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Bill Cober, Director of Education for the York Region District School Board, prepares for back to school. The former King councillor stresses student achievements and success.

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Cober wants to restore 'optimism' at YRDSB

By Brock Weir

Public education was essential in shaping Bill Cober. Growing up, it was an opportunity that was "critically important" to the former King Township councillor, and remains so in his family and in his life.

This is a factor he is keeping close to his heart as the new Director of Education for the York Region District School Board (YRDSB).

Cober is now preparing for his first back-to-school season at the helm after his June 6 appointment took effect on August 1. He comes into the role at a time of transition and tension for the YRDSB.



In recent years, the board has been working to address myriad concerns from racialized communities over both representation and instances of anti-Black and anti-Asian racism, as well as anti-Semitism.

Addressing these issues comes "right back to our students, student achievements and student outcomes," he says.

"As we work through meeting the needs of every student across our system, we need to make sure we're providing differentiated instruction, differentiated assessment, culturally-responsible pedagogy where every student feels connected in their school, in their classroom, feels like they belong and they have a sense of belonging. When you feel like you belong, you contribute, you grow, you learn and...the success just continues to build.

"Some of the concerns that have been raised through the anti-Asian discrimination we have seen coming out, which is very challenging, and some of the matters that are being presented, whether it is coming out of our anti-Black discrimination issues, anti-Semitism issues, any kinds of hate that we have been seeing (related to) the LGBT communities - we have to make sure that we're differentiating, meeting the needs of all our students, and that they see themselves reflected in the classroom."

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Monday, Sept. 11
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

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Thursday, Sept. 7
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 am on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 19
6:30 p.m. - King Township Public Library Board
In-person at the King City Library Branch, 1970 King Rd.
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Wednesday, Sept. 20
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment
Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed)
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The Official Plan affects everyone in King. Your vision and input are important. Participate in the Special Meeting of Council on: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00pm.

For details on how to attend or participate in the meeting, please review the process for public participation at: <https://www.king.ca/meetings>.

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York board is refreshing its multi-year strategy plan

From Front Page

All this work, he says, has to be “completely integrated at all times” into student achievements, student outcomes, and into instruction and assessment.

“It is important that [these issues] are named and brought forward so we can do better and be better,” he says. “We’re a learning organization, so we have to be open, have an open stance to feedback; an open stance to how we can be better and what we need to do to be better. I am very optimistic and very, very excited about how we’re looking at this going forward and achieving the best outcomes for our students.”

Cober’s approach to his new role as Director of Education is very much informed by the experiences he brings from his two-pronged career. He was appointed to the role after 30 years within the YRDSB, most recently as Superintendent of Human Resources, and after five terms as a municipal councillor.

In his political life, he saw first-hand the importance of community engagement and consensus-building and that is an approach he hopes to take with his new position.

“I think a lot of trust in public institutions coming out of the pandemic has been eroded,” he says. “The YRDSB is certainly a part of that because ... there were mandates, there was cohorting, there were school changes that none of us anticipated or saw coming and, as a result of the constant change, the erosion of public trust certainly became prevalent with public intuitions and we need to be honest with ourselves that the YRDSB was a part of that. We have to spend time building the trust with our community partners, our families, with our students, to elevate that trust so we develop those relationships.

“It is so important and anyone who

knows me [knows I say] trust is our most viable currency. There is nothing more important than trust, so we must do all we can to make sure that we’re working hard to build confidence.”

As Cober continues to get his feet wet as director of education, he knows he is doing so in conjunction with the board, the most recent term of which took their seats at the table late last fall. Forging ahead as a team, student achievement and student outcomes are paramount for both director and board.

“From boardroom to classroom, we have to have a student-centred focus and understanding that we have diverse needs of students across the system,” he says. “Making sure that we are so focused on differentiating supports and resources so we can differentiate the services we provide to those students and our families has to be our core focus.

“We are very fortunate in the sense that with our Board of Trustees, we’re going forward on refreshing our multi-year Strategic Plan and the opportunity to refresh our Plan right now coming forward with a new group of trustees just starting the 2022-2026 term, a new Director, many new senior team members ... in alignment with some of the new Ministry initiatives coming out of the Better Schools, Better Outcomes act that recently passed. It’s a great opportunity for us to frame our strategic goals and planning, align with what’s going on in the classrooms and in our schools around student achievement and student outcomes because that is our bottom line.”

In addition to achieving these goals, a challenge ahead for Board and Director will be addressing what he describes as ongoing “labour tension” with the YRDSB’s bargaining partners.

“We in the YRDSB have a really good

working, trusting relationship with our union partners but we need to build on that,” he says. “We need to build on that more as we go through this because we recognize the tension that may come from the Provincial bargaining table may have outcomes that impact things going on here. We just want to be able to have the open dialogue and we want to be able to communicate clearly with our communities about some of the things we’re dealing with through that.

“There will be turbulence we have to get through this year and we have to get through that understanding we will collectively come out the other side.”

But, first, the start of the school year and as he addresses students, parents and the community, communication is key.

He would like to underscore how “important” students are to the YRDSB and how much they care.

“We’re excited to see them coming back after a more regular summer, so excited to embrace them, see how they’re looking forward to their new experiences, new courses, new grades, and we’re going to do all we can to differentiate to meet their specific needs to help them become the best they can be and ... take them to the pathways where they want to be.

“We want to build that trust with our families and we want to make sure our families feel supported and feel we are partners and we build a trust. They know their children best, so we want to make sure that we have that partnership built where there’s lots of feedback, 360 feedback ... We want to make sure we really reinforce we’re partners with families and that is so important to building trust in public education and making sure that the public and our families feel it.”

York Region’s support for individuals affected by the conflict in Ukraine

York Regional Council received an update on the temporary accommodation and support site for individuals arriving in York Region under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program.

Since opening in 2022 and operated by COSTI Immigrant Services, the site has temporarily housed and supported over 250 individuals arriving in Canada under the federal CUAET Visa Program. However, without funding commitments, municipal sites will gradually end their temporary supports.

New intake will no longer be accepted and operations will be scaled down as existing guests secure alternative accommodations.

York Region will continue to connect individuals in need of assistance with other supports, including temporary hotel accommodation provided by the federal government and settlement services. York Region will also continue to deliver provincially funded Emergency Income Assistance and Child Care Fee Subsidy to CUAET Visa holders.

To learn more about how York Region residents and service providers can support people affected by the conflict in Ukraine, visit york.ca/SupportUkraine

Ontario reaches tentative agreement with Ontario secondary school teachers

The Province has reached a tentative agreement with Ontario high school teachers.

“My ongoing commitment to Ontario families is to use every available tool and pursue every path that keeps students in school. Doing so will mean students are in classrooms learning what matters most: reading, writing and math skills,” said Education Minister and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

“I am very pleased to announce that we have reached a tentative four-year agreement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF) on a process that, if ratified by the union’s members, will keep students in class where they belong.

“If this agreement is ratified, a student who entered grade nine in an English public high school last September will have their entire high school experience free from the threat of teacher strikes. That’s something all of us can celebrate.”

The tentative agreement provides for bargaining to continue without the threat of strikes. If a collective agreement cannot be reached by Oct. 27, the parties will enter binding interest arbitration to resolve any outstanding issues. Through this process, a neutral third-party, will make binding decisions on all outstanding matters.

“To ensure stability across the entire education system, we are inviting all outstanding teacher unions to meet with the government ... to also enter into a tentative deal ahead of the start of school. Let’s get these deals done and let kids get back to learning in peace and with confidence.”

Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF) represents more than 60,000 members in Ontario’s English public secondary schools.

OSSTF is the first teacher federation that has agreed to not strike while labour negotiations continue. The proposed process will also include education workers that are members of OSSTF.

The voluntary interest arbitration process will apply to both central and locally negotiated matters.

Central collective agreements with the teachers and education workers unions expired August 31, 2022.

Since then, Ontario has successfully concluded new central agreements with the Canadian Union of Public Employees education workers and the Ontario Council of Educational Workers.

Nearly 2,000 additional front-line educators are expected to be hired in 2023-24 through new investments, helping to bring overall education funding to the highest levels in Ontario history.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

There's no way I could live without laughter

Jonathan Foer once wrote that he regrets that it takes a lifetime to learn how to live.

And Roy T. Bennett pointed out we have to "lose all you have to find out who you truly are."

Both are interesting sentiments to be sure.

Given the nasty events taking place all across the globe, one thought dawned on me: What can't I live without?

For most average humans, the responses would be food, water, shelter, sunshine and love. Some would add chocolate and a hairbrush to that list.

But let's assume we have some or all of those things already, and we're faced with an apocalyptic scenario, or the long-term power outage similar to the one we endured in 2013.

I remember it well. It began a little after 4 p.m. that Aug. 14 and the event left more than 50 million people across Ontario and the northeastern U.S. in the dark.

If you remember, life came to a standstill. Subways shut down, businesses stalled and we cleaned out our fridges, eating leftovers, until they too, ran out.

It was so weird, almost eerie. Empty streets, constant darkness, silence.

The first day was neat, watching people dash about in total confusion and desperation. Everyone hoped, and believed, it would all be over in a matter of hours.

Not so. With each passing day, things remained lifeless.

I remember thinking that if an alien species wanted to invade Earth, all they would have to do is flip the switch. We'd



Mark Pavilons

surrender in a couple of days!

It was a minor reset, a short-term restart. Once power was restored, it was a mad dash to the grocery stores, gas stations and hardware stores to stock up on generators and the like.

Our modern world, with all of its technological wonders, shut down by a power outage.

I picture a large monument in some prominent location on Earth: "Mankind, our time was short, brought to an end by a power outage."

We can laugh about it now, or can we?

Consider all the things in our possession that require power - our phones, internet, household appliances, TV, heating and air conditioning. In our community, we'd lose lighting and re-

frigeration, gas for our cars and we'd have to resort to cash (gasp).

Ok, we could cook some of our frozen meat outside on the BBQ or over our firepits. That would be fine for a while.

We'd have to resort to talking, sharing, telling stories, playing board games.

What was once considered "old fashioned" and boring would become commonplace - the new normal.

If you think about it, it may be time for another such reset, given our dependence and reliance on our gizmos.

I always smile at the proverbial question: If you were sent to a deserted island, what's one item you would bring? No one ever says a boat!

As the mayhem increases outside our walls and our borders, we see just how fragile society is. It could come crashing down at any moment due to Russian aggression, China's weakening economy, and various at-home crises like affordable housing, high consumer prices and lack of good paying jobs.

Our fuses are constantly getting shorter and shorter.

So, picturing various end-of-the-world scenarios, I delved deep to see what's important and necessary for survival.

While I'm more than capable and happy to live in the woods in a ramshackle lean-to, fishing, hunting and eating bugs, it's not the ideal way of life. I've seen too many episodes of "Alone" to know how that transpires.

Almost all of the contestants break down, not due to hunger and physical weakness, but loneliness.

And there's the secret ingredient to life.

We are, by nature, social creatures and have been for thousands and thousands of years. We've seen, throughout history, what our ancient societies have created.

I am a social being, too, and for me, the biggest necessity is laughter. They say you can stay healthy if you just

laugh for 10 to 15 minutes every day. I'm there!

I try to find the humour in almost everything (okay, my bout with cancer excluded). From TV commercials and "dumb crooks," to family barbs back and forth, there's a lot to laugh about.

As a wordsmith, I can also find joviality in people's speech, misspellings in written material and more. The humour level rises when you see something mistranslated to English from a foreign language. Priceless.

I was a bit of a class clown in my youth - I realize that comes as a surprise to those who know me. And yes, I owned a battery operated laugh box and several whoopee cushions. Hours of fun indeed.

And my brain, when not concentrating on work, projects, errands and chores, would always lean to the humour in things.

I admired comedians like Robin Williams, the Carol Burnett cast, George Carlin, Steve Martin, Leslie Nielsen. It takes talent to be funny.

And humour may be the unique quality that separates our species from all other galactic neighbours. In all the depictions of aliens, few land here telling knock-knock jokes. Now that would be funny!

So my friends, I would trade that boat on a deserted island for laughter.

I could carve happy faces on trees, coconuts and make giant ones in the sand. I would try to get a laugh out of the monkeys and toucans.

Back home, in an electricity free life, I would lead joke-telling sessions and play games that centred around funny scenarios.

I know some will ridicule me, but I would trade laughter for coffee any day of the week.

As summer draws to a close, think about what's really important and vital in your lives. You may agree that fun times rank right up there.

Letter to the Editor

Resident concerned about litter

I have recently moved into the King City area and although I find it to be comfortable and enjoyable the one issue that really has me concerned is the amount of waste and garbage there is.

I reside near William St and King Rd. and the first issue I would like to address is the vacant plot of land on the north east corner of William and King used as a parking lot by the construction persons of the Zancor - King's Terrace condominium development.

The whole area is littered with food and drink garbage that are carelessly tossed about by the construction workers when they come and go from their vehicles. Even when they park on Dew St., as they can't park on William itself, I am constantly finding discarded items that shouldn't be there. The parking area is strewn with garbage and is now being used as a dumping area for full garbage bags, old carpets and even containers of used motor oil and tires. I have sent Zancor an email addressing this concern but they did not reply back so I thought to bring it to your attention.

Another matter is the restaurants on the northwest corner of William who put out their garbage and recycling quite often five days ahead of the scheduled pickup date. Repeatedly there are 15-20 green bins, boxes, etc. that by the third day become smelly and fill the area with an odour that makes it very unpleasant to walk by. Normally these are to be placed out the day of or maybe the night before but not that early.

My mailbox for mail pickup is on Old King Blvd. and when I did my first mail pickup I was so dismayed by the amount of discarded advertisement and paper form the mailboxes that I placed one of my recycle bins there and labelled it for mail recycling. Fortunately the waste pickup trucks collect it when I place it by the street for Thursday morning pickup. Just recently some careless and no conscience individual discarded five full garbage bags in the ditch by the mailboxes and fortunately the waste pickup trucks removed them when I placed those by the street side.

Chris Wanschura

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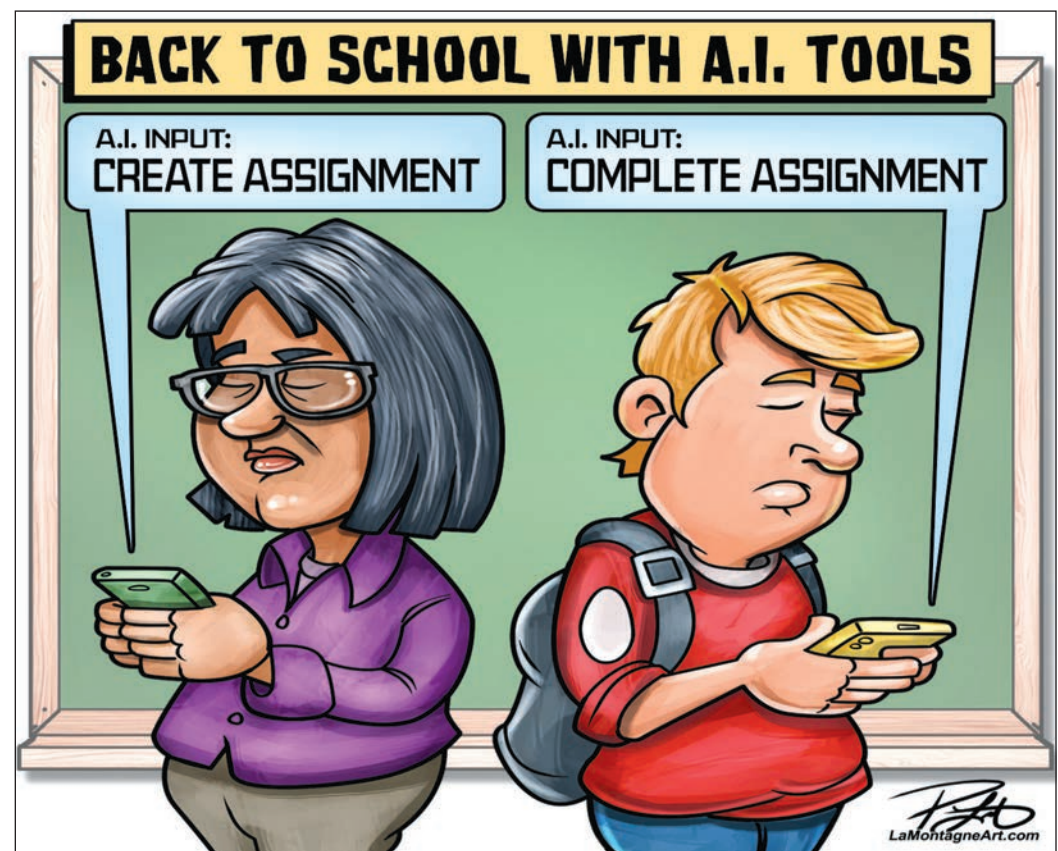
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Did the summer live up to your expectations?

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Quote of the Week

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Study shows vegan diet is best for people and planet

By David Suzuki

Comment

Our food systems have huge impacts on human and planetary health. Growing, producing, processing, transporting and eating food all contribute significantly to climate-altering emissions — especially in affluent areas where people consume more of everything, particularly meat. Global food systems are also major water users and polluters. And agriculture takes up massive amounts of land and is a major factor in habitat loss and destruction.

A new Oxford University study confirms what vegans have been saying for years: eating an entirely plant-based diet significantly reduces emissions, pollution and land conversion.

The comprehensive study, published in *Nature Food*, linked “dietary data from a sample of 55,504 vegans, vegetarians, fish-eaters and meat-eaters with food-level data on greenhouse gas emissions, land use, water use, eutrophication risk and potential biodiversity loss from a review of 570 life-cycle assessments covering more than 38,000 farms in 119 countries.”

Researchers found that vegans had one-quarter the dietary impact of high meat-eaters (more than 100 grams a day) for greenhouse gas emissions, land use and eutrophication (an overabundance of nutrients, algae and plants in water systems), and around 34 and 46 per cent for biodiversity loss and water use, respectively.

It’s important because food systems

create about one-third of global emissions (including potent methane from livestock farming; methane emissions were 93 per cent lower for vegan diets than high-meat diets!) and are responsible for 70 per cent of freshwater use and 78 per cent of freshwater pollution.

The good news is that, while vegan diets are better all around, reduced-meat diets (less than 50 grams a day) and vegetarian diets are also substantially better for the environment and climate than high-meat diets. The study showed that low-meat diets had half the impact of high-meat diets on emissions, water pollution and land use. In the U.K., that would be equivalent to taking eight million cars off the road. “However, the differences between low-meat, pescetarian and vegetarian diets were relatively small,” the *Guardian* reported.

A vegan diet is much better for the environment than all of them — half again the emissions impact of a low-meat diet — but cutting back on meat and animal products is a step in the right direction and can make a difference.

Although other ways to reduce food system impacts are needed — such as cutting food waste, increasing sustainable and regenerative agriculture and supporting local food production — a shift in the way people eat and drink, especially in wealthier nations, will have the greatest overall effect.

Reforming agricultural practices to protect soils and their ability to seques-

ter carbon is critical, and here we can learn much from people who have lived in place for millennia and discovered how to feed themselves without depleting the systems that support agriculture, from small- to large-scale.

Some impacts from animal agriculture can be reduced — by adding seaweed to feed for pigs and sheep to reduce methane emissions, for example. But that’s kind of like the oil industry using carbon capture and storage to reduce production emissions; it’s more about finding ways to continue destructive practices than taking the action necessary to curtail them.

Reducing or eliminating meat from your diet is also much healthier — and delicious! A well-balanced vegetarian or vegan diet includes more fruit, vegetables, nuts and legumes, and so is lower in cholesterol and higher in fibre. Studies show plant-based diets reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, dementia, high blood pressure, obesity, some cancers and more.

With any diet, it’s crucial that people get the nutrients they need. That means

nutritional requirements must often be met in different ways for different people in different places — a vegan diet isn’t practical for everyone, especially people in the North who have relied on and had access to fish and game for millennia.

It also means those who choose a vegan diet must ensure they’re getting a good balance of proteins, minerals and vitamins — especially vitamins B12 and D, iron, zinc and calcium — which can mean using fortified foods and supplements along with bioavailable plant sources.

We wrote recently about the need for privileged people and countries to curtail what many would consider “luxuries” if we’re to get serious about the climate crisis. Excessive meat consumption is one luxury the world can no longer afford.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington.

Learn more at daidsuzuki.org.

Letters to the Editor

Reader is looking for Linda

I met a great woman while waiting for tests at the hospital Aug. 19.

I engaged with a woman named Linda at Mackenzie Health in Richmond Hill and we chatted for almost three hours. We talked about music (my passion) and immediately had a connection. Linda displayed genuine concern.

I didn’t get any other details or a way to contact her and feel we have “unfinished business.” All I know is she lives in King City.

I would love to meet her again and chat over coffee.

If she or one of her friends is reading this, please contact me at 647-765-9311 (cell) or 905-669-0638 (home).

Sheldon

Requiem for two champions

I was deeply saddened to hear that Vicki Hotte died in mid-August. I will miss her.

Last December, we lost Susan Beharriell, who I also miss.

Vicki and Susan were passionate, eloquent and effective defenders of the natural world. They worked tirelessly to ensure King Township did not squander its unique natural heritage.

They will indeed rest in peace if their cause is picked up by the rest of us who care about nature in King and around the world. They both constantly reminded me that it is our obligation to protect and restore the natural world, which keeps us all alive.

I’ll continue to be there when nature is under siege, strengthened by the memory of these two remarkable women.

David Love



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How will Peel's dissolution impact regional governments?

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Comment

The Region of Peel will be no more, as of 2025.

From then on, three distinct, independent governments overseeing Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga, will conduct business.

But it will be far from "business as usual." In fact, no one knows what this new system will look like.

Peel Region was formed by former Premier Bill Davis in 1974 and was legislated to provide community services to the rapidly urbanizing area of south Peel County (now Mississauga and Brampton).

There are some historic ties between Peel and York.

The area was first settled in the early 1800s after being divided into townships in 1805. The County of Peel was formed in 1851. It was named after Sir Robert Peel, the 19th century Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

The townships that would eventually constitute Peel were initially part of York County in the Home District, and were designated as the West Riding of York in 1845.

In 1867, Peel officially separated from York County. Peel County was dissolved in 1974 when regional government was born and it became the Regional Municipality of Peel.

The provincial government encouraged municipal governments to amalgamate with a view that municipal government provides services in the most cost-effective and efficient way possible. Some local governments joined together voluntarily to achieve sustainable services and municipal infrastructure. In other cases, the province had facilitated amalgamations of municipalities through restructuring commissions and special advisors.

In the mid-1990s, expansion of urban areas, changes in responsibilities of local government and provincial government initiatives led to a massive wave

of municipal mergers. The most important changes saw some counties and regional municipalities merge with their constituent local municipalities. As a result, the number of municipalities was reduced by more than 40 per cent between 1996 and 2004, from 815 to 445. In January of 2009, that number went to 444.

Regional governments are a geographically larger level of government over existing municipalities to provide certain area-wide municipal functions more economically, and to establish a tax base sufficient to undertake necessary new services.

The most comprehensive reform occurred in Ontario, which in 1969 began to replace County governments with a system of 11 larger regional municipalities. These were assigned extensive responsibilities for land-use planning, water and sewerage, solid waste disposal, policing, transportation, social services and public health.

Regional councils usually are composed of delegates from the lower-tier municipalities, except for Niagara and Ottawa-Carleton since 1994, where elections are direct and councils include mayors from the lower level communities.

Mississauga council, led by former mayor Hazel McCallion, has often argued that Peel Region is an unnecessary layer of government which costs Mississauga residents millions of dollars a year to support services in Brampton and Caledon. Mississauga council unanimously passed a motion asking the Province of Ontario to separate from Peel Region and become a single-tier municipality, arguing, among other things, the need to keep property tax dollars within the city of Mississauga for "the good of the future of the city."

Opponents of Mississauga's position, including former Brampton may-

or Susan Fennell, have argued that from the 1970s through the 1990s, Mississauga was the chief beneficiary of Peel's infrastructure construction projects — funded by taxpayers in all three municipalities — and it is now Brampton's turn to benefit, as it is growing faster than Mississauga, which is mostly built-out.

As well, they have argued that common infrastructure, such as waste and water services, would be more efficiently managed at a regional level.

And yes, it's fair to say that the regional powerhouses — Brampton and Mississauga — subsidized services in Caledon. From regional roads, waste disposal, social services, water and sewage and paramedics, Caledon benefited greatly.

But that was the point of regional government to begin with — sharing the wealth so all members can enjoy the benefits.

Caledon's small tax base (even today) limits its revenue to pay for the more expensive infrastructure.

While policing is also a regional responsibility, Caledon has traditionally opted for OPP-contracted services and this is not likely to change.

Recently, Peel council has asked Premier Ford to retain Peel Regional Police, post-dissolution. Interestingly, the motion came from a Mississauga councillor.

The Province has appointed five members to a transition board that will make recommendations to the government on a range of restructuring matters related to the dissolution of the Regional Municipality of Peel.

One of its members is former York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe, who will presumably use his policing expertise to help in this regard.

We have no doubt that both Brampton and Mississauga have the means and the revenue to go it alone.

But what of Caledon? How can it provide the same level of services as an independent Town, if you remove its regional funding? Will the Province make up the difference?

A transition team will work with the municipalities over the next two years to work on the details. This work may also set the stage for any future amalga-

mations or dissolutions.

This will be landmark "pilot project" in this province. And more changes are in the wind.

The Province is reviewing all regional governments in Ontario, to see if they, too, should follow suit.

In York, we can foresee some amalgamation of the smaller townships, and perhaps Vaughan could be given its own walking papers as an independent city. But King and the smaller, rural areas would find going it alone problematic and challenging, to say the least.

King is very similar to Caledon in terms of demographics, geography, infrastructure, environmental interests and more.

York Region officials are keeping a close eye on the unfolding developments.

York is reviewing existing contracts with Peel Region to assess service, financial and growth-related implications in response to the legislation to dissolve Peel Region. Agreements under review include:

York Peel Water Supply Agreement. Established in 2001, Peel Region guarantees an increasing flow volume through 2031 to accommodate the needs of current and future residents, with terms continuing into perpetuity.

Highway 50 Cost Share Agreement. In 1999, Regional Council adopted a boundary agreement to cost share Highway 50 road maintenance, construction and traffic signal operations until 2028.

York Region and Peel Region partner to deliver key services and infrastructure projects.

The hard services are the obvious talking points. But what of the thousands of employees of Peel Region, from social workers and engineers, to health services and water?

We've been told the Peel school boards will retain their monickers. But what of Peel Paramedics, Peel Regional Police, Peel Fire?

It took 50 years for Peel Region to evolve into its current form.

And the Province says its transition team can come up with solutions in a mere two years.

Only time will tell. But we envision a bit of a rocky road to the future.

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Maple GO Station improvements under way

Construction on upgrades to the Maple GO station are under way. New crafted platform structures will link the existing station with the new west platform. The southeast platform structure's foundation is being laid and upon completion crews will build the stairs and elevators. Platform structures will open later to complement future GO Train service increases.

A permanent corridor wall is being built on the west side of the corridor to ensure a clear separation that will keep customers safe.

North of McNaughton Road, excavations are also under way to make way for a new west track that will support increased service at the station.

These works are a key part of enabling GO expansion which aims to provide customers with service every 15 minutes or better between Union Station and Bradford GO, along with a 30-minute service frequency up to Allandale Waterfront GO.

A recent customer appreciation day was also held by Metrolinx which provided an opportunity for our team to express gratitude to our loyal GO customers.

As we forge ahead, Maple GO is planning future customer appreciation events as a gesture to thank GO riders for their continued patronage during the construction phase. To stay up to date on future events and developments, community members are encouraged to follow @GOExpansion on Twitter and subscribe to e-newsletters on metrolinx.com/subscribe.

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- At right angles to a ship's length
- William Penn's business partner
- de plume
- Accomplished soccer coach
- Bone cavities
- juris: independent
- Popular Philly sandwich
- Northern Ireland county
- Performing artist
- S S S
- Lacks flavor
- Commercials
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- Qatar's capital
- Indigenous peoples of Alberta
- Popular footwear
- Indicates position
- Anglican

CLUES DOWN

- Occur as a result
- Aircraft part
- Before
- Blood group
- Secretory organ
- Fencing swords
- The small projection of a mammary gland
- Technological advancement
- Male parent accessory
- Dissociable
- More cold
- Cape Verde Islands capital
- Blood disorder
- Creative
- Sun up in New York
- Made angry
- Relieves
- Brooklyn hoopster
- Seasonings
- Movable barriers
- Attempt
- Satisfies
- Places to enjoy
- a rest
- Edward __, author and writer
- "__ but goodie"
- One hundredth of a liter
- Midway between northeast and east
- TV personality Roker
- Triangular upper part of a building
- Speed at which you move
- Offend
- A reference point to shoot at
- Forays
- Biblical city
- Blatted
- Northern sea duck
- Shabby (slang)
- Allege
- Tax collector
- Whereabouts unknown
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Indicates equal

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

Green spaces mitigate effects of Climate Change, study shows

Extreme heat events are predicted to rise in the Greater Toronto Area from 20 days per year to 66 days per year by 2050, leading to increased risk of heat-related illnesses and mortality. A new study Health-Informed Heat Mitigation Approach: Case Study of The Regional Municipality of York, introduces a novel framework that highlights the importance of greenery cover in protecting people from heat stress and building environmental resilience to climate change. Enriching urban greenery cover is identified as a cost-effective strategy to mitigate the urban heat island effect and provide cooling benefits.

The research used two residential neighbourhoods in York Region and examined the health impacts of heat exposure under two scenarios: expected heat exposure in a typical summer and expected heat exposure during an extreme heat event. The results showed that even short-term rises in outdoor heat stress can potentially result in higher mortality rates and increased health system use. However, increasing neighbourhood greenery cover can reduce maximum and minimum ambient temperatures and humidex values during heat waves. This reduction in temperatures can lower health-related risks due to hot temperatures and may lead to fewer heat-related mortalities and emergency department visits.

“This study provides a valuable framework to estimate the health impacts of extreme heat events and gives us insight into the economic benefits of prioritizing the expansion of greenery cover in urban areas,” said Ed McDonnell, CEO of the Greenbelt Foundation. “By investing in green infrastructure in urban spaces, we can effectively mitigate the impacts of rising temperatures and extreme heat events and build community resilience to climate change.”

The model used in the study predicts population health impacts based on the historical relationship between heat exposure and health records. By reducing people’s exposure to extreme heat, we can see economic benefits in communities, such as reduced use of health system services, lower energy consumption, and increased productivity.

The study’s innovative framework also assesses the co-benefits of increased greenery cover, including improved outdoor thermal comfort,

reduced energy consumption for buildings, and enhanced individual productivity. By applying the model to the case study neighbourhoods in Markham Village and East Woodbridge, the research demonstrates the potential of increasing greenery cover to mitigate the urban heat island effect. The report’s findings provide more insight into this emerging research field on the benefits of greenspaces on health. Along with future research and the increasing evidence of greenspace benefits, decision-makers can take proactive measures to combat climate change’s adverse effects to safeguard our communities’ health and well-being.

For more detailed information on the study’s methodology and specific results for each neighbourhood, please refer to the technical and summary reports.

Hot days are defined when the maximum temperature is recorded as 30°C or more. In a typical summer season, case study neighbourhoods would experience 14 hot days per year. By applying the Intense GC scenario, no hot days are recorded in both neighbourhoods during the summer season.

Extending the assumptions to York Region, mitigating the impact of extreme heat under the intense greenery cover scenario provides direct economic benefits totalling \$165.5 million dollars seasonally as a result of avoided premature mortality, health system savings, lower energy use, and increased worker productivity.

The health system savings include reduced emergency department visits and reduced ambulatory calls. Lower energy use is attributed to a reduced need for air conditioning and other cooling-related energy use. Increased worker productivity refers to avoided loss of time due to fewer breaks attributed to hot temperatures and heat exposure.

The modelling predictions offer insights to other municipalities with similar economic and demographic conditions for the expected potential benefits associated with intensifying the urban greenery cover as a heat mitigation technique.

Future studies could include environmental, social, and demographic variables in the health records predictions.

Further modelling could also iden-

tify vulnerable neighbourhoods that would benefit most by increasing greenery cover or implementing other heat mitigation measures. A more detailed cost estimation model is recommended to consider the life cycle costs, operational costs, and productivity benefits. Also, practical information about trees should be considered, such as the time required for tree growth, selected tree species, and the life expectancy of trees.

The Greenbelt Foundation is the only organization solely dedicated to ensuring the Greenbelt remains permanent, protected, and prosperous. The Foundation operates as an independent, charitable organization, and receives core

funding from the Government of Ontario as well as other public and private support to make strategic investments that enhance and improve the systems and productivity of the Greenbelt. Since 2005, the Foundation has funded and leveraged more than \$100 million through investment in its interconnected natural, agricultural, and economic systems, to ensure a working, thriving Greenbelt for all.

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MPP joins in marking Ukraine independence

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan joined the Premier, Kinga Surma, MPP for Etobicoke-Centre and Christine Hogarth, MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore, at the 32nd Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence Day Celebration hosted by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in Etobicoke.

“It was an honour for me to join the Ukrainian community in celebrating the strength and resilience of Ukraine and its people,” said MPP Lecce. “At a time when Ukraine’s freedom and democracy are threatened by Putin’s illegal invasion, we must continue to stand with Ukraine. Slava Ukraini!”

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Entrepreneur says LILA composter is the 'world's best'

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Innovators take pride in their work and the leaders behind a Vaughan company are shouting the praises of their newest product.

George Yin, CEO and co-founder of VCycene Inc., says their LILA composter is in a category all on its own.

The major competitors are simple dehydrators (crushing and drying process) that cause massive electrical bills and produce dirt that has to go into the green bin anyway.

"LILA is the only product that produces organic compost within 7 days, certified by the third party as Category A compost in Canada to use without restrictions. No need for any additives or filters with LILA. It freshens kitchen air while composting. LILA has ample capacity, perfect for every home."

That's pretty impressive. From the user experience no other models provide continuous use, only batch use. That doesn't fit in with homeowners habits.

"LILA is simple to use, cheap to use and beautiful to use when the output can go straight to our gardens instead of the landfill," he said.

The unit's pricing is also quite competitive, in the \$1,000 (Cdn.) range.

The product development process took more than three years. Ying said they received tremendous support from top incubators and government programs in Canada. They are now at the stage of commercialization.

The company plans a soft product launch in October this year.

LILA tackles an old but massive challenge: the food waste crisis.

"Our goal is to develop a sustainable solution to reduce the food waste while adding value to the environment."

The company's flagship product provides the solutions to help every household reduce waste in their kitchen and control odors while transforming food waste into organic fertilizer that can be used for home or professional cultivation. LILA composter, is an autonomous electronic kitchen appliance that is ease-to-use, odorless, eco-friendly and crafted with contemporary design. LILA composter eliminates the organic waste in the kitchen right at the source. It could be a sustainable and ease-to-use solution to the traditional composting and a technology-advanced and economic solution to replace the roadside collection.

Yin explained that LILA can take all organic food scraps, including peels, meat and fish, veggies, rinds and pits, fruits, oil or fried food, carbohydrate, soy or dairy products except shells or large bones, plastic products and soup or liquid. It is a one-button operation. Manually push the button to open the lid. Toss in your food scraps, then close the lid. The machine crushes food scraps into small pieces and further de-water (no heating). The solids are transferred to the composter chamber and go through an aerobic composting process for at least 7 days. LILA has an industry-grade deodorization system. It is odorless and purifies kitchen air while



composting. Clean the lid daily with tissue paper and drop the paper inside the machine for composting. No need for any additives or filters.

It's so user friendly and simply to operate, it's ground-breaking.

Yin calls LILA the "world's best kitchen appliance." It's the first ever product to produce mature compost, truly valorizing food waste into a valuable resource. The customers who bought LILA just loved the product, beautifully designed, and amazing technology.

Yin and his company recently joined the King Chamber of Commerce for several reasons.

He said King Township is known beyond for its high quality of living and pristine air, and has made sustainability a top priority under the Township's leadership.

"This focus on creating a sustainable community aligns seamlessly with our mission and values. King is an ideal market for LILA. The King community and local business promote waste diversion of organics, growing their own food and organic farming."

The company is also a platinum

sponsor and plans to work closely with the Chamber.

"Through the networking and leadership provided by the King Chamber of Commerce, we are going to connect with colleges, farms and businesses in Township as well as with prominent members of the King community to promote the sustainable living in King, simplified with our LILA composter."

Yin is a proven entrepreneurial engineering and operations leader with a track record of success in start-up, turn-around and transitioning environments. His experience stems from over 25 years of expertise that spans many industries and sectors from consumer and industrial products, medical devices, clean tech and renewable energy systems.

He calls himself a "serial entrepreneur and has tremendous success leading start-ups and energy projects.

He holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering in Germany and is professional engineer in Ontario.

For more on the company and product, visit www.lilacomposter.com. You can contact Yin at george@virgohome.io



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Celebrate the last Sunday of summer at Street Gallery

As our summer begins to ebb away, we look forward to the fresh blue skies of September especially when we are enjoying them at the Schomberg Street Gallery.

On Sunday, Sept. 17 Main Street, Schomberg will radiate even more charm than usual as more forty artists take over the street. Admission is free. There are arts and crafts for every

budget. Visitors can discover the cozy cafes, restaurants, boutiques and home goods shops that hug vintage Main Street. There is entertainment for all ages. Below are some of the artists you can meet there.

Laura Constantiello, acrylic. Laura uses colour combinations in her work and is often inspired by her love of nature, as well as the countries she has explored. Laura uses the beautiful Italian language to title her paintings – as an homage to her heritage and love for the diverse country.
Website: www.lauracstudio.com

Inge Dam, hand-dyed woven scarves. Inge has been weaving for over 34 years and in 1992 completed an in-depth study for Ontario Handweavers and Spinners to become a Master Weaver. Inge incorporates tablet weaving into fabrics by weaving the tablet borders and bands simultaneously with the fabric on the loom, creating scarves, shawls, jackets and coats. She also makes unique bags from leftover handwoven fabrics. Website: www.ingedam.net

Nonie Dauphinais, acrylic pours. Nonie is an acrylic pourer. Through the different pouring processes she creates a colourful, minimalist representation of her subject. Nonie's work draws inspiration from nature's palette.
Website: www.fluidartca.square.site

Pamela Dey, oil & acrylic. "Creating the vision in your mind ... By mixing the colours that my life combined."
Website: www.pameladey.com

Michelle Eissler, oil. Michelle's painting has evolved into a distinct style of semi-abstract narratives. Developing her imagery and composition is an exciting first step in the process of creating her paintings with most ideas and thoughts worked out on the canvas. Her focus on free-flowing line and shape creates a continuity of movement and connectedness throughout each piece. This blend of imagery gives the paintings their surrealistic quality and presents a narrative or story that is open to interpretation and unique perspectives. Website: www.michelleeissler.ca

Andrea Elmhirst, textiles, felting. Andrea a self-taught artisan but has taken many courses including ones with Canadian felter Fiona Duthie, and Ukrainian's Lena Archbold and Diana Nagorna. She works on her own and produces everything. Andrea has a love of the north and has spent a significant

amount of time canoeing in the far north, which influences her work greatly. She has been in business for over 10 years selling her felted items at small and large shows.

Website: www.heritagefelt.com
Nancy Falconi, photography, encaustic, mixed. Nancy began to explore painting as an extension of her photographic work by studying fine art mediums. She found innovate ways to combine her photographs with fine art mediums (encaustic, watercolour, pastel, acrylic, drawing mediums). Website: www.nancyfalconi.com

Maria Isabel Fleury, acrylic. Maria Isabel paints in acrylics, using bold and vibrant colours typical of my Latin-American roots. "I love to describe my artwork as Canadian landscape with a Latin-American twist."
Website: www.mariaisabelfleury.com

Jing Fu, oil & acrylic. Jing Fu is a York Region based artist with 20 years of professional career experience. Throughout her art practice, Jing has combined her training in traditional Western painting style with exercise in Chinese ink painting, providing her with the freedom to move away from realistic portrayals of nature, and instead follow subjective feelings. Her most recent landscape and abstract work explores the natural world through the lens of harmony and peace.
Website: www.fujing.ca

Beatrice Grant, fibre arts, rug hooking. Beatrice Grant paints with wool. Her work has evolved from a love and appreciation of our heritage crafts. Skills in sewing, quilting, rug hooking and folk art have taken her out to Canada's Prairies and the United States to give seminars on hooked rugs. Currently she works with hand dyed wool fabric and yarns from Canada and South America.

Arts Society King is seeking high school students who need volunteer hours to assist the ASK volunteers in handing out door-to-door brochures in King and Aurora. They are also looking for student volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 17 in Schomberg to assist artists with setting up and taking down booths, helping in the Youth Arts Tent, assisting visitors, etc. If you know of a student looking for volunteer hours, please have them contact Michele at info@artsocietyking.ca for further information.

Upcoming workshops at Kingcrafts Studio

Kingcraft Studio is inviting the public to come out and learn a new skill. The following is the lineup of workshops in the coming weeks.

Tablet Weaving: An Introduction to Turning Defined Patterns (adult workshop). This workshop is an introduction to a quick warping method; a style of pattern called Egyptian diagonals plus two additional colour patterns. Experience in warping and weaving on an inkle loom is needed but no experience with tablet/card weaving is required.

It runs Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Non-members cost \$80; members \$65.

Children's Clay Mask Workshop (beginners, ages 8-13). Your child will have fun creating this decorative mask that they can hang on the wall as a unique art piece. They will use a mask form as a base and the rest is up to them creatively. It would make a great gift as well!

This takes place Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$27 per child (adults drop children off).

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MPP boosts music festival

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan joined Laura Smith, MPP for Thornhill, at the official kick-off to the award-winning, and community-led 2nd Vaughan International Music Festival in Vaughan.

"Once again, the VIMF has done an outstanding job of showcasing local aspiring artists in a vibrant and dynamic celebration of music, diversity and community," said Lecce. "Vaughan is home to some extremely talented artists and musicians, and it enjoys a rich cultural heritage."

Monk's Walk should be accessible to public, advocates say

By Brock Weir

More than a century ago, the religious brothers who called De La Salle College home sought solace in the woods near Yonge Street and Bloomington Road.

Amid the trees and brush, they carved out a path between their home base (what later became Pine Ridge Institute) and MaryLake in King Township, carving prayers into the smooth trunks of beech trees along their meditation route – finding calm and serenity in their surroundings.

Little of these forests remain due to the march of development, the brothers' eastern-most route of what became known to locals as the "Monk's Walk", including just a few survivors of the carved trees, remain – hidden away behind the local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and Cardinal Carter Catholic High School.

Now, a group of trails enthusiasts who have dedicated their retirement to clearing the path so it can be enjoyed once again are calling on the Province and Town to step up and help local residents rediscover a trail that, it is argued, is one of the community's most

historic yet most forgotten.

"I have been going in for years trying to improve it," says Helmut Schwarze, 87, who has been joined in this effort by trails advocate Klaus Wehrenberg and Alan Hamalainen. "More than 100 years ago, the building was inhabited by (the Brothers) and they made a trail all the way to Marylake but only the first portion, about 1 km long from the original start, still exists. Local residents have been using it for years, but the exits from Yonge Street are not accessible anymore. You can't even get to where it is."

The makeshift team, however, has taken it upon themselves to establish an equally makeshift entrance. Accessible from the northeast corner of the property, which the OPP shares with offices of the Provincial Government, you'd be forgiven for missing the small plank of wood with "Monk's Walk" etched into it before it was staked into the ground in between sheds and storage containers, but it's the best that can be done – for now, they say.

Schwarze says the Monk's Walk, which is on Provincially-owned land, was included in Aurora Trails Master Plan in 2011 but very little has been

done since.

"We need a trail extension to Yonge Street so everyone can use the trail," he says.

Schwarze first discovered the trail about 10 years ago when, after he suffered a heart attack and endured a triple-bypass, doctors advised him to get more exercise, particularly walking.

"We walked all the available trails in Aurora and surrounding areas in York Region and somebody told me about this trail and I wanted to get to know it," he says. "The trail was being used by school children who go to the Catholic school in the area and [their foot traffic] kept it open to a degree, but during the pandemic everything was shut down and, naturally, the thing grew in. I came together with two friends with the equipment to get rid of all the weeds, then I took red tape to mark the trail. The locals were happy about it because they were walking their dogs but couldn't find the trail anymore. Now they can and it's quite a job to maintain it, and the growth, especially this year, has been tremendous."

But the ownership of the land could be a sticking point.

While the building property at the

northwest corner of Yonge and Bloomington has seen many lives over the last century – from its Catholic roots as De La Salle College, to its time as the controversial Pine Ridge Institute for men with developmental disabilities, a terrible chapter now marked following a push from survivors and their families, and its more recent years as home to Provincial departments and the OPP detachment – delineating responsibilities for the Monk's Walk has been a bit murkier.

They hope to gain some traction to make the area publicly accessible again.

"I'm not religious but it intrigues me how Monk's Walk was done; the monks only used beech trees, which have a very smooth surface, perfect for etchings in English and Latin," says Schwarze. "There is a huge area of raspberry bushes and a huge area with edible mushrooms and the whole area is really appealing – I like it and my friends tell me they like it, too. It would be great to have something designated here and marked so people can use it. People don't mind others using it because it keeps it clean. We have been looking after it for lots of years."

Adds Hamalainen, "I want to encourage travel into nature for spiritual and physical wellbeing. It's close to where I live, and it makes an effective and good place to just decompress. It's also very easy to maintain once the entrance gets built."

Campfire Poets kick off the festivities at plowing match

The Campfire Poets, one of Ontario's premier live bands, will kick off the week-long International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM) festivities with a concert under the big tent in the RV Park on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Local organizers know there are many reasons visitors come to the IPM and a solid entertainment lineup is one of them.

"We want our guests to be excited. We want our guests to be entertained. And as local organizers we definitely wanted to share the fantastic lineup of local talent that we have right here in the Dufferin County and surrounding areas (and) we couldn't think of a better way to get the week started than with the Campfire Poets," says Heather Holmes, co-chair of the Entertainment Committee.

The Campfire Poets deliver the classics from the last five decades across a variety of genres including Jason Mraz, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Eagles, Great Big

Sea, Bob Marley and Johnny Cash.

Together for over 20 years this well-established Orangeville-based cover band has come a long way from their start in small pubs and is a favourite on the summer festivals scene in the Orangeville and Greater Toronto Area (GTA) with a growing list of corporate clients, including Hydro One, CTV, Fallsview Casino, Mars Canada, HSBC, Burnside, Purina and Siemens Canada.

This special feature, ticketed event is open to the public and is included in the RV Park registration for those guests arriving Sept. 15 or 16, and local RV Park organizers are excited their venue will be the place that kicks off the week-long IPM festivities. RV Park sites can be reserved online at <https://letscamp.ca/camps/ipm>.

Tickets for the Campfire Poets concert will not be available at the gate and are available by pre-order only through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-campfire-poets-2023-international-plowing-match-rural-expotickets-673333497617>.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Guests must bring their own chair. A food truck will be onsite and no outside food or drink will be allowed.

The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) The International Plowing Match will take place from Sept. 19 to 23 in Bowling Green (between Grand Valley and Laurel) in Dufferin County, Ontario. The IPM is a five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living. There will be plowing competitions, a range of activities for people of all ages, numerous opportunities to learn about agriculture, daily live entertainment in multiple match venues, hundreds of vendors and exhibits, a wide variety of food, an RV park and more. The event has an expected attendance of approximately 70,000 people. For more information: www.plowing-match.org/ipm2023.



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Updated curriculum, more support and staffing for new school year

The Ontario government is providing new student supports and updating curriculum for the 2023-24 school year. These actions will refocus school boards on the development of foundational skills in reading, writing and math, supported by almost \$700 million more in base education funding, \$109

million in a new strategy to boost literacy rates, and the hiring of 2,000 more educators.

“Our government is delivering on our commitment to continue to raise the bar by boosting student success in the classroom with a focus on reading, writing, math, STEM disciplines, and

learning about mental health literacy,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “Our students deserve a stable and enjoyable school year with the full school experience of extracurriculars, clubs and more that build real life and job skills that go beyond the classroom.”

Beginning this September, all publicly funded school boards will be required to adopt provincial student achievement priorities and metrics to:

Help students improve EQAO scores in reading, writing and math.

Prepare students for future success to raise graduation rates, encourage more students to participate in job skills programs and take senior math and science courses.

Improve student engagement and awareness of mental health supports.

To further support students facing challenges with math, Ontario is investing over \$71 million to launch the Math Action Achievement Plan, a strategy to boost math competence in the classroom and improve board accountability. This includes:

One lead per school board with the focus of helping improve math outcomes for students. These leads will be responsible for curriculum implementation and standardized training and lead board-wide actions to meet targets.

More than 300 math coaches will provide direct support in classrooms.

New Math Action Teams will work directly with school boards to identify and recommend targeted strategies to improve student achievement.

To ensure students have the skills they need to compete and succeed, the province is investing more than \$100 million to hire over 940 educators to support students from Grades 7 to 10 transition to high school. Ontario also intends to fund \$1 million per year for two years beginning in 2024 for the Ontario Science Centre to create hands-on learning experiences and virtual lesson plans for students, as well as STEM

teaching materials for educators.

For the 2023-24 school year, Ontario is introducing revamped curriculum supports to ensure student success including:

Language Curriculum: Last updated in 2006/2007, the revised Language and Français Grade 1 to 9 curriculums include foundational instruction to support reading and writing, critical thinking, and digital media literacy skills.

Educator Resources: The government has provided \$825,000 to Dyslexia Canada to develop, in partnership with International Dyslexia Association – Ontario, evidence-based systematic and explicit instruction resources and learning supports that are now ready for use.

Reading Screener and Supports: The province’s \$109 million 2023-24 investment includes the largest screening program in Canada, funded with \$12.5 million annually to support students from Year 2 of Kindergarten to Grade 2 to be screened for early reading. Up to 700 literacy educators will work to support students who are behind in reading development.

Grade 10 Digital Technology and Innovations in the Changing World: This course will equip students to be innovative leaders by teaching them how to apply coding concepts and skills, build hands-on projects, and investigate artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and other emerging digital technologies.

Financial Literacy Modules: Secondary students will learn how to create a budget, manage their money, protect themselves from financial scams, and plan for long-term purchases such as buying a house or car with new modules.

Mental Health Modules: The Ontario government has partnered with School Mental Health Ontario in collaboration with the Hospital for Sick Children to develop Mental Health Literacy Modules, for teacher use in Grades 7 and 8.

Canadians urged to donate blood and plasma

As the country continues to face a unique set of circumstances this summer, Canadian Blood Services is urging everyone who can, to donate blood or plasma to help boost supplies.

Summer is already a difficult time for maintaining an ideal blood and plasma supply as donors are out of their normal routines. This year, however, the situation has been complicated by an unusual series of events, including floodings and devastating wildfires.

“We expected to see lower attendance in the summer months when regular donors take summer vacations, but the extraordinary natural events across the country presented unpredicted challenges for folks from coast to coast,” says Ron Vezina, vice president, public affairs. “Between heat waves and forest fires, torrential rains and flash floods, communities are strained, as people cope with the emergencies in front of them. Fewer people have been donating, but despite these circumstances patients continue to need vital donations of blood and plasma.”

Over the last week, Canadian Blood Services had to cancel over 300 donation appointments in the Kelowna area as the community grappled with devastating wildfires.

“Our hearts go out to the communities that have been impacted by the disastrous events this summer,” said Vezina. “Canadians are always prepared to do the neighbourly thing and lend a helping hand and so we’re asking folks across the country to help fill the gap. If you can safely visit a donor centre or a mobile event, please do so as soon as you can. Patients are counting on you.”

There are nearly 10,000 donation appointments that need to be filled across the country between now and Labour Day.

On average, every 60 seconds someone in Canada needs blood.

Blood has a limited shelf life after collection. Donated blood can only be stored for up to 42 days, so it is vital that the donations are continually collected without interruption.

“We’re asking everyone who can to please donate blood or plasma and to help spread the word, by inviting others to join them in donating. We need this important ask of Canadians to reach as many people as quickly as possible and are asking for help in sharing our message on social media. Follow us @CanadasLifeLine. Your support gives reassurance to the patients who rely on donated blood or plasma,” said Vezina.

Book an appointment today. Same day appointments are available at many locations. To join the community of donors who play a vital role in patient care in this country, download the GiveBlood app, visit blood.ca, or call 1 888 2DONATE (1-888-236-6283) and book an appointment and share through your own social media networks.

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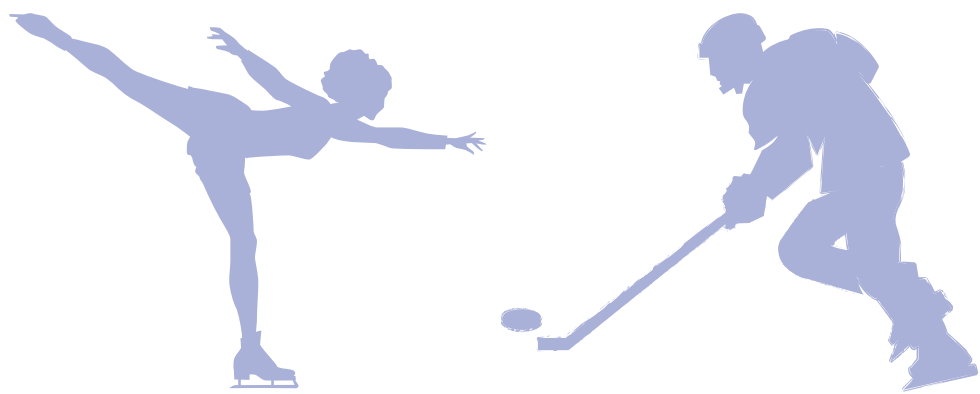
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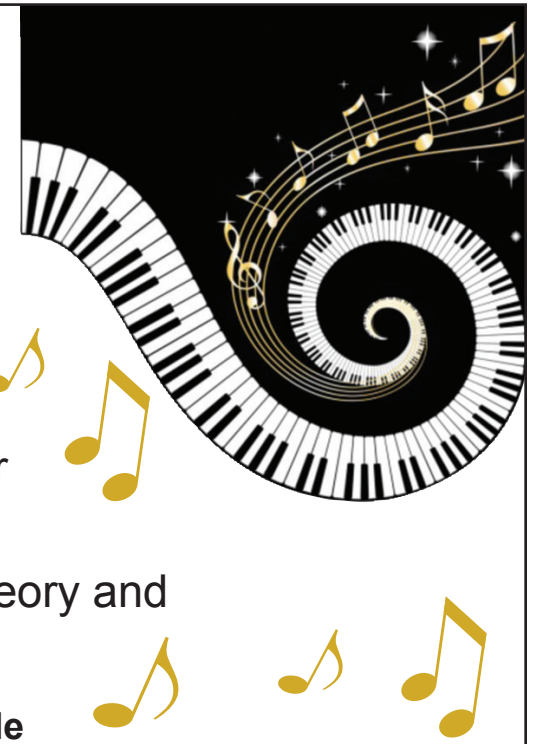
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TBDMSA's inaugural All-Star Game features 43 runs and stellar performances in AL Stars' 27-16 victory

By Jim Stewart

The Tottenham-Beeton District Minor Softball Association hosted its first annual U14 All-Star game for its top-performing co-ed House League players at Keogh Park on Sunday. The AL All-Stars defeated the NL All-Stars 27-16 in a seven-inning game featuring the top four male players and the top female player from each of the division's six teams.

The AL All-Stars were coached by Chris Gee and Sam Cicirello. The NL All-Stars were coached by Sasha Larocque and Jenn Leclerc.

Coach Leclerc, a TBDMSA board member, was pleased that the game was the initiative of players from the 14U division: "The kids thought it would be cool to have an extra game prior to the playoffs. It's clear that these players – Jackson Hall, Liam Cicirello, Samantha Jacks, and Andre Larocque-- have a passion for the game. They put together a plan for all-star ballots and we were able to get the game approved, secure the diamond space, select the players, and get the game played – all within nine days of the initial idea."

In addition to this level of initiative on the part of the players and the organizational efficacy of the TBDMSA, Coach Leclerc was also pleased by what she saw on the field at Keogh Park: "It was a rainbow of jersey colors – burgundy, green, blue, orange, yellow, and red--with former rivals now playing side-by-side on the diamond.

I was most impressed with the sportsmanship that was really evident. Players were cheering each other on and the kids who weren't selected by ballot were there to support their teammates and the opposing teams, too. It was great to have our own Junior Umpires – Riley and Kaleb Williams-Forde – working the game for the TBDMSA."

Leclerc highlighted some of the stellar performances in the AL All-Stars' 27-16 win over their NL All-Star opponents: "Believe it or not, the first two innings were a defensive struggle with stellar pitching from starters Fin McCafferty and Jackson Hall. The game was organized to celebrate great pitchers like Fin and Jackson as well as the terrific long ball hitters in the league such as Lucas Toten and Jacob Kanthak who hit home runs in the 43-run contest. I was also impressed with how the All-Stars responded to the pressures of a game that was played in front of fans who filled the stands."

In addition to thanking the players for their off-field initiative and their on-field performances, Jenn Leclerc extended her thanks-- as Secretary of the TBDMSA – to the U14 Division sponsors who supported the league and the players on their teams who participated in the game: "The AL All-Star Sponsors were: Scissor Boutique featuring Liam Cicirello, Luca Toten, Joseph Travagilo-Miller, and Tessa Maugeri; Vince's Market Place featuring Jacob Kanthak, Leeson Cian, Samantha Jacks, and Fin McCafferty; and Dog-



gone Wonderful featuring Matthew McCann, Evelynn Mason, Andrew Outram, and Matthew Outram. The NL All-Star Sponsors were: Bolton Orthodontics featuring Jackson Hall, Gwen Cranley, Andre Larocque, Josh Larocque, and William Taylor; Tanner Self Storage featuring Dom Neto, Micaela Neto, Noah Fulford, and Emma Steed; and McGinty's Minions featur-

ing Kaedan Orah, Callie Elliott-Alfred, and Spencer Golden."

The First Annual TBDMSA U14 All-Star Game was evidently a labor of love by those who organized the event. It showcased three terrific elements that are so critical to recreational sports: love of the game, excellence, and sportsmanship. It doesn't get much better than that.

The 10th Annual Tim Jones Charity Golf Classic boosts CHATS

CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors – is celebrating its tenth annual charity golf tournament with Ambassador Tim Jones.

CHATS acknowledges and thanks Magna International Inc. for its continued support as the Presenting Sponsor since the first tournament in 2014. CHATS also thanks Bazil Development, City of Richmond Hill, and Backyard Pool & Spa for being a part of the Annual Tim Jones' Charity Golf Classic since the beginning.

The Tim Jones' Charity Golf Classic has had such a tremendous impact on our community, in supporting seniors to live at home, safely and with dignity. To deliver more meals and provide transportation to more medical and hospital visits, we have launched our 2023 #drivesfordrives campaign. This campaign aims to raise \$70,000 to purchase a wheelchair accessible van.

CHATS Ambassador Tim Jones is a champion for seniors across York Region & South Simcoe. He is a founding co-chairperson of the Character Community York Region Council, a designated member of the Ontario Municipal Management Institute, and was a member of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario. Tim has been instrumental in raising funds to support local charities and causes.

Tim retired from CHATS in 2018 where he was the Director of Development but continues to serve as an Ambassador with Neighbourhood Network, a service that facilitates innovative volunteer opportunities in and for Newmarket and Aurora. He also serves as a resource for the Character Community York Region and serves on several local community event committees.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating this anniversary of an event that has grown over the last ten years," says Christina Bisanz, CHATS CEO. "It not only provides CHATS with an opportunity to raise funds to support much needed transportation services for older adults in our community, but it also gives us a chance to raise awareness of the importance of CHATS' services, to enable seniors to age with dignity in their own homes," she added.

This year's event will be held at Mill Run Golf Club in Uxbridge on Sept. 14. Golfers will receive a hot breakfast buffet, 18 holes of golf with a power cart, BBQ lunch buffet, dessert and coffee.

Tournament contests include Top Foursome, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Putting Contest, Chartwell Purple Ball Challenge and Most Honest Foursome and a chance to win a New Mazda at the Hole in One contest sponsored by The NewRoads Automotive Group. Back by popular demand is Chartwell's Purple Ball Challenge. We have added a new putting contest sponsored by The Big Ball Golf Company.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

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

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his series, on Hosea. 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.

Brett Ullman, author of "Parenting - Navigating Everything," will be back with us again on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we together look at how we can best help our kids navigate the world they are all growing up in. Refreshments and child care will be available. Cost is Free! For more information on Brett, check out his website at BrettUllman.com.

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

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

Next Friday, September 1st is the First Friday of the month of September. We invite you to join us for the First Friday devotion to be with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at both churches.

St. Patrick's: 9 a.m. Sacrifice of the

Holy Mass followed by Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions.

St. Mary's: 7 p.m. Sacrifice of the Holy Mass followed by Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions.

"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass." - St. Padre Pio

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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/>

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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.

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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.

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

The Nobleton Seniors will be able to move back to the Nobleton Arena after Sept. 5. More information to follow.

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:

- 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.

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St. Alban's

By John Arnott

Abandoned but ever resolute St. Alban's Anglican Church, Nobleton's oldest church, once the centre the village's vibrant Anglican community still stands on Hwy. 27 beside the Nobleton Community Cemetery where many of its faithful lie buried its exterior fabric only slightly altered.

If the exterior has remained virtually the same for 134 years except for the addition of the north vestry entrance and the sturdy concrete stairway leading up to the Great South Door

its the interior, now gutted, has undergone several major changes. Electric lighting replacing candles then oil lanterns, and gas light was first turned on in 1925.

The original building was heated by 2 wood burning stoves, one at each of the nave, the large 'room' where the congregation sat. These were replaced by a coal furnace placed in the middle of the dirt floored basement. In 1955 work was started to finish the basement with Gordon Broad and Earl Edwards pouring a concrete floor.

Next the fieldstone walls were paneled, and November 1956 a forced air oil furnace replaced the coal burner. Now Sunday School classes could be held in the church's lower level and in 1958 the first vestry meeting was held here. A gas furnace was in use at the time of the closing.

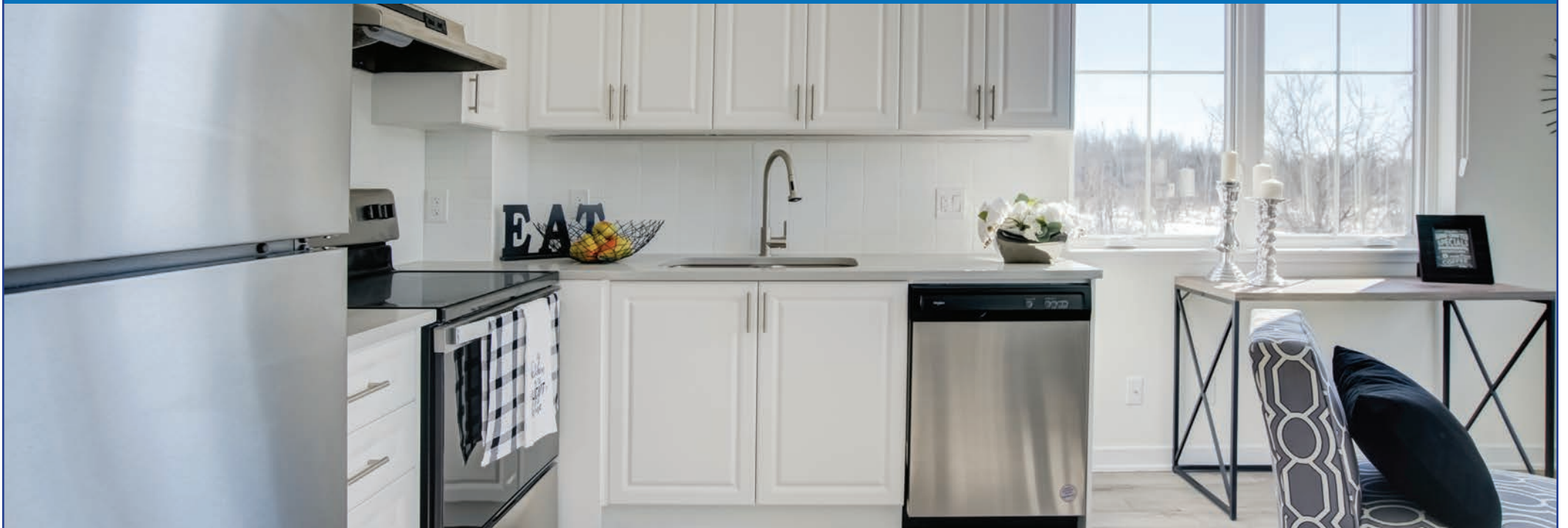
In the church proper the pine floor boards were covered with carpet. A new electric organ was purchased in 1959. In 1966 the beautiful stained glass Good Shepherd windows in the sanctuary wall above the altar a gift of the Women's Guild was installed. These windows were blessed and dedicated by long serving parish priest Rev. Frank Vale Abbot (ret'd) and the then priest-in-charge Rev. W Vollick.

The original pulpit was handmade by John Pringle but was donated to Trinity Church in Campbell's Cross where it still remains. The old altar and pulpit were replaced as a gift from Charles Leslie and his wife longtime members of St. Alban's. In 1968 a gift of \$5,000 from Norman Holden in memory of his parents was used to purchase the beautiful blonde oak pews and one of the 2 equally beautiful stained glass Nativity Windows in the back wall of the nave as well as the opaque pebbled amber glass windows on both sides of building while the other Nativity Window was given by Donald Kaake in memory of her parents.

The altar cross and candle holders, the Communion chalice, brass flower vases, collection plates were given by the Edwards family and the processional cross and acolyte candle holders were handmade by master craftsman Charlie Jordan as were the outdoor wrought iron railings leading up to the vestry door. It is not known who gave the tower bell which rang out to welcome worshippers for 125 years.

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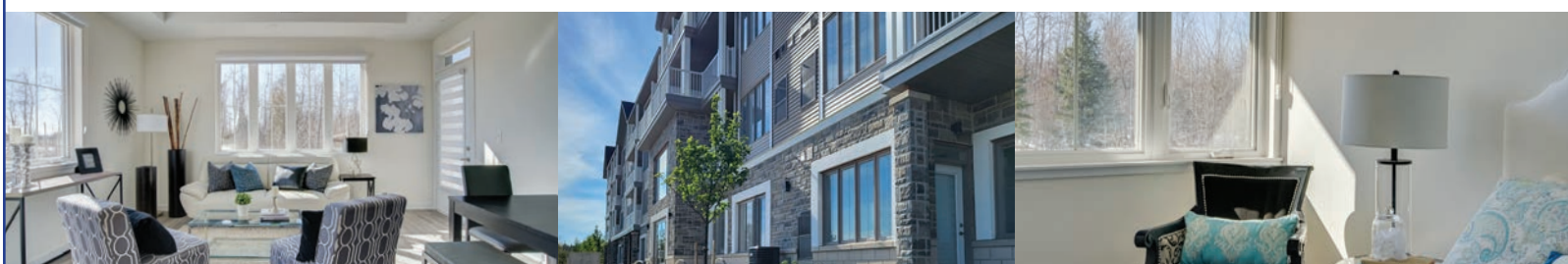
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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Labour day weekend.

Sunday, Sept. 3, worship will begin at King City United Church at 10 a.m. Our regular worship schedule has returned and we welcome all to join with us for worship and fellowship at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Sunday school will resume on Sept. 10.

Weekly recordings have discontinued now that we have returned to in-person worship. Please join with us for in person worship and light refreshments after the worship.

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

We continue to encourage all to help out with the King Township Food Bank who is experiencing unprecedented needs and we encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're in-person for our services. Pastor Mark is speaking on The Lord's Prayer. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 9 for our next Open Closet Outlet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please visit our website for links and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

A reminder that Monday, Sept. 4 is Labour Day so the Centre will be closed.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 is Open House and Registration for 2024 membership. The Centre will be buzzing with excitement as there will be displays of current activities, opportunities to learn what is ahead, to sign up for trips and to suggest topics for speakers. Refreshments will be available, so drop in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 8 will be a busy day. At 10 a.m. we will have a presentation on how to prepare our gardens and lawn

for the winter by a horticulturist.

From 5 to 7 p.m. that same day we will enjoy a BBQ and corn roast courtesy of the King City Lions. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the office. Bring family and friends for a great evening out. The last chance to purchase tickets is Sept. 6.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 KCSC will present a unique fashion show. We have an abundance of special occasion outfits as well as many items of clothing from around the world. The variety is amazing. We could still use a few models from size 8 to 14 to wear the clothes. If you are interested, please call the Centre at 905-833-6565.

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

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

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

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

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

The next trip will take place on Sept. 20. Spend a day in southern Georgian Bay. It will include lunch at Mylar and

Loretta's, a tour of the Black History Museum, a visit to the Farmer's Pantry and to T&K Feri orchards. The coach will leave King City arena at 9:30 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$124/pp. For more information contact Jayne at 905-853-1436 or Agnes at 905-841-7390.

KCSC will be hosting a Retirement Residence Fair on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Centre. If you think that a Retirement Residence might be in your future, this will be an opportunity to research the many residences available in our area in one convenient place.

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

Moraine Quilt Guild

On Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., join us for a Summer Social Sew. Located in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Enter from the south parking lot through the south east door. Come for the day or for however long you'd like to sew and socialize. Members and guests \$5. Regular Guild Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month October to June.

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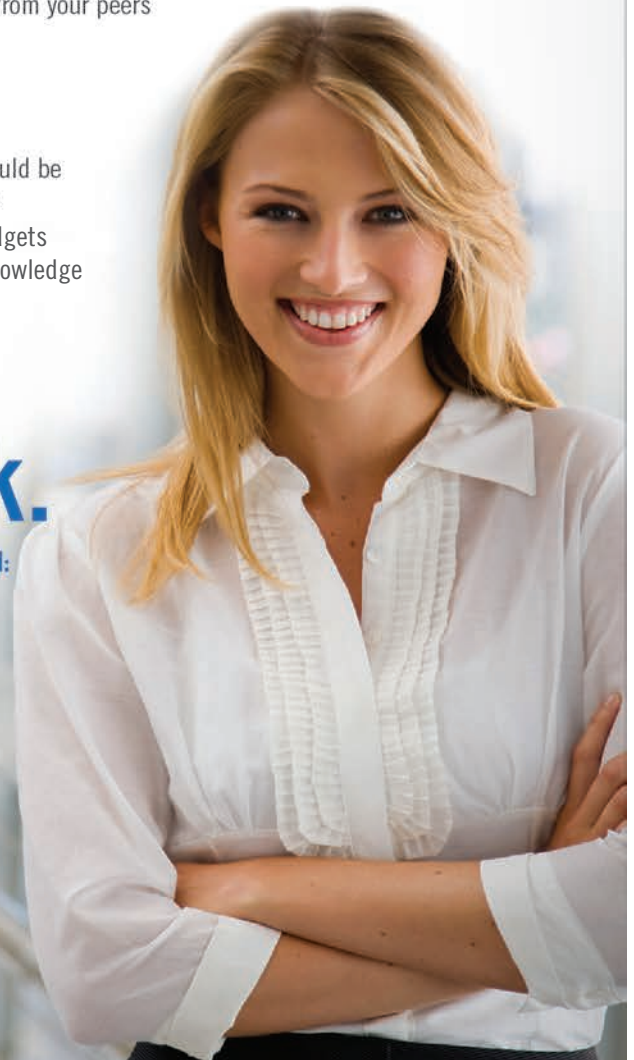
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Sacred Heart Church

We look forward to the Parish BBQ and Picnic on Sept. 17. Volunteers are needed and is a great opportunity for volunteer hours. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. for all those wishing to help out.

Saints Padre Pio movie night is Saturday, Sept. 23 with a Pot-Luck Supper after the 5 p.m. Mass. The Movie "Between Heaven & Earth" is a true story based on historical records and personal testimonies. This film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now go annually to

visit Padre Pio's grave.

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

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

York Pines Church

Next Sunday, we return to our normal service time at 11 a.m. with Lesley Morris leading the service. The continental Welcome Back Breakfast will be served in the Narthex starting at 10:15 a.m. Bring your favourite breakfast finger food to share. This is also Hungry Sunday when donations to the King Township Food Bank would be appreciated.

Book Club returns on Monday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. Join the group for some lively discussion of "Up and Down" by Terry Fallis either in-person or on Zoom. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you are interested in participating. You don't have to have read the book.

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

All are welcome at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 13190 Keele St. Our Sunday Morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Alison Agnew will be continuing with II Kings chapter 4:18 onwards.

Last Sunday she told us about the Shumanite lady, her gracious hospitality, miraculously becoming a mother and then Alison presented us with a "CliffHanger." We have homework to read more of the chapter to find out what happened to the son.

The deRoos family: Dirk, Sandra, Erik and Anna were given a farewell recognition and prayer as they will be worshipping more locally to their home, but keeping some ties with St. Andrew's! They have been such a blessing to our church and we know that they'll continue to use their gifts and talents as they glorify their Lord and Saviour.

Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca.

Tuesdays at Two Prayer Time is every Tuesday, from 2-3 p.m. in the church office where we pray for our families, congregations, and the community. Looking at availability and weather,

our "Freezie Friday" might become an opportune spontaneous day when we can meet neighbours and enjoy a "freezie" under the shade of the beautiful trees in St. Andrew's Park.

The last summer mid-week gathering was A Backyard BBQ at the Manse on Elizabeth Grove, last Wednesday, August 23. It was such a success that we're planning for another BBQ. We'll keep you posted. Please contact Alison at the church office (905-833-2325) for more information, or if you need a ride. We hope to be outside, so bring your lawn chair. However, we'll meet inside if necessary!

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).

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Normal worship resumes this Sunday with Rev. Erin Martin beck from holidays officiating at 8 a.m. Eucharist in the chapel and 10:30 choral Eucharist in the main church. All are welcome.

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Well, here we are folks, the last hooray for summer, the Labour Day long weekend. While the weather for August hasn't been the best, I'm sure we've all tried to make the best of it because we know what is coming. Back to school, back to work, back to the routine and maybe back to heading out for dinner after a busy week of school, work, and sports.

We are so lucky to have so many options now when it comes to eating out, and the Taste of Main is coming up in a few weeks, so if you haven't tried all our wonderful restaurants, this is your chance.

The first restaurant we tried back in 1999, when we came to Schomberg to look at houses was "The Schomberg Pub" although back then it was called "Dr. Dillane's." It convinced my husband to buy our present house, all because we had a pub we could walk to. We've certainly had some memorable walks back and forth over the last 24 years.

It became the "Schomberg Pub" when it was purchased by Nikki and Jordan. They then updated and changed it into the town staple it's become today. Their goal was to provide the community with a place to go for all types of celebrations, from hockey team celebrations to milestone birthdays, from retirement parties to or that weekly meet up with friends and family. They both lived upstairs to bring their dream to fruition, then brought on Bailey as an owner a few years later. Bailey, who was always everybody's favorite server, and who has become the face of the pub, as she exudes her love for the community. The "pub" as it's called by locals, just celebrated their twelfth anniversary, cheers to many more.

In 2019, the group signed the lease for what is now "Craft Kitchen & Beer Bar" on Main Street, while not the best timing, little did they know the entire world was about to shut down, making survival for restaurants extremely difficult. But through all the ups and downs and struggles, their dreams of champagne and oysters and handmade cocktails survived. That says a lot to me about their dedication and determination.

They also tell me this was their

best year yet, as they continue to offer Schomberg something more elevated, fresh, and special. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing this woman owned and managed restaurant much success, and they in turn hope everyone enjoys what they have to offer. Both the "Pub" and "Craft Kitchen" will be part of the Taste of Main coming up Sept. 8 to the 24, details can be found at schomberg-mainstreet.ca.

Street Gallery

Arts Society King is once again presenting the outdoor art show "The Schomberg Street Gallery" on Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street will close, and you can wander down Main and meet local and world-renowned artists who will be showcasing their work. Make sure to mark your calendars.

King Township is sponsoring "Go Electric" Sunday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. You'll meet owners of over 10 models of electric vehicles, test drive vehicles for free and learn about other electric opportunities, including lawn equipment, recreational equipment and more.

Don't forget about the guided Apiary

Tour at Cold Creek, Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. You can sign up at king.ca/recreation.

King Township is excited to announce that Picnic Shelters can now be booked online. Please visit king.ca/facilities to book.

Our very own King Food Bank has been serving the people of King for many years, and this year their one and only event that helps them help others "Sip and Savour" is a Moroccan inspired theme "Yalla Casablanca" which 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. If you would like to donate, please reach out by email to KTFBsisipand-savour@gmail.com

King Food Bank is also looking for food donations with several drop off points including Schomberg Foodland, Schomberg Library, and several Churches around town.

The Schomberg 55+ Club is starting to gear up for the fall.

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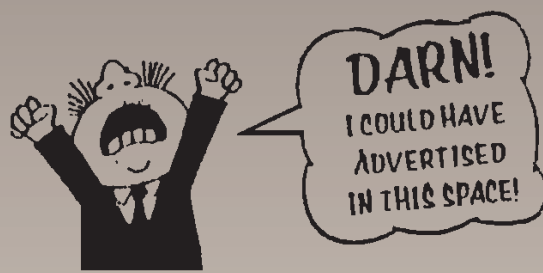
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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

Labour Day weekend is fast approaching which means school begins next week! This summer went by very quickly. We wish all the teachers, principals, assistants, custodians, office administrators and all the students a wonderful year of learning! Remember the Golden Rule ... treat others the way you want to be treated. Did you know that every religion, not just Christianity has a version of that rule ... that's how important being kind is!

Throughout the summer our congregations, as well as guests from other congregations, enjoyed worshipping on a Wednesday night as well as partaking in fabulous pot-luck meals! Thank you to everyone who helped organize them, brought delicious food and to Pastor Richard for the hymn sings and thought-filled reflections.

Now, we are back to regular Sunday morning worship services with Schomberg UC at 9:30 a.m. and Nobleton UC at 11:15 a.m. Schomberg UC worships in the basement of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church (entrance

is on Castlewood Avenue) and Nobleton UC is located at 6076 King Road. We have a chair lift if needed. After worship at both congregations, coffee, tea and goodies are shared!

The next Senior's Luncheon is on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. The guest speaker is Joe Gray, a farmer volunteer from Peel Region who will inform us about the good works of the S.H.A.R.E. Agricultural Foundation, a Canadian charity operating primarily in developing countries of Central and South America. This Peel-based charity has provided support to agricultural-based communities for over 45 years using the "Pass On" principle where people can improve their life through their own efforts. The meal will be barbecued sausage from Schomberg Quality Meats, baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob (if available), buns & butter, followed by chocolate cake & ice cream, tea & coffee. 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. There is no cost for the program and lunch but we do appreciate any do-

nations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

Since school is back, that means Messy Church is back as well! Mark your calendars for the third Wednesday of each month with this month's being held on Sept 20th, 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church is for families ... including families of one! There are activities and op-

tional crafts for the first hour; then an interactive Bible story and songs that relate the activities to the story and at 6:15 pm, a meal. Again, the meal and activities are free, but we do appreciate donations.

Do you like to quilt? Come and put in some stitches on a baby quilt Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Schomberg Scoop

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We will be back in Community Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 with a Membership Drive, so if you're thinking about joining this is the day to come and remember to invite your friends.

Here are the events planned for Fall at the Community Hall:

Laughter Yoga, Monday, Sept. 11 - 10:30 a.m. RSVP by Sept. 4 to klbird@hotmail.com

"Power of the Pen" handwriting analysis - Monday, Sept. 18 - 10:30 RSVP by Sept. 11 to Lynn, klbird@hotmail.com

They are also planning a Tour & Lunch - Bala Falls Pub & Cranberry Harvest - Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more information and to register, contact Lynn,

klbird@hotmail.com before August 31
Euchre night is Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. Everyone is welcome to join but don't forget to bring your sense of humour and be prepared to laugh a lot and if you get a lay down lone hand, we will make your Facebook famous.

The "Four Seasons Market" is open for Fall and Winter Market applications, the Fall market takes place, Saturday, Sept. 23 and the Winter Market, Saturday, Nov. 4. Please go to thefourseasonsmarket.com for more information and to apply to be a vendor.

This quote spoke to me this week: "If you're a giver, likely you've loved a lot of takers. This is the paradox; givers will be drawn to takers until they learn how to receive. If you're a giver, find another giver to love" ~ Paul Scanlon

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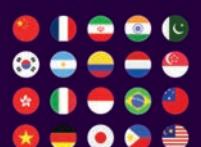
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