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A CAA survey indicates the majority of GTA residents are worried about the rise in car thefts. York Regional Police and other law enforcement agencies, are working to curb the incidence of thefts.

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Motorists concerned about rise in auto thefts

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The rise in auto thefts across the GTA has motorists concerned and the statistics are staggering.

But, police forces across Ontario are combining resources to curb this illegal activity.

According to a survey conducted on behalf of CAA Insurance Company, a growing number of Ontarians have significant concerns about vehicle theft.

The findings indicate that almost half of respondents (47 per cent) are very concerned about auto theft. That number increases to 57 per cent for those living in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). In contrast, those who live in either Northern (14 per cent) or Southwestern Ontario (10 per cent) were less worried about auto theft.

"As an organization, we are deeply concerned about the rising trend of auto theft in Ontario and across the country. The survey results highlight the urgency of tak-

ing comprehensive action to protect our communities," said Elliott Silverstein, director of government relations, CAA Insurance Company.

While many of those surveyed are concerned about the increase in vehicle theft, far fewer (30 per cent) are worried that their vehicle is at risk of getting stolen. This discrepancy suggests that many Ontarians may have a false sense of security when trusting that their cars are not at risk of being stolen.

In most cases, basic auto theft prevention does not go far enough.

According to the Solicitor General of Ontario, a car is stolen every 48 minutes. From 2014 to 2021, there was a 72 per cent increase in auto theft across the province, with a 14 per cent increase in the last year alone. While many people are diligent about locking their doors, basic auto theft prevention does not go far enough.

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Sustainable Development Program

ThinKING Green: Sustainable Development Program available for review

King is pleased to announce that the draft for the new **ThinKING Green** Sustainable Development Program is now available to review at speaking.king.ca.

ThinKING Green has been developed to expand upon and replace the Township's current Sustainable King: Green Development Standards Program.

ThinKING Green encourages all new development to protect and enhance the natural environment while utilizing efficient, innovative and sustainable measures.

The Project Team appreciates all feedback on the new program. If you have any questions, comments or thoughts, please contact Aloma Dreher, Senior Policy Planner at adreher@king.ca or at 905-833-5321, ext. 1004 by July 31, 2023.

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The Clean Yards By-law is the Township's tool for addressing and responding to concerns about property maintenance. Bylaw Enforcement Officers work with property owners and tenants through education to achieve voluntary compliance, but alternatively orders may be issued to obtain compliance with the by-law standards.

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Bee workshop introduces pollinators to the public

A Beginner Bee Workshop, held at Cold Creek Conservation Area, recently was a “fun event,” according to organizers.

“We spent our time both in class and out in the bee yard learning about their potential new hobby,” said workshop leader Andre Flys, of Pioneer Brand Honey and Maple. “Everyone learned where to buy bees, what to look for at different times of year, where to look for further information, how to set up their bees when they get them home and the basics on how to care for them.

“They also got hands-on experience opening up a hive to inspect and identify different types of bees within a colony and stages of their development. The rain held out for us for the out door portions.”

As you can see from the pictures everyone had a good time learning.



Tips to secure vehicles

From Front Page

Eighty-two per cent of drivers are ensuring their vehicle is always locked.

Seventy-seven per cent of drivers ensure valuables are out of sight.

Nearly 50 per cent of drivers park their cars in locked garages.

Six per cent of drivers use a steering wheel lock, and only 8 per cent use a Faraday box to block the transmission of RFID signals.

“Auto theft can happen to anyone, and drivers need to do more than just lock their doors to make their vehicle difficult to steal. We are urging Ontarians to take additional preventive measures to safeguard their vehicles, making them less appealing targets for thieves,” adds Silverstein.

Along with other police services across the Greater Toronto Area, York Region has seen a rise in vehicle thefts. These thefts, according to York Regional Police, frequently occur in residential driveways, especially overnight between midnight and 6 a.m.

YRP’s Auto/Cargo Theft Unit is working hard to combat vehicle thefts and, as recently highlighted in the media, officers have made several arrests, laid numerous charges and recovered many stolen vehicles.

“Despite our successes, auto theft is a lucrative crime that remains a major concern and our investigators are being kept busy,” said a YRP spokesperson.

CAA offers tips that can help deter vehicle theft:

Secure your parked vehicle with an anti-theft deterrent such as a steering wheel lock, brake pedal lock or wheel & tire lock device like “The Club.”

Store your key fob in a Faraday box/pouch to block its signal from being hacked.

Lock your doors and if you have a garage, park your vehicle inside.

If you have multiple vehicles, park the less expensive one closest to the street.

Install motion sensors on your driveway and a camera to capture any activity.

Cover the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) so that it’s not visible on the dashboard.

Store an Air Tag in your vehicle to track your vehicle should it be stolen.

Ensure items are out of sight and do not leave valuables in your vehicle at all.

Never leave your vehicle running.

CAA Insurance believes that to combat auto theft properly; it will require collaboration with the government, insurers, vehicle manufacturers, and others, including Canada Border Services Agency.

YRP also offers some tips to curb the potential of auto theft:

Park in a secure garage when possible.

Use an anti-theft device when parking your vehicle, especially something visible and effective such as a steering wheel lock.

Keep your key fob far away from the car when it is parked and protect it’s signal from being intercepted by storing it in a container or wrap that blocks transmissions.

Install a blocker on the vehicle’s data port and prevent access to the vehicle’s computer that thieves can use to steal the car and reprogram keys.

Use your parking brake, which can make it a bit more difficult for thieves to tow a vehicle away.

Consider using a good quality video surveillance system where you park.

If you see suspicious activity, trust your instincts and call the police.



Mosquitoes in York Region test positive for West Nile virus

The Regional Municipality of York monitors West Nile virus activity by setting mosquito traps and testing for West Nile virus. To date, one mosquito trap has tested positive for West Nile virus in the City of Markham near Bayview Avenue and John Street.

“While enjoying the outdoors, residents are reminded to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites and reduce the chance of getting West Nile virus,” said Dr. Barry Pakes, York Region Medical Officer of Health. “Mosquito activity varies from year to year. It is important to know not all mosquitoes carry West Nile virus and the risk to residents remains very low.”

To protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and West Nile virus, follow these simple steps:

Get rid of mosquito-friendly areas at home.

Clean up stagnant water found in bird baths, flower pots, swimming pool covers, clogged eavestroughs.

Ensure the window screens on your home are tight-fitting and in good repair. Cover up while outside.

Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin – check label directions for use.

Wear light-coloured protective clothing, including pants and long-sleeved shirts.

York Region Public Health uses larvicides in catch basins to control mosquito breeding along Regional and municipal roads and other stagnant public water sources, including roadside ditches. Private backyard catch basins are treated upon request.

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- Michael Connelly

Is humankind in jeopardy of extinction?

As we tiny human beings scurry to clean up the mess we've made, we need to look at the bigger picture.

We've known, for decades, that our use of fossil fuels, pollution, waste, litter and over-fishing has taxed our poor, little globe. It's all we have and yet we haven't treated it very well since the industrial revolution.

While our billion-dollar telescopes are pointing outward, we still need to focus inward. Helping one another is always paramount, but cleaning up our act is vital, too.

The "Doomsday Clock," created in 1947 to illustrate global nuclear weapons threats, is now poised at 90 seconds before midnight. At the stroke of 12, ka-boom!

In the Book of Revelation, Armageddon is described as a gathering of armies for a battle during the "end times." Most interpret this Bible prophecy to be symbolic of the progression of the world toward the day in which God pours out his just and holy wrath against unrepentant sinners, led by Satan, in a literal end-of-the-world final confrontation!

Wow. Here and now, the outlook is also bleak. A paper published by an Australian think tank says if nothing is done to combat climate change, we'll all perish by 2050.

Steve Luby, an epidemiologist and the director of research for Stanford's Center for Innovation in Global Health, ponders whether we can avert imminent extinction.

Luby says we can, but along the way and without intervention, the future looks pretty grim. By 2100 – a short 77 years in the future – he sees three potential outcomes: human extinction, the collapse of civilization with limited survival, or a thriving human society. The first two outcomes could be the result of population growth coupled with the increasing destruction of our planet.



Mark Pavilons

Demographers have estimated the total number of people who ever lived at about 100 billion. Currently, roughly 130 million people are born each year and at that rate, it would take perhaps 760 years for another 100 billion more people to be born. That's the basis of the claim that there's a 50 per cent chance that humans will become extinct within 760 years.

Not sure why this figure is the ultimate tipping point, but there you have it. Maybe it's some sort of a "reset" number, like Y2K was supposed to be.

Paleontologist Henry Gee says the most insidious threat to humankind is something called "extinction debt." This refers to habitat loss – running out of space. Since we occupy the entire planet, we're most at risk.

In a discussion among 17 experts and scientists from several nations, the consensus was that our planet is in a much worse state than we think.

"The scale of the threats to the bio-

sphere and all its life forms – including humanity – is in fact so great that it is difficult to grasp for even well-informed experts," they wrote in a report in Frontiers in Conservation Science, which references more than 150 studies detailing the world's major environmental challenges.

NASA has also tossed in its two cents' worth on the "Last Day Of Life On Earth." The existence of planet earth is the sole reason humans have thrived since the beginning of time. Scientists predict that our planet is dying and we don't have a lot of time left.

NASA claims that humans are at a very real risk of extinction. Scientists fear that if they cannot locate somewhere else in the solar system that can support human life, we are in serious trouble.

Experts claim that the end of life as we know it will be caused by solar radiation. The sun's damage to our ecosystem is the most threatening environmental issue. Computer simulations give scientists mathematical predictions on the state of the earth's health, and they claim that it's not looking good.

They forgot to mention alien invasion, getting hit by an asteroid, and overdosing on stupidity.

Pretty bleak, but what do they know? The answer, my friends, may indeed be blowing in the wind so to speak.

If you glance through the pages of humankind's history book, you will find many thriving, advanced civilizations who perished, or mysteriously disappeared. Some were brought down by disease and natural disasters, others, well, who knows.

One only has to look at the mighty Greek, Egyptian and Roman Empires

to be awed by the societies, structures, temples and places of worship our ancestors created.

Archaeologists are continuing to unearth evidence of advanced societies tens of thousands of years old, with the ability to carve massive stone buildings and monuments. Many were expert astronomers before telescopes or any real knowledge of the universe existed. Some built structures so big, and so perfect, that we cannot replicate their techniques to this day.

We are still mystified by the great pyramids, the Great Sphinx, Stonehenge, Gobekli Tepe, Ggantija, Teotihuacan, Derinkuyu and one of my favourites, Machu Picchu.

Are we due for another great "reset" – leaving the modern mysteries of Kingdom Tower, Burj Khalifa, The Shard, Sydney Opera House, Taj Mahal and even our own CN Tower or Mississauga's Absolute World highrises – behind for the future generations to ponder?

As we have seen with many recent natural disasters – floods, forest fires, earthquakes – we are at the mercy of our planet. Maybe it's the earth's way of saying "enough is enough."

Just like our own short lifespan, our world's existence is but a flicker in the massive expanse of the universe. Our world's entire history, our human impact, could come and go, with hardly a footnote in the Great Big Book of Everything.

Before that happens, though, maybe we should do what we can to shore up the storm shutters, rebuild, replant, restore and reassure.

Hope, along with concrete action, and a lot of luck, could give us the future we deserve.

Letter to the Editor

Pollinators are struggling

With so many issues grabbing our attention today, bees, pollinators and the massive decline in insect populations worldwide have been back burner for many of us.

This summer in particular. One week any given region of the world is burning and the next it's under water. Nova Scotia hits close to home but it's not unique. If trees, crops and humans are having a hard time with these conditions you might imagine that bees are also struggling.

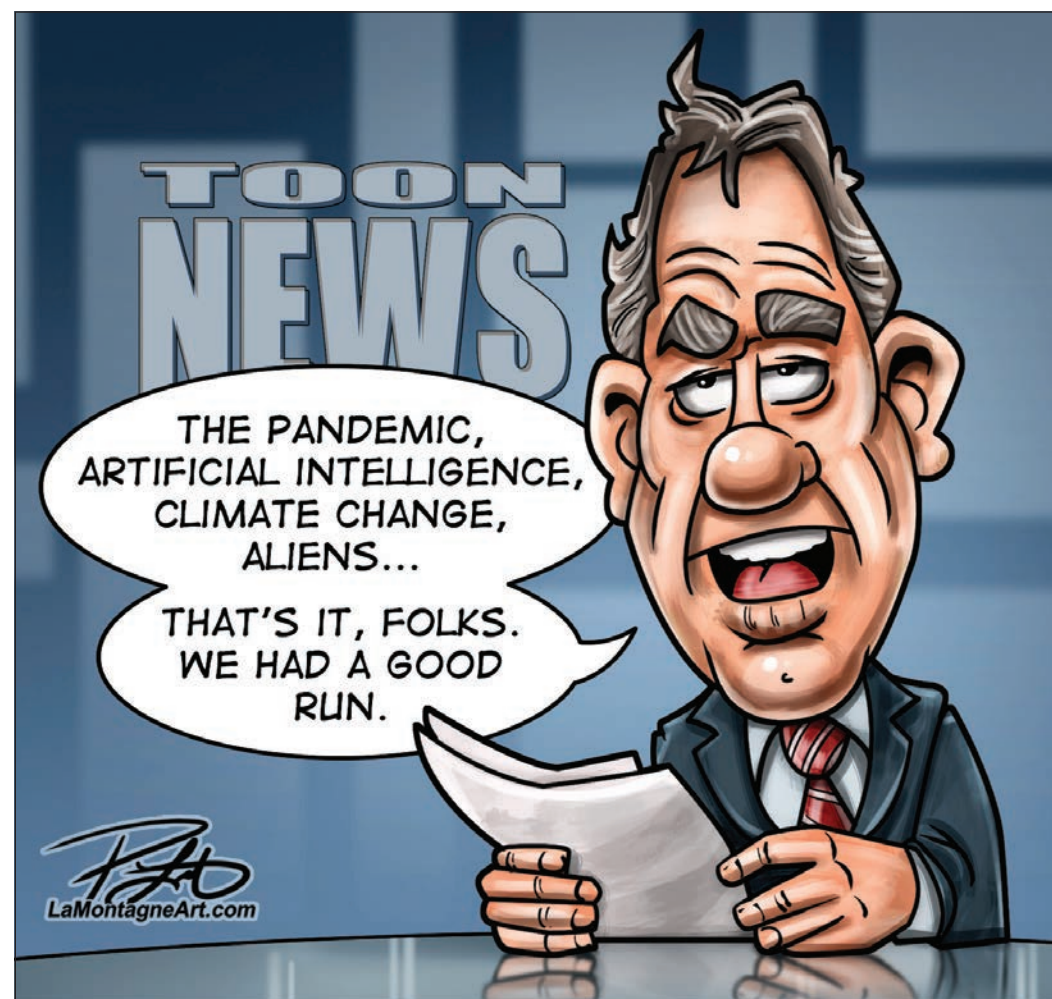
The ebb and flow of honey production has always been a thing but the last decade has seen mostly losses. Without huge sums of time and money being reinvested in beekeeping operations many would be unable to sustain themselves and many more are wondering how much longer they can keep their heads above water.

We're quick to spend billions to pave over the land that sustains agriculture, pay lip service and give token grants to help beekeepers who lose their livestock almost every year. The native population of pollinators has dropped dramatically and there is very little research being done as to why.

The situation isn't hopeless. We can overcome this if we choose. You can start making an impact right in your back yard by not worrying so much about weeds, planting native species, act locally by joining a local gardening or native plant group, talk to your local councillor about supporting pollinator habitat, tell the provincial government that repealing the endangered species act is a bad idea.

We must all be advocates for our natural environment for all our sake.

Andre Flys
King



Quote of the Week

"Ultimately, there is light and love and intelligence in this universe. And we are it, we carry that within us."

— Marcelene Cox

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The most common zodiac sign among billionaires is Aquarius. The least common one is Cancer.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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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 an “anthropocentric” (human-centred) 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-term memories while sleeping, and maybe

Comment

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 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 all existence.

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There’s more to agricultural sustainability than the environment

By Peggy Brekved
President, Ontario Federation
of Agriculture

Canada’s federal, provincial and territorial ministers of agriculture get together once a year to discuss issues that are important to our sector across the country. Their most recent meeting just took place in New Brunswick, immediately following the summer boarding meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), which brought together farm leaders from across Canada, including the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

This was also an opportunity for the CFA to host its annual federal-provincial-territorial agriculture ministers’ roundtable to provide ministers with farmer perspectives on issues like the proposed national Sustainable Agriculture Strategy, the financial health of farm businesses and the industry-led Grocery Sector Code of Conduct.

As farmers, we know that one of the key pieces of any sustainability strategy for agriculture means making sure that we’re talking about more than just the environment. The economic and social pillars of sustainability are just as important – critical, in fact, to making sure that the investments needed for environmental sustainability are possible.

Economically, we need business risk management programs to provide the support we need to address the risks that naturally come with farming, and a regulatory environment that is responsive, representative of the modern needs of our sector and doesn’t place our farmers at a competitive disadvantage compared to their international counterparts.

We also want to see that markets are fair, whether through our international trade agreements or in our domestic markets through the new Grocery Sec-

tor Code of Conduct that is currently in development and slated for implementation by the end of the year.

Socially, we need our rural communities to be healthy. Farmer mental wellness matters as that’s the key to our sector’s future – simply put, we can’t farm without farmers. Social sustainability also means protecting and strengthening our food security to ensure Canadians continue to have access to affordable, high-quality food and that we protect our ability to grow, raise and produce as many different farm products as possible right here at home.

Equally, our environment needs to continue to be healthy. More than most people, farmers depend on the weather and on healthy soils and clean water for their livelihoods. We’ve long been committed to reducing our environmental footprint and working to leave our farms to the next generation of farmers in better condition than when we took them over at the start of our farming careers.

There are, of course, many more ways that agriculture can continue to make its environmental footprint even better, from precision farming technologies that reduce our fertilizer use, and plant breeding that produces more disease resistant and drought tolerant crops to smart irrigation systems and automated tools and equipment that can help reduce the labour shortage on our farms.

Governments of all levels can support the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the farming sector by helping to fund initiatives and programs of all kinds that are broader and more costly than individual farmers can afford to pay for on their own.

Some of these are being addressed through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

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MPP, MP support Fiesta

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, and Anna Roberts, MP for King-Vaughan, attended the opening ceremony for the Fiesta Extravaganza, also known as “A Festival of Smiles,” in Thornhill. Organized by Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza and the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan, the annual summer event celebrates Filipino heritage in Ontario and across the country.

“Filipino Canadians are an essential part of Ontario’s multicultural mosaic, and they have made incredible contributions to the social and economic fabric of our province,” said Lecce. “I thank Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza and the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan for all of their hard work organizing a fun, and friendly event that celebrates the many achievements of Ontario’s Filipino community.”

Ontario launches mobile trades classrooms

The Ontario government is investing \$5.4 million to design and build three mobile tech classrooms that will travel across the province and teach students and young people about the skilled trades.

The classrooms, built and operated by Skills Ontario, will feature hands-on learning stations and simulators for electrical systems, welding, crane operation, auto-painting, tire and brake work, heavy machinery and more. Over three years, they will let nearly half a million people explore the skilled trades and will help tackle the labour shortage the province faces in a critical industry.

“By 2025, one in five jobs in Ontario will be in the skilled trades. These are rewarding, well-paying careers that you can build a family and a life around,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “That’s why our government will continue to invest in cutting-edge programs that give students the chance to experience the 144 trades and life-changing opportunities available to them.”

“I recently announced that starting in September of 2024, all high school students will take at least one technology education course to create pathways to exciting jobs of the future,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “Ontario’s new mobile tech classroom will support 150,000 students every year in learning those critical skills that will set them up for success in a good-paying job.”

To help deliver the Province’s ambitious infrastructure plans, including building 1.5 million homes by 2031, Ontario will need over 100,000 new skilled trades workers this decade. These three 12-metre-long Trades & Tech Trucks will travel across the province, providing students an opportunity to explore the skilled trades and speak with industry members, while learning about local opportunities, colleges and employers.

“Since rolling out our first Trades & Tech truck last year, our mobile classroom has provided thousands of students with hands-on learning experiences,” said Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “This program ignites an awareness of opportunities in the skilled trades and tech field that inspires more young people to pursue these careers. We want to thank and recognize Minister McNaughton and Premier Ford for the leadership and investments they have provided to build the skilled workforce of tomorrow.”

Recently, the government announced apprenticeship registrations increased by 24 per cent in the last year – from 21,971 to 27,319 – as more people decide to pursue rewarding, well-paying careers in the industry. This increase,

including a 28 per cent jump among women, follows more than \$1 billion in investment in the skilled trades over three years, along with the launch of the new government agency, Skilled Trades Ontario.

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The province helped launch the Trades & Tech Truck pilot program in 2022. The first truck reached over 40,000 students and young people, visiting more than 50 events across the province from Toronto to Ottawa and Thunder Bay.

This project is funded through the government’s Skills Development Fund, an over \$700 million initiative, which supports ground-breaking programs that connect jobseekers with the skills and training they need to find well-paying careers close to home.

The new mobile classrooms will be fully operational by the summer of 2024 and will accommodate 150,000 visitors a year.

1.3 million people are working in skilled trades-related occupations in Ontario.

In 2021, about one in three workers in Ontario with an apprenticeship or trade certificate were aged 55 or over and nearing retirement.

In total, there were 93,866 apprentices active in Ontario as of July 2023.

Through its first three funding rounds, the Skills Development Fund has supported 596 projects, to help over half a million people around the province take the next step in their careers.

The Ontario government launched the new \$224 million capital stream for the Skills Development Fund on June 30 to support the building of new training centres and the renovation or expansion of existing ones.

Ontario’s Skills Development Fund is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

“The Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario supports the Government of Ontario’s investment in building and deploying mobile training trailers with Skills Ontario. The skilled trades offer a lifelong career opportunity and the more people that can learn about jobs that exist within the sector, the better our province will be for it,” said Marc Arsenault, Provincial Building & Construction Trades Council of Ontario.

Conversations continue on new strategies

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In Ontario, for example, the federal and provincial governments just recently announced funding for three programs under the Ontario Agricultural Sustainability Initiative that will help farm businesses be more productive and resilient.

Here in Ontario and nationally, there will also continue to be conversations around other important issues like animal health and biosecurity, international trade and emissions reductions and it’s important for farmers to continue to be included in those discussions so that new strategies, policies and legislation will work for all involved and help ensure a sustainable future for the sector.

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10. 007's creator
11. Adult male
12. Scandinavian god of battle
13. Cloths spread on a coffin
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16. Ladyfish genus
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23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Card game resembling rummy
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30. Woman's cloak

CLUES DOWN

34. S. American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Offense
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45. Ottoman military commanders
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Makes unhappy
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Promote
56. A beloved carb
57. Tag the base runner to get him out
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Vehicle
62. Georgia rockers
63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

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

Canadensys Aerospace delivers Moon Instrument to NASA

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Tech from a Bolton-based aerospace company will be used to explore the Moon.

Canadensys Aerospace delivered a Multi-spectral Microscope to the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL), for the Lunar Vertex Mission. APL is NASA's prime contractor for this mission, and Canadensys is one of APL's partners competitively selected to participate in the Lunar Vertex mission.

In 2024, the Lunar Vertex mission will visit the mysterious, unexplored Reiner Gamma region of the lunar surface. It will explore one of the Moon's swirls, intriguing patterns of bright and dark soil that twist across the surface for hundreds of miles and coincide with swaths of magnetized rock. Scientists believe these areas can help them answer many questions about the Moon's geologic history, as well as increasing our understanding of current conditions on the Moon and other airless worlds throughout the solar system.

One of the key instruments on the mission – the Canadensys multi-spectral microscope imager – will provide information on the fine-scale texture and composition of lunar soil. It will actively illuminate the soil with LEDs that emit light at five specific wavelengths specially chosen for probing lunar composition. The images in the five wavelengths will be used by scientists to understand the texture and make-up of the soil at Reiner Gamma, providing clues to the swirl's nature and origin. The flight hardware is now at APL and is undergoing final calibration before being integrated with the rest of the

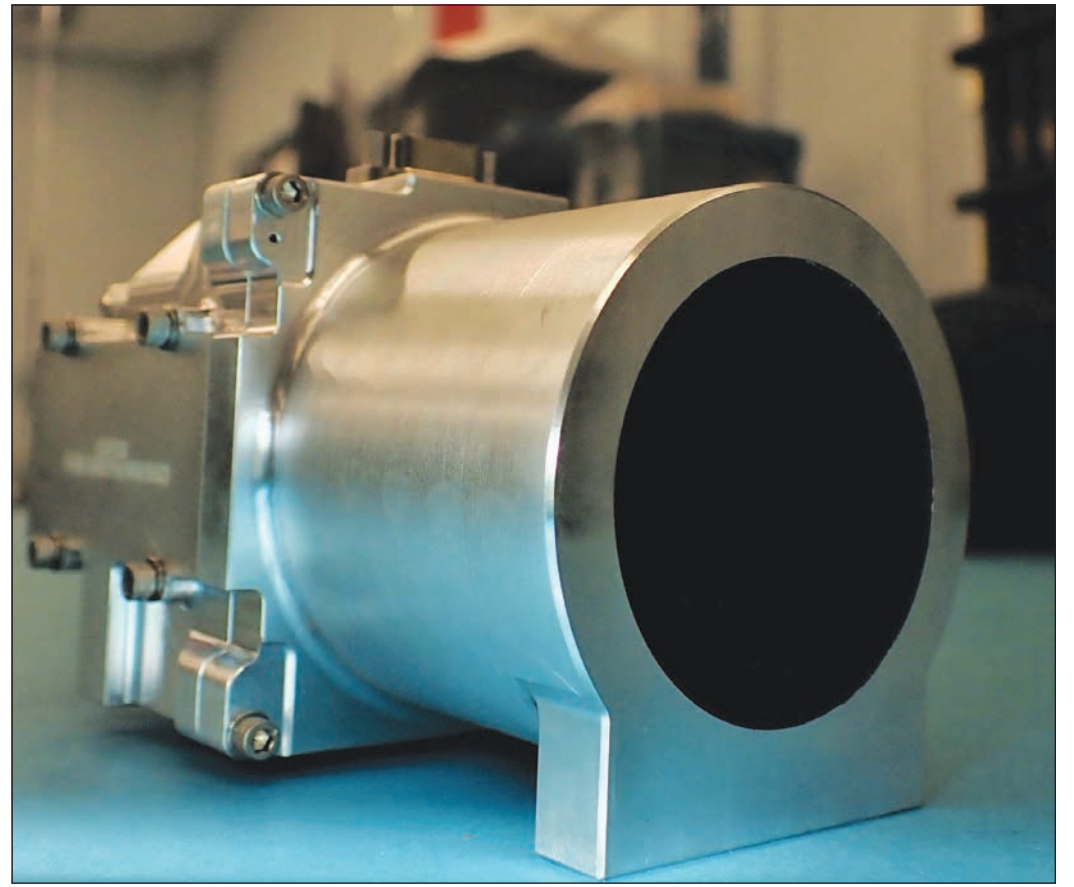
mission.

"The Canadensys instrument is proving to be highly capable. I can't wait to see the science results when we begin operating on the Moon," said Rachel Klima, lunar scientist at APL. Jason Kalirai, the Civil Space mission area executive at APL, added "APL is excited to partner with Canadensys to maximize agility in the development of highly valuable space missions."

"Canadensys was honored that APL and NASA chose our Multispectral Microscope instrument to be part of the Lunar Vertex investigation," said Frank Teti, General Manager of the Canadensys division that builds the instruments. "With the Flight Model of that instrument now delivered to APL, we are eagerly anticipating the launch of Lunar Vertex to the Moon and the resultant science that this instrument will enable as it explores the lunar regolith across the Reiner Gamma swirls."

Christian Sallaberger, Canadensys President and CEO, stated: "We are thrilled with our collaboration with APL on the NASA Vertex mission. Canadensys and APL have a history of working together on lunar and planetary exploration activities. Looking ahead, we are also excited to have APL provide a science instrument funded by NASA on our own upcoming Canadensys-led Lunar Rover Mission."

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York Food Bank notices decline in donations

As many shoppers continue to contend with the hike in food prices due to inflation, food banks across Ontario have experienced an increase in demand for food. While more households struggle to put food on the table, food banks in York Region are facing a decline in food donations. Food donations typically decline during summer; the demand for food does not.

According to Food Banks Canada's 2022 Hunger Report, food bank usage in Canada increased by 15% in 2022, the highest increase since the 2008 recession. Feed Ontario reported an even steeper increase in Ontario, where the number of people accessing food banks increased by over 24% in 2022.

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR), which serves as the region's food distribution hub for a network of 80 food pantries, has reported a decline in food donations.

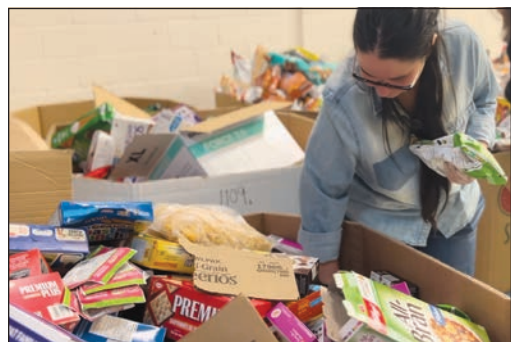
"We are seeing a continuous rise in demand for food assistance in the region, in particular for low-income households," said Alex Bilotta, the Food Bank of York Region's founder and CEO. "However, food donations have dropped significantly in recent times, and we are not generating the amounts of food needed to keep up with the demand for food assistance."

While reporting that food donations have dropped, Bilotta noted that the number of people accessing food banks in the region has continued to grow. "Our network of food service providers reported an increase of 25% of food bank users in 2022, and the number continues to grow in 2023," Bilotta said.

According to "Wasted Opportunity," a 2022 report by Second Harvest, 96% of surplus edible food produced by Canada's food industry each year is not rescued and redistributed. This avoidable food waste also places a burden on the environment. Food rescue has an important role to play in reaching Canada's commitment to halve global food waste by 2030.

The Food Bank of York Region is appealing to food retailers, businesses and the public to donate food to The Food Bank of York Region and community food banks to help meet the need for households facing food insecurity.

For information on how to launch a food drive or to make a donation, visit www.fbyr.ca.



The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) is the regional food collection and distribution hub for York Region, serving a network of 80+/- food pantries, schools, shelters, and non-profit community organizations. The FBYR supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region, serving over 28,400 individuals in nearly 8,500 households. For more information, visit www.fbyr.ca.

Most common property insurance claims - and how to prevent them

Did you know that some home insurance claims can be prevented? Here are some common causes and how to help avoid them.

Bathroom leaks

Never let the bath run unattended, repair small leaks and, if your bathroom is in the basement, make sure appliances are protected by anti-backflow valves.

Leaking dishwasher or washing machine hoses

Hoses and pipes can leak due to corrosion, a damaged fitting or just wear and tear. Check their condition regularly, and consider replacing them with metal-reinforced hoses.

Kitchen fires

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires – with the leading cause of fires in the kitchen being unattended cooking. When cooking, never leave the stove unattended and when cooking with oil, use a CSA or ULC-certified deep fryer with a thermostat as it's much safer.

Barbeques

Only use your BBQ in a well-ventilated area, making sure to lift the lid before opening the valve of the tank. When finished, make sure the pipes and hoses are empty by closing the tank's valve and then shutting off the burners. Also ensure you clean the burner pipes every year, and always check for leaks after opening the valve.

Electrical fires

Temporary electrical installations or overloaded connections are significant fire hazards. Ensure that high-energy appliances don't operate at the same time on the same circuit. Use an extension cord with enough capacity for the appliance, and never slide the cord under a carpet.

Candles

Accidental fires are the second most common type of insurance claim after water-related claims. When burning a candle, never leave it unattended and use candlesticks that are not made of wood or plastic. Keep your candles in a non-passing area at least 30 cm from draperies or woodwork.

Theft

To prevent theft, invest in an alarm system, lock all your windows and doors and don't leave a key outside. If you're going away for more than a few days, inform a trusted neighbour.

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They offer a wide range of hearing services such as hearing tests for adults and children, earwax removal, hearing aids sale and servicing, tinnitus evaluation, and custom hearing protection like noise, swim and musician earplugs. They are thrilled to announce that they will begin offering infant hearing tests in a few months, making them the first clinic in King to offer this service.

AudiPro was founded by Lalsa Perepa and her husband Dinesh Ayyala with an emphasis on patient-centered approach to deliver personalized solutions to hearing problems in a cost-effective manner. Lalsa is a board-certified audiologist and speech language pathologist, giving her the distinction of being a dual-licensed practitioner in Ontario. She completed her Doctor of Audiology from Salus University, Pennsylvania and obtained her Master of Science in Audiology and Speech Pathology from India.

She has more than 10 years of experience in treating hearing loss and other ear problems, along with 5 years of experience in speech therapy. Lalsa is a certified provider of auditory processing services and is one of the

few providers nationwide specializing in the assessment and treatment of auditory processing disorders in both children and adults.

Their mission is to help people understand the importance of taking care of their hearing health by getting hearing tests at regular intervals, using ear protection to reduce damage due to noise exposure, and identify and treat auditory processing deficits. They provide clinical advice and treatment options by considering your lifestyle, preferences, adaptability and comfort in addition to test results.

If you are over 50 years of age, have not had a hearing test in the past 5 years or more, experiencing constant ringing or buzzing (tinnitus) that is affecting your daily life, or have trouble understanding when talking to people around you, we highly encourage you to visit them to get your hearing checked. It is very difficult for an average person (exceptions may include people in professions requiring auditory acuity like musicians) to notice hearing difficulty unless it has worsened beyond a significant level. You would periodically need a diagnostic evaluation from your hearing care provider to monitor hearing levels.

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Mayor Steve Pellegrini joined AudioPro founders Lalsa Perepa and her husband Dinesh Ayyala at their Nobleton clinic.

from them – you can schedule your own hearing test appointment when you know it's time to get one.

They are located at 13065 Highway 27 in Nobleton at the intersection of Highway 27 and King Road. They do see walk-in patients subject to availability, but highly encourage you to make an appointment so that they can dedicate the time necessary to address all your needs and concerns. You can book your appointment online at www.audioproaudiology.ca

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Housing and Homelessness Plan progress and action plan

York Regional Council received an update on progress made in 2022 toward the goals and objectives set out in York Region's 10-year housing and homelessness plan, Housing Solutions: A Place for Everyone – Phase 2, 2019 to 2023.

In 2022, all targets were met, including:

Increasing the community housing supply, completing 265 new units in the City of Markham and 97 new units in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Continuing the 24/7 Emergency Housing Central Intake Line pilot program.

Completing Passage House, an 18-unit transitional housing development for men experiencing homelessness in the Town of East Gwillimbury and the upcoming completion of The Bridge, an eight-unit transitional housing development for youth in the Town of Georgina.

Helping 629 households from

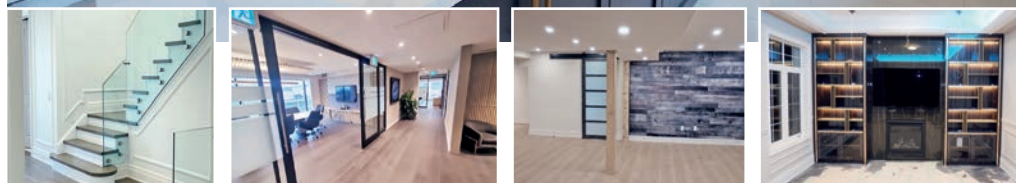
the wait list access rent subsidies, the highest number of households assisted in a single year since the wait list was established.

As the Region enters the final year of implementation and prepares for a new 10-year housing and homelessness plan, continued investments from senior levels of government are crucial. Regional Council is requesting Federal and Provincial governments to commit to two-thirds of the cost, one-third from each level of government, to support new community housing development and better enable the Region to achieve its goal to double community housing growth.

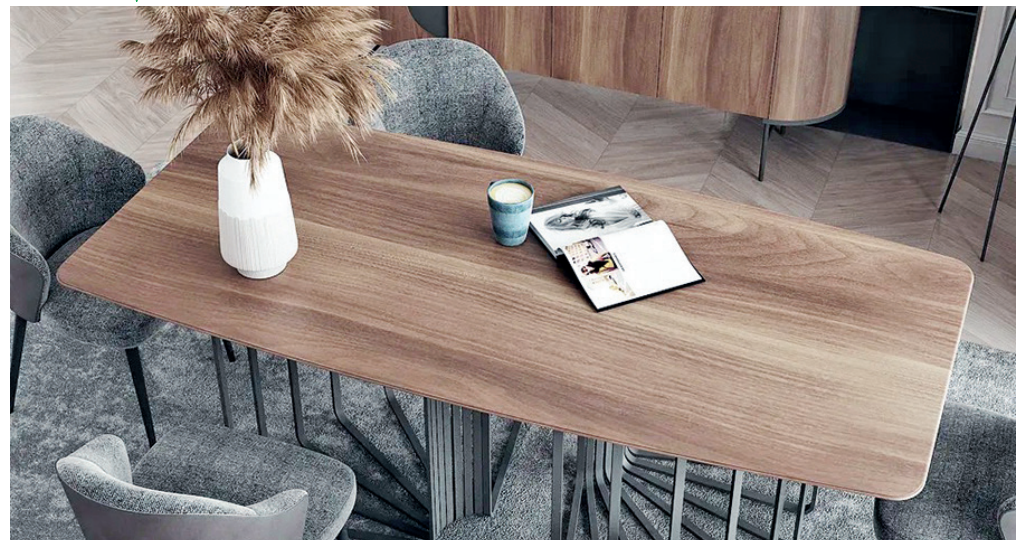
York Region will continue to work with partners on the Council-approved 2023 Action Plan to develop and implement affordability strategies and help people find and keep housing.

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Investment will create a semi-permanent structure at school

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Education announced the Government of Ontario has swiftly approved the York Catholic District School Board's request to fund over \$1.65 million to relocate and refurbish a ten-classroom portapack that will replace ten individual portable classrooms at Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School in Kleinburg.

This investment will create an improved learning environment for students and allow for more accessibility. On February 10th, the York Catholic District School Board submitted a complete proposal to the Ministry of Education, and on May 5, the Ministry of Education approved it.

The portapack will replace 10 current portables that will be relocated to neighbouring schools, and create a semi-permanent structure for Pope Francis CES students that will include:

A common hallway for entrance and egress with coat racks and boot storage.

Additional work areas for collaborative learning.

Ease of circulation between classrooms.

Opportunities for shared supervision between classrooms.

Provides enhanced air quality, temperature control and ventilation.

"I am committed to building new schools in our community like the Kleinburg Nashville Elementary School, while expanding existing schools like Pope Francis Catholic

Elementary School to improve the learning experience of students in this growing community," said Lecce. "In addition to approving a net new public elementary school in Kleinburg that is under construction, we are also improving the learning facilities at Pope Francis Catholic Elementary to ensure all students in our community are learning in modern spaces. Across our community and province, we are modernizing schools in fast-growing communities to ensure the students of today are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow."

To support growth in the community, in 2020, MPP Lecce announced \$21 million in provincial funding to build a new public elementary school in Kleinburg through the York Region District School Board. The approval for a new Kleinburg Nashville Elementary School includes a modern school for over 630 students and a child care centre. The new Kleinburg Nashville Elementary School will be located at the intersection of Baron St. and Algoma Dr., Vaughan.

"I would like to thank MPP Lecce for working with me and the community to find a positive solution for students at Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School," said Vaughan Trustee Angela Saggese. "This expansion was a priority of parents, which is why we worked together to ensure it gets done."

Additionally, Ontario is taking action to ensure that school board capital assets are used effectively and efficient-



ly to meet the needs of growing communities, support student learning and ensure value for taxpayer dollars. The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act will empower decision-makers to build modern schools faster by better utilizing school capacity, reducing barriers for school boards to facilitate agreements for schools in multi-use buildings, and shortening planning time by requiring school boards to use certain designs or plans when constructing, renovating, or making additions to schools.

For the 2023-24 school year, the prov-

ince is providing school boards with approximately \$1.4 billion in funding to revitalize and renew aged building systems and components.

In April 2023, Ontario introduced The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act that will ensure the public education system focuses on what matters most: important life-long skills such as reading, writing and math; improve accountability and transparency for parents and families; and build schools faster while better utilizing current school spaces to get more classrooms into communities that need them.



Knights hold annual BBQ

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's Nobleton and St. Patrick's Schomberg hosted their annual BBQ at Cold Creek Conservation Area. The event was well attended by parishioners from both Churches. Highlights included a variety of food, an ice cream truck field games including tug of war and water balloons.



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International Plowing Match is coming to Dufferin

The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) is now just weeks away and organizers are busy making final preparations to welcome everyone to this annual event.

"This is the very first time in the over-100 year history of the IPM that it is being held in Dufferin County and we couldn't be happier to welcome all the visitors to our beautiful part of the province," says Dawn Van Kampen, co-chair of the local organizing committee. "It's only a 100-km drive from the match site to the CN Tower so this also gives our planning team an unmatched opportunity to attract new, first-time visitors to the match," she says.

Dufferin County is known for its agriculture, food, arts, charming settlements, rolling hills and scenic landscapes. "The Headwaters of the Grand offers outstanding agricultural land

and a dynamic group of people who will make the 2023 IPM an outstanding event," said Floyd Wills, Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA) president.

The IPM was created by the OPA in 1913 to showcase farmers' passion for the soil, agriculture and rural living and today is the largest event of its kind in Canada, attracting people from all over the world. Historical attendance numbers exceed 70,000 people over the five-day event.

Plowing – whether by the old-fashioned horse-drawn plows or tractors using both traditional and modern, high-tech plows – remains a key feature of the five-day event, but in its over 100-year history the overall experience has evolved into a massive rural expo where the main goals continue to be agriculture education and an entertaining experience.

From Tuesday, Sept. 19 to Saturday, Sept. 23 the Dufferin County host farmers will open their fields, transforming them into a large rural expo which includes a tented city, daily entertainment, animal exhibits, demonstrations, local artisans, farm and rural goods and services, a rodeo and plowing competitions.

While plans are well under way in anticipation of the mid-September event, local organizers say it isn't too late to get involved whether as a participant, sponsor or volunteer. "This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for our community that isn't to be missed (and) we want to make sure everyone who wants to be involved is," says Van Kampen.

The event also provides a unique opportunity to give back to the host community. Held last year in the counties of Leeds and Grenville the local organizing committee recently announced \$145,000 in initial profits were distributed to charitable organizations within their communities.

"That's a powerful legacy for the com-

munity and everyone here is working extremely hard to make sure we can make a similarly impactful contribution to our own community," said Bill McCutcheon, local committee co-chair.

For more information be sure to visit the website at www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2023 or follow on Facebook or Instagram.

The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is held in a different Ontario community each year, highlighting the many great things the area has to offer and attracting on average over 70,000 people from across the province, throughout Canada, the United States and beyond.

Tourism industry figures put the economic impact of the IPM at about \$25 million annually (not including the long-term benefits this exposure provides to communities) and it spurs tourism in the surrounding area for years to come.

Profits generated by the IPM are donated to groups and organizations within the host communities.

Save the date for Comedy in King

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 Haye and Justin Shaw.

Martha is a Nicaraguan-Canadian comedian, actress, activist and playwright. She is a regular in the comedy circuits in Canada, the United States and Latin America, at Just for Laughs and other major festivals, and on CBC Radio.

Funny man Patrick Haye grew up in Brampton, acting the fool in the school classroom. He's grown from being a class clown into a charismatic entertainer. Over the years his talent has evolved to include acting, writing, voice work, and stand-up comedy.

Justin Shaw is a comedian originally from Prince Edward Island. He is a high-energy storyteller with off-beat observations that keep audiences laughing and questioning his life choices.

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!

Bolton Toastmasters offers many benefits

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Public speaking, whether at social events, work functions or simple communication exercises, can be difficult for many. That's where renowned Toastmasters steps in to help.

Toastmasters is an international club with 358,000 members in more than 16,800 clubs and 143 countries around the world. It's a non-profit organization, dedicated to educating people about public speaking, leadership skills and creating confident, driven and strong communication skills.

Bolton Banter Toastmasters is run by local residents. The club was chartered in May 2006 and has been educating and the public and bolstering community involvement for more than 17 years. Members gather at the Albion Bolton Community Centre the first and third Thursday of each month. They have members from far and wide – Nobleton, Orangeville, Caledon East as well as Bolton.

Bart Burness, VP of membership, notes the joys of Toastmasters and who it benefits:

"People who want to personally improve themselves, and they don't want to settle with who they are," he said.

"People who have a 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. Now, they're required to speak in front of a bunch of people. Some people have social situations like weddings, or activities that they need to practice on."

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

Each meeting features speakers. Members choose the topic they wish to speak about, and thus leads to interesting stories and social interaction.

"The first speech is an ice-breaker in which a person is introducing themselves to the group. You might think that would be hard to do, but it isn't," Burness said. "The culture of Toastmasters in general is that we're trying to provide a safe environment for people to participate, grow and take risks."

If learning and improving your public speaking is something you've always wanted to do, the doors at Bolton Banter Toastmasters are always open.

For more information, visit boltonbanter.org or email burnessbarton@gmail.com

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Spinning into the Summer: The History of Figure Skating in King Township

By Noelle Cook
Collections Assistant
King Heritage & Cultural Centre

While often discredited as more of an art than a sport – likely due to its female-dominant roster of competitors – figure skating is chalk-full of rigorous athletics and hard work.

Beloved world-wide since its induction into the Olympic Games in 1908, Skating has always had a place in the heart of King Township. So where better to highlight this amazing sport than the main desk of the King City Library?

For all of August, the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC) invites you to cool off from the summer heat and delve into the history of this winter sport! This summer's exhibit goes beyond the black and white photos of the past and brings skating to life with a healthy mix of historic and modern artifacts.

I am overjoyed to be returning to the KHCC as their Collections Assistant for the summer. As a university student working towards my undergraduate degree in History, English, and Museum Curative Studies, I have gained valuable

work experience at the KHCC for which I am grateful beyond measure. Since I am operating with a sports-focus to my research this year, in as we explore the potential for a King Township Sports Hall of Fame, it encouraged me to lean into my roots for this exhibit. With the help of the KHCC team and the privilege of creative freedom, I was able to explore the sport I grew up loving in King Township – figure skating for 13 years with the Nobleton Skating Club. Memorabilia from my family's history with skating, as well as artifacts and stories from the archives have created an exhibit to remember.

To remain updated on our future exhibits and events, be sure to follow KHCC on Instagram (@kingmuseum) or check out our website www.kingheritageandculture.ca.

If you have lived in and played any sports in King Township, the KHCC would greatly appreciate any donation of memorabilia (such as equipment, trophies or medals, photos, etc.) or even just your stories from the glory days! You can swing by during our open hours or give us a call at 905-833-2331.



Record-setters mark anniversary

King's Stephen Dengler (right) and his father Bob were honoured in Montreal, celebrating the 6th anniversary of their Guinness World Record C150 Global Odyssey.

They were recognized by Bell Textron and Pratt & Whitney Canada for receiving the FAI Exceptional Air Sports Performance and a Guinness World Records World Record.

The 2017 Canada 150 Global Odyssey made history for the Denglers and pilot Rob "Dugal" MacDuff as the first Canadian circumnavigation of the world by helicopter, and the first father-son circumnavigation by light aircraft in aviation history.

The team flew the Canadian-made Bell 429 helicopter 36,956 kilometres from July 1 through Aug. 17. The crew made 92 stops in 14 different countries. The Odyssey helped mark Canada's 150th birthday and helped two important charities along the way – Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation and True Patriot Love Foundation.

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Steve Fleck's versatility as a broadcaster on full display

By Jim Stewart

Steve Fleck glides punctually into our appointment at a local Tim Hortons after meeting with Jim Lang – former Sportsnet anchor and currently The Morning Show host of 105.9 The Region – and before two demanding broadcasting gigs: one in British Columbia followed by another in Glasgow, Scotland.

To say that Fleck is a busy broadcaster is an understatement. The Aurora resident is preparing simultaneously for his on-site announcing at the 2023 UCI World Cycling Championships in Glasgow in early-August and getting ready to provide remote commentary from his home studio in Aurora for the Canadian Track and Field championships north of Vancouver at the end of July.

Fleck is excited about covering the international cycling championships in Glasgow for a number of reasons, most notably “because the UCI has created an event that brings all the cycling disciplines together as it is done at the Olympics – BMX Racing, Mountain Biking, Road Cycling, and Track Cycling.” He’s also looking forward to broadcasting from “The Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow – a great indoor venue with 43-degree banking. Hoy is a Scottish sports hero and was the best sprint racer of all time. The modern bike was invented in Scotland, too, so Glasgow is a great setting to host an international cycling championship.”

There’s also a key personal element to the trans-Atlantic trip: “My wife Paolina (Allan) is competing, too. Glasgow is hosting the top international amateur and Masters Division cycling championships. Paolina is a 3-time Masters Champion and will be racing in Perth.” Allan, who was the 2009 Female Canadian Triathlete of the Year and a recent inductee into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame, is one of the favorites to win her event.

In addition to the familial connections at the World Championships and the prospect of visiting relatives during this working vacation in Scotland, Fleck is also looking forward to announcing the performances of two Canadian cyclists who could figure prominently on the Glaswegian race courses: “29-year-old Kelsey Mitchell, a soccer player whose biking abilities were discovered almost by accident at an RBC event, has become a global icon in the sport of cycling. In five short years, Mitchell has become the defending Olympic champ in the sprint and is one of the favorites in Scotland. Another Canadian that will be a top contender is Derek Gee – he’ll be racing in both the indoor track events and in road racing.”

Fleck is coming off an exciting Endurance Sports broadcasting gig this past weekend when he did play-by-play and provided expert commentary for the Toronto Triathlon which included 1,400 participants: “The triathletes swam in 20.5-degree water in Lake Ontario, cycled down the Gardiner Expressway, and ran on the Martin Goodman Trail. It was great to see Andrew DeChamplain of Aurora do so well. He placed second in the 30-34 year old grouping and 8th overall.”

The veteran broadcaster acknowledged he had “a busy weekend” – one of 30+ weekends he works per year on the Endurance Sports circuit: “Every weekend from April to late-October, I cover some kind of endurance sport either on-site or remotely from my home studio here in Aurora.”

Fleck explained the particularly complex production logistics for his remote coverage of this weekend’s Canadian Track and Field Championships on the west coast: “The three of us are spread out east to west in two countries. My producer will be in Portland, Oregon; the meet is in Langley, BC; my co-anchor will be in a studio in Toronto; and I will be in Aurora in my home studio.”

Fleck’s home studio was a necessity created by the restrictions of COVID:

“My broadcasting career morphed into a full-time job with 30+ weekends of work per year, but COVID changed the nature of so much of that. I built a home studio as a pivot so I could do remote broadcasting.”

This strategy has yielded a variety of sports broadcasting opportunities for the former endurance athlete: “I do a range of events from local charity events to International meets.”

When asked which sport he enjoys announcing the most, Fleck’s enthusiasm for track cycling becomes very evident: “Covering track cycling at the Milton Mattamy Centre can be a mind-blowing experience as a broadcaster and spectator. Racers are going as fast as 80 kilometers an hour and races are decided by a thousandth of a second. One recent race I covered involved all the racers in a photo finish. You could have thrown a blanket across all the competitors at the finish line. As a broadcaster, you need to call the finish, but at the same time wait for the official results to be posted by the race officials who have to examine the replay. Filling that time makes it very suspenseful work.”

The work is also very challenging and Fleck discussed his recent and upcoming travel schedule: “The travel can be challenging. I’ll have four down days in August. Another challenge in the broadcasting business is that there is work in finding the work. Persistence and endurance are critical factors to success in the business of covering endurance sports. Hunting down and negotiating work is a significant part of the business.”

Despite these various occupational pressures, it’s evident that Fleck loves what he does and that broadcasting connects him deeply to sports in which he competed at an elite level: “I find doing the coverage very motivating. I’m a huge fan of these sports. Cycling, running, track and field, triathlon – I competed at high levels in each of these endurance sports. I have this lifelong love of the events and I’ve never got tired of it.”

As challenging as the travel can be, Fleck acknowledges the upside of his broadcast-related road trips: “I love travelling around North America and see places from the points of view of an athlete. Next year, I’m going to Omaha, Nebraska to cover the World Triathlon championships. Omaha is a great Midwest sports town.”

As a former Ironman and triathlete, Fleck sees these on-course experiences as significant advantages in the broadcast booth: “It helps both from an announcing point of view and from an expert commentator point of view. Having lived the experience gives me an insider’s view – the nerves, the successes and failures, the training. That’s what I bring to the table and that’s what I want to convey to my audience.”

Conveying those experiences in a clear manner can be challenging when it comes to covering track and field meets. Fleck’s broadcast partners have to be very versatile as they move seamlessly from track to field events in what the veteran announcer jokingly refers to as “a three-ring circus” with so many events occurring simultaneously at stadiums.

Although Fleck has hundreds of big events in his collective memory as a broadcaster, he isolated two performances as the most memorable to cover: “The one that would rank first had a great impact on me emotionally. I was covering the Paracycling World Championships in 2020 and a Spanish cyclist was competing with a range of physical challenges. He was a multiple-amputee: both arms were affected – one was a stump at the wrist and the other amputated at his elbow. He was strapped to his bike and he had the extra challenge of one of his legs having been amputated. To see him compete with such courage – moving a bike with only parts of limbs was the greatest feat of athleticism that I have witnessed.

A second was calling the 100-metre



sprint at the Canadian Track and Field Championships. Remarkably, Andre De Grasse finished third in the event – upset by two young athletes who ran personal bests to edge the Olympic gold medalist in a photo finish. All 7 competitors seemed to cross the finish line simultaneously and it took five minutes to resolve the photo finish. De Grasse was such a great sportsman in defeat and I realized that De Grasse didn’t need to be in peak form for the Canadian championships – he needed to be in peak form for the 100-metre and 20-metre races at the World Championships a few weeks later which he won. The greatness of De Grasse was never in doubt.”

In addition to calling these great athletic achievements, Fleck is a much-in-demand Master of Ceremonies. He enjoys the range of his emcee gigs in a variety of venues from charity events to big corporate conferences. The most satisfying elements

of emceeing are three-fold: “I like to inform, engage, and entertain. That’s my modus operandi. When I’m working a corporate conference, I like to ask the leading questions to create an audience that is comfortable enough to ask questions and help along the professional development that goes on in the Q and A sessions. Those sessions are the most potent element of conferences. I love the middle of the week conferences and the leeway they provide me so I can focus on broadcasting weekend sports.”

Steve Fleck makes an athletic exit from Tim Hortons which is as graceful as his entrance into the coffee shop. The engaging Aurora broadcaster, part-time emcee, and former endurance athlete moved seamlessly from our newspaper interview to his next public appearance – fueled by a medium coffee and boundless enthusiasm for the career he’s chosen and sports he loves.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

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

Chris Carter, onetime pastor in King City, will bring a message entitled "Running Up the Score" from Matthew 16.13-20. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our campus was alive with activity this past week. Our annual Bible Fun Camp was a success. Be sure not to miss the fun next year and mark your calendar for July 22-26, 2024. Our theme is Kids and The King – Growing with God.

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.

Is there something we could pray about for you? 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 26 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

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

St. Mary's Church

If you are away from our parish during the summer months, there are over 200 parishes in the GTA ready to welcome you for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Click the following link for a parish nearest you:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/>

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If there is anything we can do to support 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Browse our websites:

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

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.

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

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 and King
City Garden Club

Updated List of 2023 Dates and Speakers: The 2023 meeting dates and speakers are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 15: Member Event, Walk & Workshop at Cold Creek.

- Monday, September 25: 'Everything You Wanted To Know About Succulents and More!' with Molly Shannon.

- Monday, October 23: 'Indigenous Foods and Medicine' with Jordan Jamieson.

- Monday, November 27: Annual General Meeting, including a workshop on 'Creating Beautiful Evergreen Arrangements' with Barbara Downey.

Nobleton Lions

The Club is most grateful to the community for its ongoing support, and, in turn, fully intends to pay back that support over the next year.

The Club has no formal meetings planned over the course of the summer, but we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at a future meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from Sept to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.

Horticulture
By John Arnott

I have crocosmia – no, no., no, not some horrible contagious tropical disease, but rather a beautiful perennial wildflower of the iris family native to the savannah/grasslands of East Africa from South Africa north to Sudan and Egypt. It isn't much found in the gardens of King and New Tecumseth, but really should be!

This herbaceous plant (dies right down to ground level in mid-fall in our area) can grow 1 to 1.2m/3 to 4 ft. high from a bulb like corm from which grow long sword shaped iris like leaves. And from a spray of these leaves come slender arching stems each holding a raceme (flower cluster) almost horizontally that can be up to 30cm/12 in. long. It's made up of small brilliant red or orange-yellow funnel shaped 6 petaled flowers. The top centre petal being

the largest and the bottom centre petal being the smallest. The 2 most popular crocosmia cultivars are fire engine red Lucifer and Hellfire. The name of this African jewel comes from the Greek krokos (saffron) and osme meaning smell as dipped in boiling water it's said to have the scent of this very expensive spice.

I first saw crocosmias in my cousin's country garden in Whitton, North Lincolnshire England and when next we met it was in the gardens of Plant Paradise on Humber Station Rd. in nearby Caledon here in our area

A very close relative of crocosmia is montbretia named for Antoine Montbret a French botanist who accompanied Napoleon when he invaded Egypt. And I first saw this crocosmia brother with its racemes of stunning orange-yellow flowers in the famed Hidcote Gardens in the English West Country. Very often, especially across the pond, crocosmia and montbretia are used interchangeably.

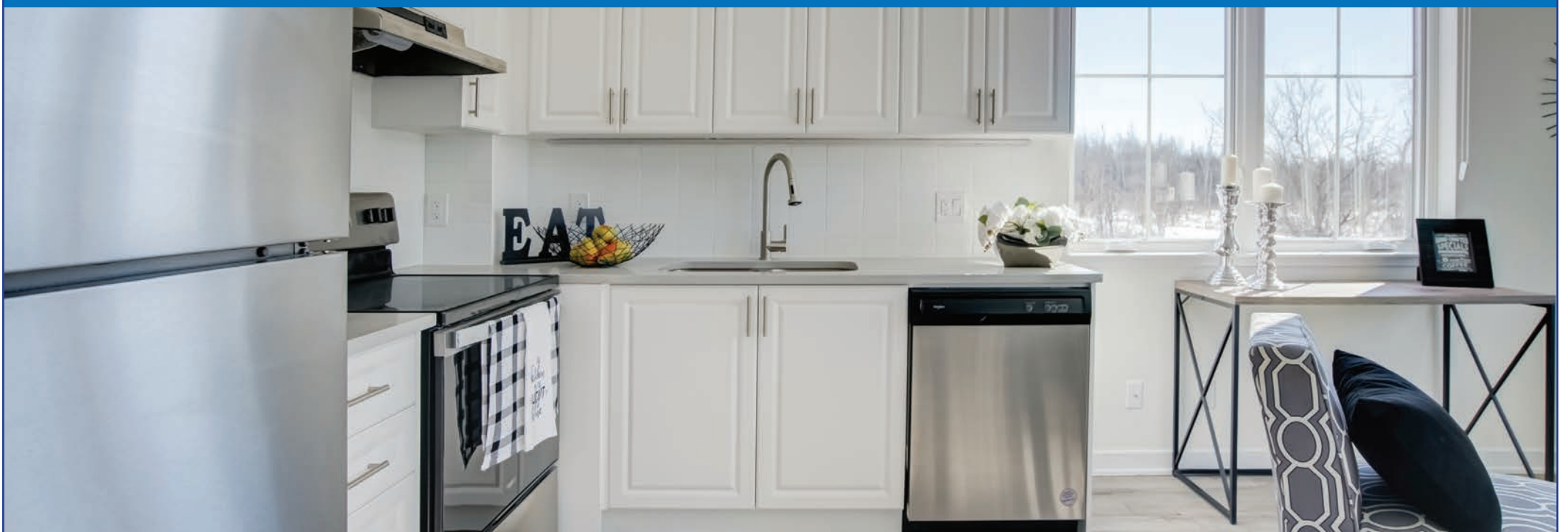
I learned from members of the Nobleton-King Garden Club that planted corms of these plants produce a vertical chain of corms the newest at the top and oldest and biggest at the bottom all connected by tough threadlike roots which pull the chain deeper into the ground where it's safer from drought, foragers and grassfires.

Crocosmia corms should be planted in the fall 5 to 7.5 cm/2 to 3 in. deep making sure the pointed top is up. Plant about 20 cm/8 in. apart and cover with a thick later of mulch after the ground has frozen and garden 'critters' have already made other winter arrangements. Some horticulturists claim already growing plants should be planted in a shallow trench about 10 cm/4 in. deep and gradually filled in as the plants grow taller.



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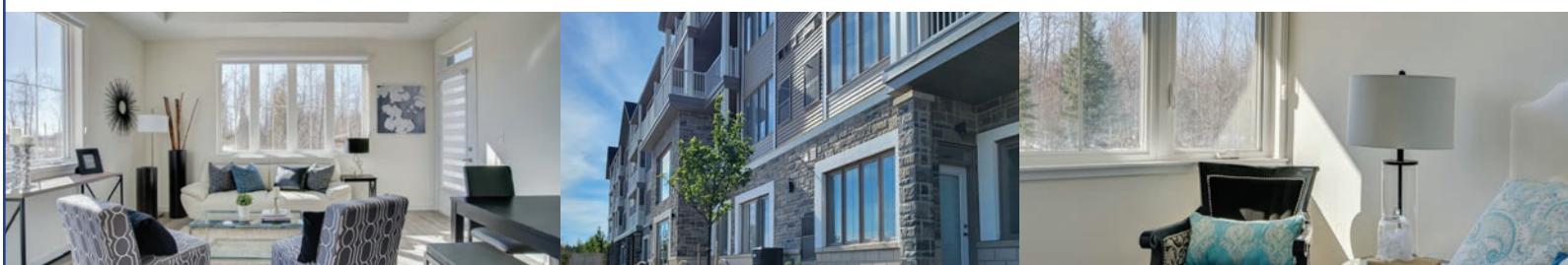


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Join us each Wednesday from August 2 to September 27 for The Chaplet of St. Michael. September 29 is the feast day of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Pope Francis has stated "The angel is the daily gateway to transcendence, to the encounter with the Father: that is, the angel helps me to go forward because he looks upon the Father, and he knows the way." www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta/2018-10/

Registration for Sacraments in 2024 will be in the Parish Hall each at 7 p.m.: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Sept. 26; Confirmation on October 3.

See our Parish on Facebook: Sacred Heart Parish King City or Instagram: Sacred Hear Parish King City or website: sacredheartki.archtoron.org. Rectory Office 905-833-1161.

Please join us this Sunday at 10 a.m. (not 11 a.m.) for a joint service with King City and New Hope. Rev. Andrew returns from vacation. Next Sunday, there will be a joint service at New Hope again at 10 a.m. with Rev. Andrew leading.

York Pines will be holding its annual planning session on Wednesday, August 16th starting at 3 p.m. The first part of the session will focus on the church calendar followed by a catered meal. The second part of the session will focus on ideas and programs in the coming year. Please RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

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

We welcome you to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Alison Agnew will lead us in worship.

Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca where previous services are posted. Pastor B. Robinson was with us

last Sunday, speaking to us from the Gospel of John 10:1-10.

We have been enjoying our St. A's Summer Events. Tuesdays at Two Prayer Time is on Tuesdays, from 2-3 p.m. in the church office where we pray for our families, congregations, and the community. The next Freezie Friday is at St. Andrew's in the park this Friday, Aug. 4 between 2-3 p.m. Come and meet the neighbours and enjoy a free freezie! Also, for folks who will be away on Sundays, two summer mid-week gatherings were planned. The Dessert Night at the Pattersons' was July 26. It was a wonderful time

of friends getting together, enjoying dessert and chatting!

A Backyard BBQ at the Manse is planned for Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m. So mark your calendars and contact Alison at the church (905-833-2325) to find out more or if you need a ride. Bring your lawn chair and a friend.

Need someone to pray with, in confidence? Give us a call.

For pastoral care, please leave a message at the church at 905-833-2325 for Alison Agnew, call one of the Elders or call our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis (1-905-724-1979).

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Gillard: Roy Gordon

May 12, 1931- July 25, 2023

Peacefully at Good Samaritan Senior Complex on July 25, 2023. Roy Gillard at the age of 92 years, beloved husband of the late Dorothy Gillard (née: Mullins). Loving father of Steven (Colleen), Christine (Dean), Jennifer, Albert (Angela), and the late Jennine. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Danielle (Tyler), Matthew, Meghan, Tirzah, Jenica, Keziah, Christopher, Julianna and his great grandchildren Jace, Finn, Avery and Rowan. Roy was a devoted and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His grandchildren and great grandchildren brought him great joy. Roy will be missed by his nephews, nieces, extended family and many friends. Roy is also remembered as a long term and valued employee of Black & McDonald Electrical Contractors and Mississauga Hydro. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 11 am. Reception followed. Interment will be held at Mt. Tegart Cemetery. For those who wish, donations in Roy's memory to SickKids Foundation or Toronto Western Hospital would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

708 OBITUARIES

Haley: Francis 'Frank' Edward

(Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree)

Peacefully at Matthews House Hospice in Alliston, Ontario on July 25, 2023. Frank Haley at the age of 97 years, beloved husband of the late Noreen Mary Haley (née: Madigan). Loving father of Karen Haley (Carmen Molinaro), Ed Haley (Tina Breed), Trish Doran (John), the late Philip Haley (Susan), and the late Sheila Ann Haley. Dearly loved grandfather of Michael, Anthony, Joe (Jess), Eddie, Meghan, and great grandfather of Huxley. Sadly missed by his siblings Sister Mary Kathleen SSND, Elizabeth 'Liz' Haley, Catherine Sheehan (Jim), and predeceased by Jim, Margaret, Wilf, Pat, Tony, Brother Nick CSSR, Dick, Thomas and John. Forever in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. The Family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home at 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, Ontario on Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday July 31, 2023 at 11:30 am in St. James Church Colgan, Ontario. Interment followed in St. James Cemetery. Donations in Frank's memory to Matthews House Hospice would be greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be left at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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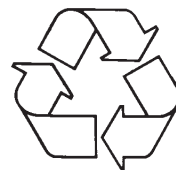
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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

August is upon us and again we ask ourselves the age-old question, "Why does it take so long for summer to arrive, but then it goes so fast?"

Speaking of going fast, after 40, my eyesight has deteriorated way faster than I ever imagined, and these past few weeks I've been noticing that signs and things in the distance have been blurry and I was struggling to focus. So naturally I made an appointment to visit Jessica at Schomberg Eye Care.

After the exam she quickly confirmed that I was correct and needed a new prescription. While there I realized that she'd arrived in Schomberg with her brand new, much needed business during the pandemic. While she was telling me more about starting her own business and how she arrived in our small town, it suddenly came to me that there are likely several people that aren't aware of all Schomberg Eye Care has to offer.

This got me thinking about how I can

highlight our local business and help build awareness of who they are, why they are here and what they offer, so I thought I would highlight local businesses in this article each week and there was no better place to start than with Schomberg Eye Care.

Naturally my first question to Jessica was "Why Schomberg?" Jessica explained that there was no previous optometrist in the town and there were units available to open her practice. Schomberg is also 20 minutes from where Jessica grew up and thirty minutes from where her and her husband currently live. Lucky for us it was the perfect fit. Jessica says loves the small town feel of Schomberg and the support of local businesses, she knew opening a business in Schomberg would also create employment opportunities for residents. She currently employs two Schomberg residents and one Tottenham resident, and as her business continues to grow, she's confident this number will increase.

They provide eye exams for all ages, emergency eye care, such a metal in the eye removal, dry eye assessments and treatments (Lipiflow is their latest dry eye treatment machine), and low vision assessments. They are part of the "As-

sistive devices program of Ontario" which is special and means they can provide funding to low vision devices to patients with vision impairment. Jessica completed a one-year low vision residency after optometry school specializing in low vision and geriatric eye care and she is very passionate about helping patients with visual impairment regain some of their independence back using low vision aids.

They are a fully equipped office with the latest technology. They have retinal imaging, optical Coherence Tomography, corneal topography, visual fields machine, Lipiscan and Lipiflow machine. They have a wide array of glasses and lenses for any budget and have a large variety of contact lenses and can fit speciality contact lenses. As far as our senior residents, they can diagnose, treat, and manage eye diseases such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and macular degeneration.

Jessica has been practicing Optometry for 6 years now but has worked in the optometry industry for 17 years, yes, she started as a teenager. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful resource in our community and now you know a little more, give Jessica and team a call, and book an appointment.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society won first place in the publication's competition for their special event poster at the OHA Convention in Ottawa last weekend. They placed second for their publication for their partnership poster and third for their special event/brochure/pamphlet/flyer.

The Society also received the Community Improvement Award for their incredible work they do in the Schomberg Community (only one award was given out from over two hundred societies). To top it off the Horticultural Society was also awarded a Technical Advancement Certificate for their efforts to keep their members connected during the pandemic, only three were awarded out of two hundred societies. Congratulations to everybody involved and special Thanks to Donna Parrish for her incredible Graphic Designs. On hand to receive the awards were Co-presidents Kathleen Gorsline and Eleonora Schmiel

Our very own King Food Bank has been serving the people of King for many years, and this year their event that helps them help others, "Sip and Savour," is a Moroccan inspired theme "Yalla Casablanca."

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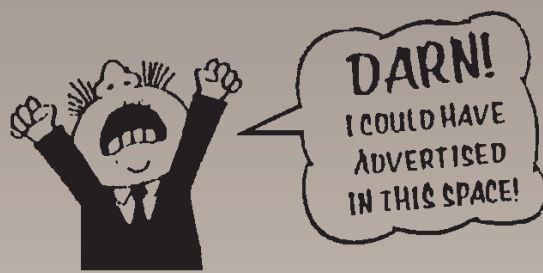
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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Earle Laycock

While Pastor Richard Gardner is away, continuing his studies at the Atlantic School of Theology in Nova Scotia, there will be no Sunday services until September 3rd at either Schomberg or Nobleton United Churches. We encourage you to worship with other

churches in our area during this time.

Although we are not holding Sunday worship during August, we do invite you to our Wednesday hymn sing-alongs and suppers, which will resume Wednesdays on August 16, 23, and 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton United, 6076 King Rd. Nobleton. Let me know if you need a ride. We would be happy to pick you up. (Contact information: Earle 905-859-9077 or ve3xel@yahoo.ca) The main course will be supplied. Please bring a salad or a dessert if you are able.

Schomberg Scoop

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It takes place in October at the "Sultan's Palace" at Seneca College, tickets go on sale soon so stay tuned. It's always a wonderful event that includes a silent Auction both on site and online. They are looking to find local businesses willing to donate items for the auction and are asking for gifts that retail around \$ 100.00. If you would like to donate, please reach out by email to KT-FBshipandsavour@gmail.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.

With the big events for the summer winding down, and the huge success of the "Sidewalkable" sale with over 1,500 attendees, the next community event will be the ever popular "Taste of Main" Sept. 8 to 24.

This quote spoke to me this week... "You are not obligated to sacrifice your peace for those who aren't at peace with themselves ~ Terence Lester

Again, if you find a lost dotg 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.

Need more happiness in your day?

Join us for next Senior's Luncheon on Tuesday, August 15 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. Our entertainment will be the 4-string Uke Band, usually consisting of 10 ukulele players. The band play and sing tunes that are familiar to seniors. We will also be taking advantage of local produce and having zucchini lasagna, corn on the cob (if available), Caesar salad, Italian bread and butter, peach crisp and ice cream

for dessert.

Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

Thought for today: There is much wrong in our world and while we may not be able to fix everything, we can all do something to make our world a little better.

Call for Working Group Members: York Region Food Charter

The York Region Food Charter is getting a revamp and we need your help! Join the York Region Food Charter Working Group to help shape and update the Charter, considering existing York Region food system priorities and food sovereignty. We are looking for interested residents, food growers, producers and sellers, BIPOC-led groups, youth, educators, environmental organizations, and those working in waste management to help guide the work. The time commitment is from July- December 2023 with monthly virtual meetings. If interested, please contact yorkregionfoodcouncil@gmail.com by June 30.

If members have additional comments or want more information, you may also contact Candice Einstoss (candice.einstoss@york.ca) and Lucy Val-leau (lucy.valleau@york.ca)

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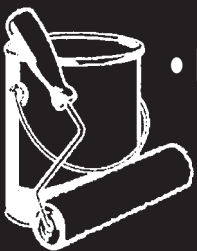


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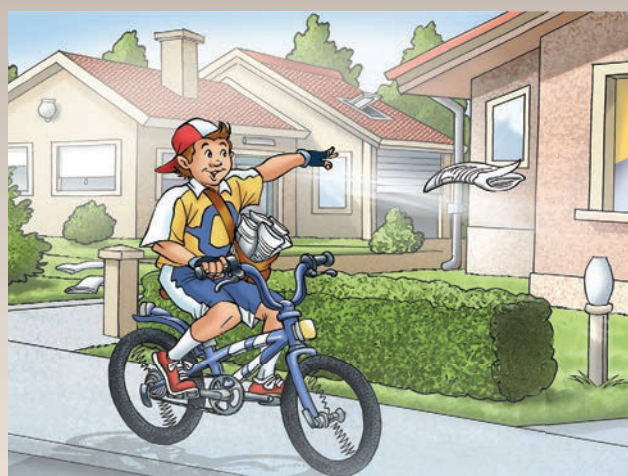
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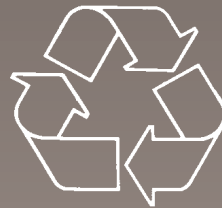
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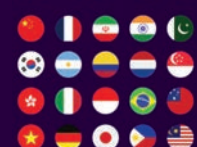
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