilaleighs. The five-man ensemble filled the woody glades and river beds of the Tyrwhitt Conservation Area with free-spirited Celtic tunes and solid gold Canadiana.

An early afternoon thunderstorm passed through King Township, but in no way dampened the spirits of residents who enjoyed the convivial atmosphere on Canada's 156th birthday. Saturday's fireworks – the crescendo to the celebrations in Kettleby – were complemented by an overhead "celestial dance" as Venus and Mars reached their early-summer height in the evening sky below the constellation of Leo the Lion. Cool cosmic coincidences on a perfect 2023 Canada Day.









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Foodless food drive a success

By Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

Nobleton United Church had its fourth Food Le\$\$ Food Drive in support of the King Township Food Bank this past Canada Day. It started out as a warm day, with a couple of people arriving to make donations.

Then the heavens decided to donate – the rains teemed down for about 30-40 minutes. We covered the books, took shelter and then the sun came out, so we were back and more people stopped in and made very generous donations for the food bank.

We had thought when we began this, that money was better for the Food Bank during COVID as they know how to buy. We understand that the clients of the food bank have increased by 50% this past year or so. It is a very difficult time for all of us so it is important to help out in whatever ways we are able.

One person said they could not give much but knew that what they gave would be put to good use and that someone would be helped.

A car pulled up with four people in bless you all.

it, they were out for a drive, and gave us a generous donation. One of the women said she and her husband had been married here at Nobleton UC 47 years ago. Come to find out, they were Basil & Cheryl Magee from Caledon and they were married by Rev. Hamilton.

Even though it was a wet day, it was a grand day for fundraising.

Thank you to all those who donated as we raised just over \$1,400 for the King Township Food Bank! The books that did not sell, are being donated to the Uzazi Foundation working with underserved communities in Jamaica. Thanks Jo-Anne Cober! And thank you to all who helped with the organizing, setting up, running and taking down: Pastor Richard Gardener, Johanna Gardener, their niece Jade, Earle Laycock, Linda Olsen, Fran Bones, Helen Bible, Leona Zadoyko, Pat Johnston and high school students Katelyn Edwards and Andrea Bridges, as well as all those who donated books and all those who took the time to come and make a donation to the food bank! God



Pastor Richard Gardener, Cheryl Magee, Linda Olsen, Basil Magee.



Bob Teather, Joan Teather, Pat Johnston (Food Bank rep.).





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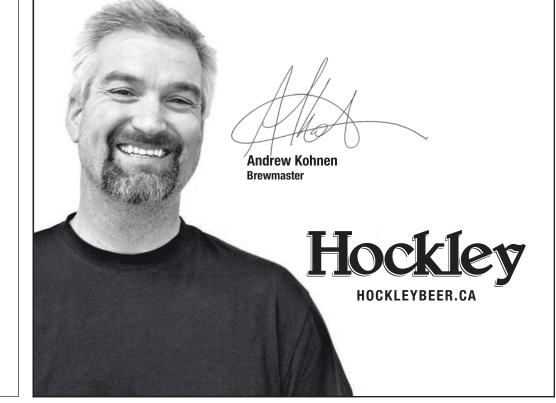
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Adam Fantilli signs three-year deal with Columbus

Drafted Third Overall

By Jim Stewart

Big things have been happening in threes for Adam Fantilli.

The Nobleton native – who played for three dynamic teams this year - was selected third overall by the Columbus Blue Jackets last week in Nashville during the 2023 NHL Draft. Three days after his draft selection, the 6'2" 187-pound centre signed a threeyear entry-level contract with the Blue Jackets on Saturday.

The contract with Columbus precludes Fantilli's return to the NCAA Wolverines. His performance with the University of Michigan in 2022-23 was outstanding as he led all U.S. College hockey players with 65 points in only 30 games. Fantilli's 30 goals and 35 assists earned him the Hobey Baker Award as the best hockey player in the NCAA.

In addition to his College hockey heroics in Ann Arbor where he led the Wolverines to the D1 Frozen Four, Fantilli has had an incredible year playing for two versions of Team Canada. The former Toronto Junior Canadian pulled on his country's national team jersey at both the IIHF World Junior Championships in the Winter and IIHF World Championships in the spring. Memorably, the prototypical power forward helped both gritty Canadian squads earn gold medals. As Meatloaf famously intoned, "Two out of three ain't bad."

Fantilli will pack his pair of gold medals and prepare for the challenges of the NHL this Fall in Ohio. He believes that his international experiences in a Team Canada jersey - especially in the World Championships this Spring against professional players - have prepared him to play for the Blue Jackets. As he told Mike Morreale of NHL. com, Fantilli felt he grew as a player during the tournament: "Towards the end of that tournament, I felt more and more ready (for the NHL) and obviously the NHL is the best league in the world and I don't know how it's going to compare to (the IIHF championships) because I don't have any games (played), but I did get a pretty good sense (of) playing at the level."

Blue Jackets General Manager Jarmo Kekalainen feels his team's top pick in the 2023 draft is ready for the rigors of professional hockey, based on how Columbus scouted Fantilli's play on all three hockey teams: "We've watched him all year on different levels – in college, in the world juniors, world championships playing against mostly NHL players."

Remarkably, Columbus will be like 'going home' for the Wolverine star as Fantilli will be joining three Michigan alumni - Zach Werenski, Nick Blan-



kenburg, and Kent Johnson - in Blue Jackets uniforms for the coming NHL campaign.

Residents of King Township have had much to celebrate on the NHL front lately with Alex Pietrangelo's Stanley Cup triumph with Las Vegas last month and the King City native's career trajectory pointing increasingly towards enshrinement in the Hockey Hall of Fame. As Pietrangelo's skates into the final years as a top-flight NHLer, Nobleton's Adam Fantilli begins his career and prospective legacy in earnest this fall under the direction of newly-hired Blue Jackets Head Coach Mike Babcock, who has won his

fair share of hockey championships. Babcock, like his top draft pick, has won an IIHF Junior World Championship (1997) and an IIHF World Championship (2004) - to complement his Stanley Cup ring with the Red Wings (2008) and two Olympic Gold Medals with Team Canada (2010;2014). Babcock, with his troika of trophies in 2004, 2008, and 2010, became a member of the exclusive Triple Gold Club.

With three such memorable outcomes on Babcock's resume, Columbus appears to be a great setting for the opening chapter of Adam Fantilli's NHL story.

Good things, indeed, can happen in threes for this young man born and raised in Nobleton, one of the three biggest centres in King Township.

Six properties added 576 hectares to Canada's protection goals

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, together with Ontario Nature announced six of its properties, totaling 576 hectares, now contribute towards Canada's goal of protecting 30 per cent of our lands and waters by 2030. Combined with previous submissions, the Conservation Authority now contributes 1,479 hectares towards Canada's protection goals. "We're thrilled to have six properties, totaling 576 hectares, officially included in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database. As a local watershed management organization, it is truly gratifying to see our efforts to protect biodiversity in the Lake Simcoe watershed being recognized at a federal level," said Rob Baldwin, chief administrative officer at the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. "This designation ensures ecologically diverse lands comprised of forests, wetlands and grasslands will be protected and preserved, allowing future generations to inherit a world that is healthy, resilient and sustainable," he added. "Congratulations to Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority on this momentous achievement," added Caroline Schultz, executive director of Ontario Nature. "By implementing strong policies and management strategies on these properties, they have prioritized the conservation of biodiversity and safeguarded it against the growing environmental threats within the Greater Golden Horseshoe. This is an important step towards preserving the natural beauty and ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed." Canada endorsed the goal, known as the 30 by 30 target, as part of the landmark Global Biodiversity Framework at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal last December. The six properties, evaluated in partnership with Ontario Nature, include Baldwin Conservation Area, Herrel Ecological Preserve, Pottageville Swamp Natural Heritage Area, Rogers Reservoir Conservation Area, Thornton Bales Conservation Area and the Zephyr Creek Wetland Ecological Preserve. The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority collaborates, protects and restores the Lake Simcoe watershed.



More than half a million Canadians took to the outdoors for the first time in 2022

in 2022 as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, putting an end to many outdoor leisure travel barriers faced across provinces since 2020.

In 2022, more than half a million new Canadian households ventured out to experience camping for the first time. This data is featured in the 2023 North American Camping and Outdoor Hospitality Report, an annual independent study commissioned by Kampgrounds of America, Inc. (KOA), highlighting North Americans' evolving travel behaviors seeking adventure and refuge through outdoor travel.

In addition to the influx of new campers, 2022 also saw a shift in the age of Canadian campers, encompassing a younger demographic with Gen Z (18% of all campers in 2022 vs. 8% in 2021) and Millennials (46% of all campers in 2022 vs. 31% in 2021) seeing notable increases over 2021. While 38% of all campers credit their love for the great outdoors as their reason for camping, younger campers said their camping interest stemmed from family vacation experiences.

Beyond outlining 2022 trends and behaviors, the study also captured an outlook on camper travel plans ahead of the 2023 camping season. The study found that Canadian campers are eager to try various travel experiences

Canada's outdoor travel sector grew this year. The most popular is taking trips to experience natural events such as eclipses, migrations, stargazing, and meteor showers (42%). Following close behind was interest in more food tourism experiences (35%) and visiting small towns (32%).

> "Provincial travel truly rebounded this past year with a great number of new campers seeking more opportunities to get outside and connect with nature," said Toby O'Rourke, CEO and president of Kampgrounds of America, Inc. "Our data shows that Canadian campers will continue to venture out in 2023. They're eager to try exciting and unique travel experiences, and whether it's enjoying tent camping, RV travel, or a cabin stay, they're embracing leisure travel outdoors."

> Additional Canadian key findings from the 2023 North American Camping and Outdoor Hospitality Report include:

> In total, 50% of new campers said they worked during their camping trips, doubling the rate from 2021. As a result, access to quality Wi-Fi became an important amenity for campers, with twice as many saying that access significantly impacted being able to camp more often and for longer.

> The typical Canadian camper was a more experienced camper (69%) and

showed an increase in leisure travel compared to 2021 with camping accounting for 32% of their leisure trips.

Canadian campers (77%) are much more likely to cross the U.S./Canadian border for travel than U.S. campers (55%).

In its ninth year continuously measuring growth and interest in camping and outdoor travel, KOA's industry-leading camping report broadens its scope to look more holistically at outdoor hospitality and its importance in the larger camping industry. Outdoor hospitality extends across four sectors, accommodation, food and beverage, travel and tourism, and entertainment and recreation - 61% of campers strongly agree that offering services and amenities beyond the campsite or accommodation is pivotal in providing outdoor hospitality. In total, 78% of campers say that outdoor hospitality is important in their travel experiences. In 2022, camping and glamping accounted for 32% of all leisure trips, making camping and outdoor hospitality a crucial travel segment.

To view additional findings from the 2023 North American Camping and Outdoor Hospitality Report or view previous versions of the annual report, visit https://koa.com/north-american-camping-report/.

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

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

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will be sharing a message entitled, "Truth and Consequences" from Hosea 5. 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.

Only three weeks away!! Waterworks Park Vacation Bible School is a theme park – right here at St. Paul's – from July 24 to 28, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. Through the "rides, shows, and attractions" at this fun-tastic water park, kids ride the wave of God's love, learning how much God loves them and how exciting it is to be loved by God. Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to splish splash into God's Word and join the thrills and spills of this summer's Bible Fun Camp. Contact kidmin@stpaulsnobleton.ca for more information or to register.

St. Paul's continues to look for God's choice for our part-time Pastoral Musician position. If you love Jesus, play piano and can lead a praise team and a congregation in worship, we'd like to hear from you! Send your résumé to jeff@stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Our "Drive-Thru" prayer event is up and running again. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even get out of your car for this one. Our next "Drive-Thru" prayer event will take place Wednesday, July 12 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

We are only weeks away from the complimentary KofC Family BBQ and Picnic taking place on July 23 at Cold Creek Conservation Area in Nobleton. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of both churches.

Bring your family and join us for fun games, delicious BBQ'd lunch, and fellowship.

If there is anything we can do to sup-

port you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org

The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to Thursday, 9:00 AM -4:30 PM.

Browse our websites:

St. Patrick's Parish: https://stpat-

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

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

Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is available from Tuesday to Friday before the 9 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Parish and on Saturdays between 4 and 4:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church.

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

Nobleton Seniors By Joanne Bailey

We welcome all seniors to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We are located at 15 Old King Rd.

Please note there are some location changes for the summer.

Our current summer schedule for July to August 2023 is as follows:

Monday: Outdoor Bocce, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (weather permitting).

Tuesday: Mobility Matters, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (5750 King Rd.).

Wednesday: Walking Group at Tasca Park at 10 a.m.

Friday: Mobility Matters, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

We are currently seeking more volunteers for our Nobleton group. If interested please contact Joanne Bailey at 416-706-9375 or email Erin Burford, Coordinator of Recreation Programs at: eburford@king.ca

Be sure to visit the website king.ca/ seniors for more information on programs, workshops, and senior memberships.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Many thanks to the generous people who supported our Canada Day's Foodless Food Bank, even though there was a 40-minute deluge in the afternoon. We are happy to report that over \$1,400 was raised for King Township's Food Bank!

For July and August, do not come to church on Sunday! On Wednesday July 12, it is picnic time at Jack and Kim Campbell's home. This time, we will gather at 4:30 p.m., have a hymn sing led by the Front Porch Harmony group (a great group who have instruments and sing) at 4:45 p.m., then a social time (go for a swim, have a walk, etc.). The BBQ will be supplied. Please bring a lawn chair, and a dessert or a salad. We plan to eat at 6 p.m. For more details, contact the Campbells at 905-939-2992.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is Tues. July 18 at 11:15 a.m. at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. If you would like to attend, please contact Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315.

Drop by and say "Hello" to our new Pastor, Richard Gardner. Richard is in the Nobleton church office most Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and many Thursdays as well. Richard would love to have a chat with you. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact him at: pastor.schomberg. nobleton@gmail.com or call the church office: 905-859-3976. Richard would be more than happy to visit you at your home or meet at a Tim Hortons.

Both of our churches are closed July 16 – Aug. 6.

The Wednesday hymn sing-alongs continue on Wednesdays August, 16, 23, and 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton United. The main course BBQ will be supplied. Please bring a salad or a dessert.

Do you know someone who plays the keyboard who would either like to play occasionally or regularly starting in September? This is a paid position. We have two identical services each Sunday: Schomberg United at 9:30 am and Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m. If interested, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442.

My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com.

Horticulture **By John Arnott**

I just couldn't find more than half

a dozen potted nasturtium plants for a patch of dry, poor soil in the garden at the side of my house here in Tecumseth Pines near Tottenham. But I did manage to find one remaining package of nasturtium seed on still on a near empty seed turn rack. And so I thought it's not what I was looking for but what the hev I'll give it a go.

On reading the instructions on the back of the package I found I should soak the fairly large seeds in lukewarm water for 24 hrs., then drain off water, pat dry on paper towel and then plant each seed about 2.5 cm/1 in. deep right away. The damp (never soggy) by regularly watering and soon green nasturtium should appear. These plants prefer poor to averagte soil. Plant them i rich soil and they will grow spindly with few flowers and flop.

Because nasturtiums don't transplant well I planted my seeds where I want them to grow. They are small bushy plants that grow about 15cm/6 in. high and spread about the same width. Newer varieties trail or climb. In our area nasturtiums are annuals as they won't survive our winters.

Italo-Spanish physician and botanist Nicholas Monardes brought nasturtium seed to Spain from their native habitat in the Andes Mts. of Peru -Chile-Bolivia in the 1400s and the sun loving plants with their orange, yellow and mahogany coloured flowers became popular in much of Europe. In the Incan empire of South America nasturtiums which belong to the cabbage family were used as an antibiotic and antiseptic to treat a variety of ailments including cuts and scrapes, rashes and acne. Leaves and flowers which contain goodly amounts of vitamins A, C and D can be used in salads or eaten separately with or without salad dressing. But plants also contain oxalic acid so should not be eaten in large quantities.

The peppery taste of the smallish round leaves with their whitish star like veins caused Europeans to call these plants nasus tortus or twisted nose from which comes the common name most know them by. Their botanical name tropaeolum majus comes from the Latin words for large trophy as the shape of the showy flowers must have reminded the naming botanist/s of a trophy cup or dish.

I'll keep you up to date on the progress of my newly planted nasturtium seeds.

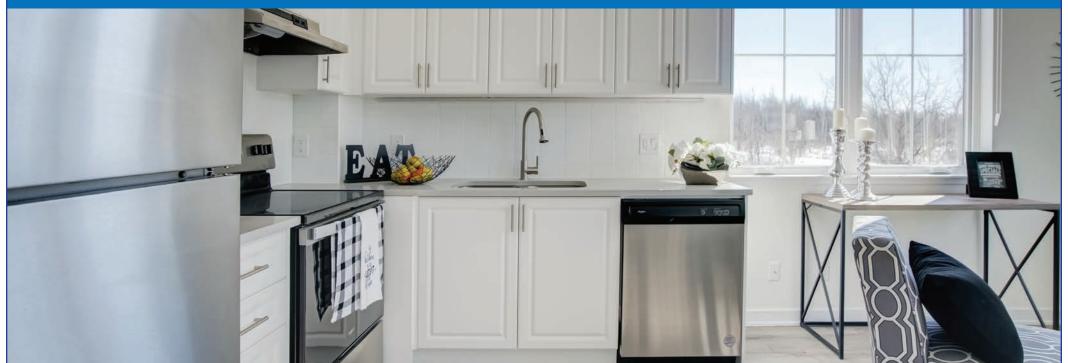
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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

We hope everyone had a wonderful Canada Day weekend. Worship and Sunday School at KCUC is suspended during the month of July and both our ministers will be taking their vacation time.

On August 6 we will resume worship on a rotating basis with our Collaboration Partners: York Pines United Church and New Hope United Church. The first service back on Aug. 6 and will be at New Hope United Church at Jane and Rutherford Road. Sunday school will resume on Sept. 10.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and hope to see you in person in August.

Weekly recordings have discontinued now that we have returned to in-person worship. All are welcome to join with us when we resume our worship in August at 10 a.m. with refreshments after the worship.

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

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

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our in-person services. Pastor Mark is speaking on Forgiveness. 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 12:30.

Details can be found on our website. 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

Please note that tomorrow, Friday,

July 7, the Centre will be closed between 9 a.m. and noon.

You can still sign up for the next trip on Thursday, July 27. You will enjoy a five-hour visit to Niagara Fallsview Casino and will receive \$35 in slot play. The cost is \$40/pp. The coach leaves the King City Arena parking lot at 9 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m. You may book by contacting Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436.

Please note the changes to our programing for July and August shown below. On Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. during the summer, the Centre will be open for bridge, board games or just visiting.

Monday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing; 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

Wednesday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Mobility Matters; 1 p.m. – Bridge/ Board Games.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. - Art Class (2nd & 4th of the month unless otherwise noted); 1 p.m. – Euchre.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcity.seniors@gmail.com or visit the website at kingcityseniors.ca

Sacred Heart Church

Great News! Our community is now connected via social media operated by Nadia Pascuzzo under the permission of the Rectory/Office. Do Follow Us on FACEBOOK: Sacred Heart Parish King City; INSTAGRAM: Sacred Heart Parish King City; and WEBSITE: Sacredheartki.archtoronto.org. Please send any comments or feedback via email to sacredheartki@archtoronto.org.

The Bell Tower of the new Narthex has been erected and is waiting for the cast bronze bell to be inscribed, delivered and installed.

This Canada Day, along with blessing the statue of St. Joseph, over 120 persons cheerily attended the Potluck Supper in celebration of the two events. All enjoyed the company and foods from Portugal, Sri Lanka, Poland, Phillipines, Germany, Italy, and Canada. Many thanks to the Portuguese community for their donation of the St. Joseph statue.

Part of our prayer included "O Lord, we gather today in Your presence and ask St. Joseph, patron of Canada, to watch over us, to bless our land with honest industry, truthful education ...

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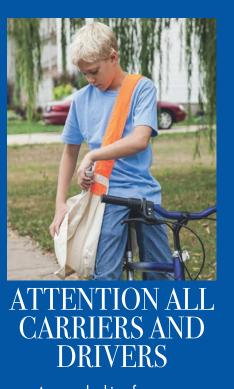
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and an honourable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride, arrogance and from every evil course of action. Make us ... a united people – one in purpose and vision. Give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prospersous, lead us to thanksgiving, and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in you ... Amen."

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

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City welcomes you this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Our Pulpit Supply is Alison Agnew and next week it will be Erik deRoos.

Last Sunday, Alison led us in worship and gave us some helpful background about these prophets - Elijah and Elisha, 1 Kings 19:10-21. God spoke to Elijah, and Elisha was called to be Elijah's servant, leading to becoming the next prophet. Alison will be telling us more about Elisha over the summer and the important lessons for us individually and for the church today.

We invite you to join us on Sundays and for her planned summer events which will be posted soon like Freezie Fridays! Contact Alison at the church (905-833-2325) to find out more. Need someone to pray with, in confidence? Give us a call.

The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study is taking a summer break.

Moraine Quilt Guild

The Moraine Quilt Guild meets Wednesday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join us for the first all day Social Sew of the summer. Located in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Enter from the south parking lot through the south east door. Come for the day or for however long you'd like to sew and socialize. Members and guests \$5. For more information visit www.morainequiltguild.wordpress.com

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

All services are now being held in our chapel.

It's Not Rocket Science - A sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Matthew 10 "give a cup of cold water to the little one."

"Our collect for today is this: 'Welcoming God, make us apostles of your generous love, so that we might offer hospitality that challenges the world with your gift of eternal life, made known in Jesus Christ, who offered all for us. Amen.' Offering hospitality calls us out into a world in desperate need of generous love. This may be my favourite description of disciple that I want to be. I'm always trying to have the courage to challenge the world with radical inclusion and hospitality.

"Our new safe service today is part of that work - being intentional to carve out safe space for vulnerable people I pray that the service will be filled with love and joy and safety for all who are seeking it,

"In our Gospel Jesus sent others out into the world to show generous love and hospitality. Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me ... and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.' It's the last line there that has given me comfort ... because while my mind usually runs to big gestures and

grandstands, all it really takes sometimes is the act of offering someone a cold glass of water. It's not rocket science. It is a simple act.

"Being a follower of Jesus doesn't have to be heroic. A cup cold cup of water counts. Small gestures meant to show God's love are a great way to start on the path of discipleship. My list of small gestures has included things like acknowledging strangers, introducing myself to someone who's new to my work, school, church or community, offering a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on, saying thank you to people who don't often get thanked, helping out at a food program and volunteering to help the vulnerable.

"Today my list has grown to include, being there to show my solidarity with those who are hurting, showing up to protest abuses of power. Not staying silent when people say or post things that perpetuate racist, sexist, homophobic, or transphobic stereotypes and systems. Showing God's generous love isn't rocket science. Our tiny bursts of courage give others the freedom to be brave in their own ways.

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Karl-Heinz Fassnacht

Karl-Heinz Fassnacht, 91, of Nobleton, passed away on June 25, 2023 at his home with family. Karl Heinz was born in Dortmund, Germany on July 6, 1931 to Karl and Johanna (Birk) Fassnacht. For many years, Karl-Heinz worked for Air Canada as a station attendant. This job paired well with his love of travel: he and his family enjoyed many trips to the tropics as well as back to the fatherland - Germany. Karl-Heinz was actively involved in the local German Club and always appreciated the opportunity to speak German, sing German folk songs, and tell stories. Originally trained as a cobbler, Karl-Heinz enjoyed tinkering and always loved coming up with a new way to use an old item. He was also an early adopter of solar and was an advocate of clean energy. The Fassnachts lived in their Nobleton home for 56 years and Karl-Heinz took great pride in their garden and trees. Karl-Heinz is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Hildegard (Frech). He is also survived by two sons: Harold and Rachel (Friesen) of Toronto, and Steven and Nicole of Fort Collins, Colorado; three grandchildren: Christian and Lara (Hintelmann), Liam, and Julia: two great-grandchildren: Christina and Sara; and one sister: Gertrude Fassnacht-Fleischmann of Hanau, Germany. He was predeceased by his parents Karl and Johanna, his sister Anni and Kurt Deike, his sister Hannelore and Heinrich Ott, and his daughter-in-law Christina. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Wednesday, July 12th from 10 o'clock until time of memorial service in the chapel at 11 o'clock. In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations to Diabetes Canada (www.crm2.diabetes. ca). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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William John Fleming September 29, 1951 June 29, 2023 It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden and peaceful passing of Willie at home on June 29th, 2023. Beloved husband for 40 years of Debbie (Donald). Cherished father of Stacy (Oneil)

and Jenna. The best "Pa" to Tavlor. Kylie, and Beckett, Dear brother of Lois (Richard), Joan, and Gladys (Paul). Predeceased by his father William, mother Beryl, and brothers John and Jim. Willie retired from CN Rail after 38 years of being dedicated to his job. Although, he often told people that he was a retired farmer because of his love of farming and his willingness to help anyone in need. He was a real joker - always telling anyone that would listen to a joke or two. More often than not, the jokes were considered inappropriate, but everyone seemed to love them regardless. He will be missed by the hockey community in II of New Tecumseth and Bradford. He loved hockey

was a coach, volunteer, and self-proclaimed scout.

In memory of William, donations may be made to the



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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Canada Day. I heard that Kettleby was the place to be, and the fireworks were spectacular. Just a reminder it's now illegal to set off fireworks on days that aren't deemed as national holidays. Check the King Township website for more details.

"How do you like them Apples?"

Personally, I like mine in pie or cider, so imagine my surprise when I found out we had a Cider company right in our backyard. Ernest Cider was started by Michelle and Steve Feris in 2015. Steve, a fourth-generation farmer, and Michelle with a background in marketing, knew they'd be a great fit in the cider industry. All they had to do was make a great product that people loved, and in my humble opinion they were very successful. Great fresh taste and unique flavors. Blueberry with honey is my personal favorite but I'm still working my way through all the unique flavors.

The Apples are grown locally on

Steve's family property at 4292 3rd Line, Bradford, East Gwillibury. Their cider is made the old-fashioned way, letting Mother Nature take its course with little human intervention. Their cider is made with the utmost care toward the environment. They are committed to helping the local economy by sourcing locally. Hence, they name "Ernest" because they believe in living life earnestly.

This Saturday, July 8, they are inviting the community to attend their first event, an outdoor movie night, where they will be hosting a movie night at dusk, all are welcome. It will be at their farm in Beeton (see address above). They invite you to come for a tasting, from their vintage horse trailer that's been converted, in the afternoon and stay for the movie. They also ask you to bring your own lawn chair and bug spray. For more information, please visit their website ernestcider.com or check out their Instagram @ernestcider.

A Note of thanks from the Schomberg Agricultural Society:

There were tucked away gardens along Main Street, a fabulously manicured property on Western Avenue, the Schomberg Community Farm. 3 gardens in the Lloydtown area, a hobby tree farm on the 18th Sideroad and Pioneer Honey Brand in Nobleton. The common thread among our numerous visitors was: "You guys are so lucky to be living in King, such breathtaking scenery, what beautiful gardens, generous owners to let us come in and see them, warm hospitality everywhere and your volunteers are awesome!" "We love your hats!"

The successful tour culminated in a celebratory Appreciation BBQ at the home of Jack & Kim Campbell, where Mary Asselstine, Ward 4 Councillor, brought greetings from the mayor.

Barb Niemeyer and Eleonora Schmied, the garden tour directors, thanked the property owners, the artists, and the numerous volunteers for their immense contributions to the success of the tour. "Our volunteers are the most precious and appreciated human assets of our Society, we could not have done this without them," said Eleonora.

This Saturday, July 8, the Grand Opening of "Cold Creek Disc Golf Course" is happening. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and features free access to play the 18-hole disc golf course, mini games, BBQ and beer garden. For more info check out coldcreek. ca

On July 22, Main Street will be closed, and it's requested you don't park on the street that day, to allow for the next Sidewalkable Saturday with a twist. Main Street has partnered with the "Four Seasons Market" to host a pop-up market. There will also be sidewalks sales, live music by "Mainstreet" Band and more. They'll even be having our very own Elvis Tribute artist performing, you don't want to miss it. Make sure to register if you wish to be a vendor at www.thefourseasonsmarket.com

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. Everyone is welcome to join but be prepared to laugh a lot and meet some great people. All welcome so come out and join us.

King Township is organizing a new Volleyball league starting on July 19, in Osin Lions Park on Wednesday night 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$63 per player or if you'd like to enter a team it's \$378 per team (minimum of 6, maximum of 8). This will run for 7 weeks. Check out king.ca/leagues for more info.

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June 26, the Schomberg 55+ Club cel- let the torrential rain or lightning and Haesler. Ida has put together a wonder- tures tried and some delicious treats thunder stop them.

This wonderful welcoming group has grown from 7 to 68 in the past few months luck luncheon. Organizers didn't even under the wonderful leadership of Ida

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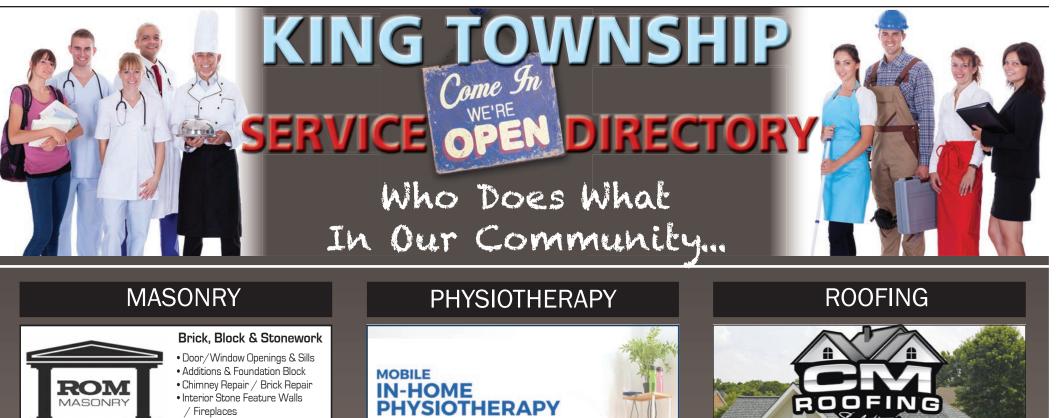
Many new friendships formed, some laughter was had, some new advenwere eaten.

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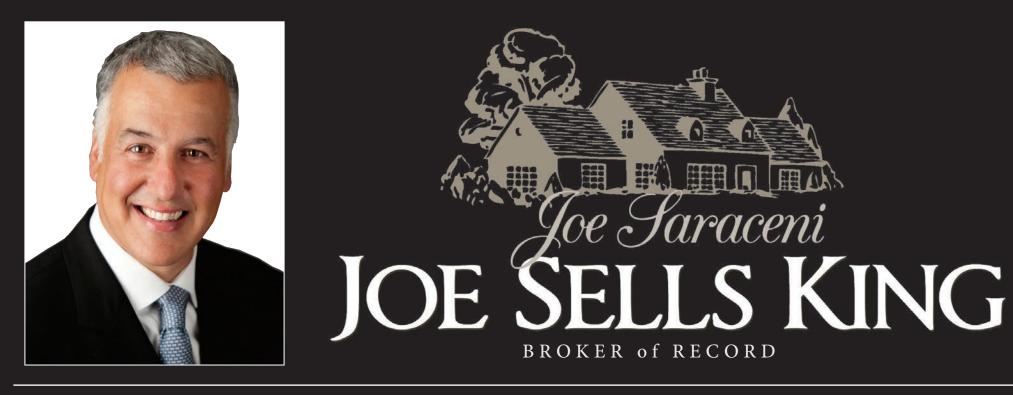
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