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Local representatives at AMO

A strong contingent of King councillors attended the annual AMO conference in London recently. Joining the local representatives were Ministers Caroline Mulroney, Stephen Lecce and Michael Tibollo. "It's an honour for me to represent hard-working families in King Township and the City of Vaughan," said Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Education. "In my role as MPP, I enjoyed a productive working dinner at the AMO conference with King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, council members and neighbouring MPPs Caroline Mulroney and Michael Tibollo to discuss our collaborative efforts to deliver for communities across York Region."

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'The Beharriell Briefings' pays tribute to former resident

The Beharriell Briefings is an annual King Township-wide speaking showcase in the fall, open to King residents and school students of all ages, that takes its inspiration from the life-long passions of the late Lt. Colonel (retired) Susan Beharriell.

Susan, a highly decorated Canadian Armed Forces intelligence officer, was a longtime King Township resident. After her retirement from active service, Susan spoke at local schools about the importance of service to one's community; she also addressed the wider community and stressed the importance of inclusivity and equality of all kinds; she stressed the important role indigenous Canadians have played in the history of this land and spoke of her hope that all Canadians would work together to make a better Canada; she was a vocal champion of environmental protection, a founding member of Climate Action King, she feared the loss of global

biodiversity, and Susan loved all animals especially horses and butterflies.

Susan was an inspirational leader, and after her passing in December of 2022, the Beharriell Briefings was created to honour her memory and to keep her important legacy alive. Public speaking was also an important part of her family upbringing.

How can you get involved?
The Beharriell Briefings will take place on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in King City. It is a speaking showcase, and it is open to participants of all ages who either live in or go to school in King Township. It involves participants writing and presenting a 3-5-minute brief presenting a solution or solutions to one of the four following problems inspired by Susan Beharriell's passions and her life of service.
See 'Beharriell' on Page 3

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, Sept. 26
6 p.m. – Special Council: King’s “Our King” Official Plan Review
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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 – CANCELLED
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 19
6:30 p.m. - King Township Public Library Board
In-person at the King City Library Branch, 1970 King Rd.
For more information, email info@kinglibrary.ca.
For information about the Library Board, visit kinglibrary.ca/library-board-administration.

Wednesday, Sept. 20
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment
Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed)
Visit king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

To view full Council and Committee agendas, visit king.civicweb.net

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit <https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities. All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SCHOOL IS ALMOST BACK



Children will be...
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SLOW DOWN
Especially near schools and residential areas.

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...when their lights are flashing and the STOP sign is out.

Educate children
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Summer break is almost over!

No parking/stopping in Fire Routes or restricted areas in school zones
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Join the King Environmental Action Team

King Township wants to hear from the community about a new King Environmental Action Team. Complete our survey to share your thoughts!



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL - OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

We want your input!



King Township is starting a review of its Official Plan, titled “Our King”. The Official Plan Review will develop a roadmap to guide growth in King to the year 2051. The Our King Official Plan is due for a review to:

- Align with recent changes in Provincial policy and legislation.
- Conform to the York Region Official Plan.
- Ensure the vision for King continues to meet the Township's needs.

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>.

To start the conversation, visit: speaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review

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ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Main Street, Schomberg

Please be advised that Main Street between Dr. Kay Drive and Church Street in the Village of Schomberg will be temporarily closed for the:

Schomberg Street Gallery

Sunday, September 17th, 2023
Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

This portion of the road will not be accessible to local traffic during this time. Emergency access will be maintained. Vehicle traffic will be required to take alternative routes during the closure. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For more information contact the Clerk's Division at clerks@king.ca.

Dated August 31, 2023



EXCITING NEWS

The King City branch is opening Fridays!

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Schomberg to benefit from high-speed internet

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

More than \$219 million in combined federal and provincial funding for Rogers will help bring high-speed internet access to more than 66,000 households in over 300 Ontario communities, including over 600 Indigenous households.

Schomberg will get the enhanced service.

The government believes that all Canadians need access to reliable high-speed internet, no matter where they live. The governments of Canada and Ontario are taking action to bring high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved communities across Ontario.

The projects are part of an existing partnership between Ontario and Canada. On July 29, 2021, the governments announced a Canada-Ontario broadband partnership to support large-scale, fibre-based projects that will provide high-speed internet access to more than 280,000 households across the province. This historic agreement was made possible by a joint federal-provincial investment totalling more than \$1.2 billion.

This recent funding builds on the federal government's progress toward ensuring that 98 per cent of Canadians have access to high-speed internet by 2026, and 100 per cent by 2030. The announcement also brings the Government of Ontario closer to achieving its goal of bringing reliable high-speed internet access to every community in the province by the end of 2025.

"We all know that internet is no longer a luxury – it's a necessity. Today's announcement is a significant milestone for internet connectivity in rural Ontario. Working with Rogers, we will help connect more than 66,000 underserved households in over 300 rural communities in Ontario, including over 600 Indigenous households. Our

government will continue to work side by side with our partners to achieve our connectivity targets and ensure that every Canadian, no matter where they live, has access to high-speed internet," said Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

"This investment is critical to ensuring that people and businesses alike can access high-speed internet when and where they need it. This initiative is another step forward as we fulfill our government's connectivity commitment by 2025," added Lisa Thompson, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"Access to reliable high-speed internet is critical for residents in Ontario today to stay connected with friends and family, and for businesses to operate and grow. We are proud to invest with the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to bring high-speed fibre internet access to more than 66,000 households across southern Ontario, part of our coast-to-coast wireline network," said Ron McKenzie, Chief Technology and Information Officer, Rogers Communications Inc.

Canada's Connectivity Strategy aims to provide all Canadians with access to internet speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download / 10 Mbps upload.

The Universal Broadband Fund is a \$3.225 billion investment by the Government of Canada designed to help provide high-speed internet access to 98 per cent of Canadians by 2026 and achieve the national target of 100 per cent access by 2030.

Today, 93.5 per cent of Canadian households have access to high-speed internet, compared to just 79 per cent in 2014.

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$4 billion to bring access to reliable high-speed internet to every community across the province by the

end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet in any province, by any government in Canadian history.

As of August 2023, Ontario has finalized agreements totalling more than \$2.3 billion for nearly 200 high-speed internet and cellular projects that will bring access to more than 500,000 homes and businesses across the province.

Earlier this year, Ontario launched a new interactive online map that shows where provincially funded high-speed internet projects are planned, are currently

under way or have been recently completed. Ontarians can use the map to learn about projects in their area and find out where high-speed internet service is currently available.

In 2021, Ontario passed the Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 to help speed up construction of high-speed internet projects. To build upon this legislation, the Ontario government also passed the Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022, which further reduces barriers, duplication and delays.



MPP welcomes students back to school

Education Minister Stephen Lecce, PA Patrice Barnes, MPP Laura Smith announced what parents and students can expect for the upcoming school year that focuses on getting back to basics with strong foundational skills in reading, writing, math, STEM, and skilled trades. The announcement was held at the new E.J. Sand Public School that is welcoming students this school year.



Topics for speeches for event


From Front Page


You may present your 3-5 minute brief on ONE of the following:

1. How can people be encouraged to offer continued service to others in their community?
2. What can be done, here or in Canada, to stop the loss of biodiversity?
3. What can be done to encourage inclusivity and respect of indigenous culture and wisdom in King Township?
4. How can cooperation and collaboration in King Township help to reduce and eliminate the burning of fossil fuels?

For more, contact Ann Raney at ann.raney.king@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENT






WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

"SAVE THE DATE"

Memory Lane Home Living and the Alzheimer's Society of York Region are pleased to announce a collaboration to mark World Alzheimer's Day on **September 21st 2023 from 9:30am to 12:30.**

We are excited to host a Dementia Wellness Fair and provide invaluable resources to enhance the quality of life for those navigating a dementia diagnosis.

We are also looking forward to our keynote speaker, Dan Cohen. Dan, has a Masters in Social Work, and is the subject of the Sundance Film Festival's award winning documentary film "Alive Inside". As a founder and current director of Right for Music, Mr. Cohen has raised an awareness worldwide, regarding the many benefits of music for dementia. As founder of Music & Memory, Dan Cohen has trained over 5,000 care homes, hospitals, hospices, and day programs on large scale rollouts of personal music. He has received a Public Service Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators, and the Non-profit Leadership Award from the Harvard Club of New York.



Details regarding DAVID COHEN, Keynote Speaker for World Alzheimer's Day in York Region

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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

Home ownership requires a certain handiness

It's been said that if your man isn't handsome, he better be handy!

Our species has succeeded and evolved, largely because we have hands, fingers and a decent-sized brain. We can conceptualize, design, build and create.

It remains our strength over our fellow mammals on this planet. Imagine if our simian cousins could build structures and tools? That's definitely a new Planet of the Apes movie to be sure.

Louis Nizer once said that a "man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist."

I envy those who are skilled handymen, who can pretty much fix or create anything with the tools at hand.

Maybe my fondness for the Mr. Fix-its came from watching Bob the Builder or Handy Manny with my kids when they were young.

Our forefathers, out of necessity, were natural handymen and women.

My dad could make a bench from a tree stump, a shelf from a scrap piece of plywood. He even made a walking stick out of a tree branch, one thing we have kept all these years. Some of his creations were a bit wonky, but that's okay.

For him, it was a matter of encountering a problem or challenge, and finding a solution. There was no "calling someone" or asking for help. It was simply putting nose to grindstone and figuring it out. He used a lot of wood, nails and duct tape!

But his simple upbringing in Latvia filled him with common sense and a strong work ethic. Those two things, along with a bit of smarts, results in what Nizer called a "craftsman."

Again, I envy those who can grab "the right tool for the right job," and turn their attention to the problem at hand.

My father-in-law, a retired foreman with Otis Elevators, worked in many downtown buildings and even helped



Mark Pavilons

install the elevators on the CN Tower.

His stories are legendary. I remember his tale of the crews working so late, they stayed on an unfinished floor of the Tower's pod. They had to fasten themselves to anchors in the cement so they didn't roll off the edge in their sleep!

His photos of the Toronto skyline and lightning storms high above the city are amazing.

He, too, is a "craftsman," and my wife and I still call upon his expertise from time to time.

A friend of mine has done everything from home renovations to creating ponds, play structures, fences, etc.

I think it's great to know someone like that, but I imagine they almost always get called upon to "pitch in" and help out a friend or family member.

Admittedly, due to my lack of handiness, I'm inclined to turn to the pros, or friends and relatives. What can I say, I'm inherently cheap!

Recently, we had an issue with the furnace at home. I noticed water

leaking from beneath it, creeping along the cement floor in the basement. I turned to the Internet for an explanation and discovered it was a plugged condenser hose. Online material said it was a relatively easy fix, and not to leave it too long or you risk damaging the furnace.

So, a call to a Nobleton business led George Lucas to my basement, and within a matter minutes, the problem was solved. I tend to look local and found George through the King Chamber of Commerce.

I find that in certain instances - furnaces, plumbing, electrical - it's best to turn to experts. I really don't want to electrocute myself or others and really don't need a new pond or lake in my house.

We added a basement bathroom in our house, and called on our nephew to complete the task. It turned out quite well and the finishes my wife selected are amazing. Surprisingly, this small reno ate up a little more than \$5,000.

I've always been a fan of those home renovation shows on HGTV, especially the Property Brothers. It's really interesting to see how such extravagant transformations take place and the work involved. It's also eye-opening, in terms of cost.

A typical kitchen reno can run upwards of \$50,000 and a main floor gut and upgrade, well into the six figures. One can always dream.

Most homeowners know there's al-

ways something to do, or there are always upgrades, repairs and improvements that need to be done to maintain our abodes.

We had the shingles replaced this summer and the guys did a great job. Boy, did they work hard in the heat for a full day.

Sure, I would have loved to spend the thousands upon thousands of dollars on a holiday, but alas, such is the burden of home ownership.

We have frequent backups of our kitchen sink, and some home remedies have staved off trouble. One of my son's friends came over to "snake" the line and this was successful. Some tradespeople charge several hundred dollars for this.

Did I mention that I was cheap?

In a family affair, we assembled a 10x10 aluminum pergola in our back yard. Other than a few upside down pieces and using the wrong screws, it was a huge success. I was surprised it took so long and can understand why people charge hundreds of dollars to do the job.

I remember helping my dad work on his 1973 Oldsmobile - the engine bay could comfortably fit 2-3 people! Today's cars are much too complicated for the average non-handly male.

I get the satisfaction at the end of a job well done. I imagine it's similar to finishing a painting or wooden bowl.

To all the craftsmen and women and artists out there, thank you!

Regional Government

Inclusion Charter for York Region

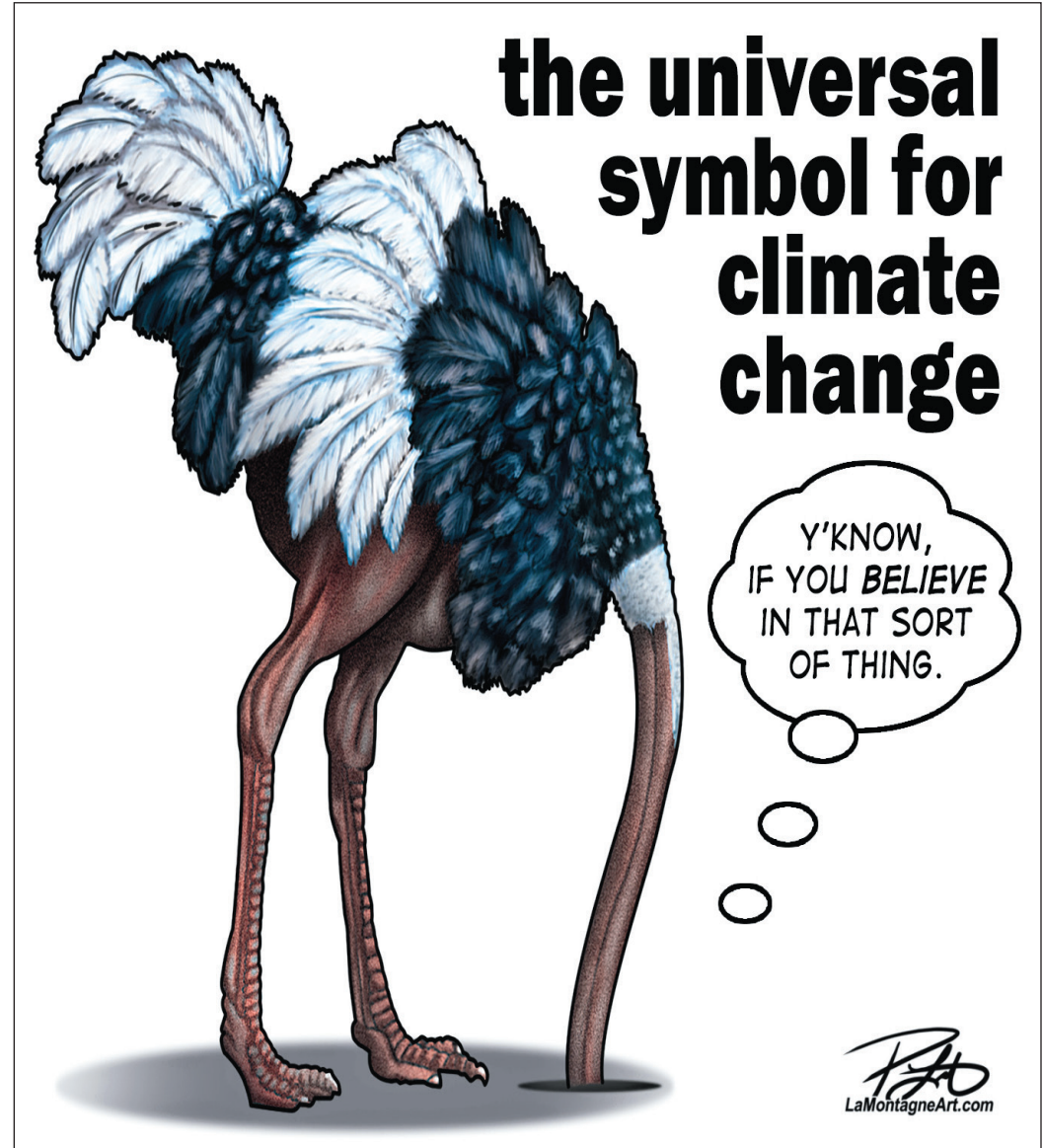
York Regional Council received an update on the Inclusion Charter for York Region, which affirms York Region's commitment to welcoming and inclusive communities in alignment with the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan.

York Region has advanced many actions since the Charter was first endorsed in June 2018, including work on the Inclusive Language Guide and #EndHateYR, a multi-phased community campaign focused on increasing a sense of belonging and decreasing incidences of hate crimes.

York Region continues to build a strong partnership with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. Earlier this year, our collective commitment was renewed and focuses on advancing social inclusion and sustainable development and will fostering support of collaborative actions to advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Support for the Inclusion Charter continues to expand with endorsements from 36 organizations across York Region. York Region remains committed to the Charter's vision and will provide further updates on implemented initiatives to Regional Council.

For more information, visit york.ca/inclusiveYR



Quote of the Week

"Time, never enough, trade every penny for just a little bit more."

Anon.

Trivia Tidbits

The odds of getting struck by lightning are more than one in a million, it kills 2 to 3 people every year in Canada.

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Results from last week's poll:
Did the summer live up to your expectations?

a) Yes **75%**

b) No **25%**

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Has the first week of school been hectic?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Life-filled and life-giving, soil is too precious to waste

By David Suzuki

Comment

As you walk outside, watching birds take flight or a squirrel run up a tree, take a moment to consider the activity beneath your feet. A new study shows more than half the world's life is in soil — including 90 per cent of fungi, 85 per cent of plants and more than 50 per cent of bacteria. Just a teaspoon of healthy soil can contain up to a billion bacteria and more than a kilometre of fungi, Nature reports.

That makes soil “the singular most biodiverse habitat on Earth,” according to the study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. We often take soil, and the biodiversity it supports, for granted, but it's critical to understand it.

“Organisms in soil play an outweighed impact on the balance of our planet. Their biodiversity matters because soil life affects climate change feedbacks, global food security, and even human health,” lead researcher Mark Anthony, an ecologist at the Swiss Federal Research Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research, told the Guardian.

Soil, which makes up the top layer of Earth's crust, is where we grow almost all our food and it's second only to the ocean for carbon storage. We should dig deeper into understanding it — especially because topsoil degradation and loss are a growing ecological problem. The

United Nations says one-third of global soil has already been affected, mainly by intensive agricultural practices that cause and speed up erosion and runoff, nutrient and organic matter depletion and disruption of natural processes and cycles.

Soil can also be susceptible to drought and floods, especially where sustainable agricultural practices aren't employed. Dry soils don't support life well and can be too baked to absorb water, making them prone to erosion and nutrient loss during sudden rains, with potential flooding below from runoff.

To address the global heating that's causing weather to become more extreme and unpredictable, making farming challenging, we must shift to renew-

able energy, used efficiently and wisely. But there are immediate, proven ways to protect and make better use of the soils we need to grow food — and they come with climate benefits.

Quick-growing cover plants like clover, alfalfa, barley, oats, wheat and legumes can prevent erosion, fix nitrogen, replenish nutrients, control weeds and pests, slow evaporation and reduce ground-level temperatures.

Because ploughing up topsoil to plant seeds for monoculture crops has contributed to soil loss and depletion, no-till farming — gaining widespread acceptance worldwide — also helps, especially combined with cover crops.

The Biggest Little Farm documentary film illustrates (on a relatively small scale) how working with nature can keep soils in place and healthy while producing nutrient-rich, flavourful food, even under increasingly volatile California weather conditions.

As the farm's website says, “healthy soil is built from the top down, which means every decision we make above it matters. In short this is why ecologically regenerative farming methods that restore biodiversity above and within the soil (cover cropping, compost application, managed grazing, etc.) create some of the most nutrient-dense and flavorful food that only nature can provide.”

Other methods such as agroforestry (integrating trees and shrubs with agriculture), urban and vertical agriculture, a shift toward plant-based diets and more can help maintain and enrich soils while safeguarding the climate, food systems, waterways, lands and ocean.

The study on soil life also reminds us that, although we've been developing large-scale agriculture as if we had a complete understanding of natural systems, our knowledge has been and is still lacking. The researchers note that their study's margin of error is large and that there's much still to learn. And yet, we've been treating this essential, life-filled, life-giving layer of Earth like we treat the rest of the planet: as if it's there to exploit without fear of consequences.

But we're now seeing devastating consequences. Adopting better conservation, restoration and agricultural practices would help soil, food security, climate and health.

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.

Lawyer sees no evidence of long-term care

The following letter, to Mayor, Members of Council and Clerk of King Township, was submitted to the King Weekly Sentinel.

You are aware that our clients — Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) and Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) — and the public have spoken out strongly in opposition to the proposed Long Term Care facility at Marylake, ever since this first came to Council in Dec, 14, 2020.

At the Feb. 8, 2021 Council meeting, Mayor Pellegrini thanked the many disputants and the 244 people who had submitted written comments. The vast majority of residents and organizations who shared comments opposed the proposed LTC facility at Marylake. But Mayor Pellegrini also said that Council was not voting to approve or agree with the planning report but were only voting “to receive” the planning report and that this would come back to Council for a vote including for site plan approval.

The fact is that Council has never voted on this precedent setting Long Term Care facility on the Moraine, which lies outside the designated King City settlement area beside a sensitive kettle lake, Mary Lake, and large sections of the largest designated Provincially Significant Wetland in southern Ontario. Instead, against strong opposition, site plan approval and building and demolition permits have now been issued by King Township planning staff without Council's approval.

Those approvals have been issued without sufficient evidence as required by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The Plan required that actual Long Term Care had to have been provided on site prior to the passing of the

Letter to the Editor

Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan on Nov. 6, 2001 and that it has operated continuously ever since.

The main function of the Marylake Monastery has clearly been as a place of worship and any care provided to staff/priests was ancillary to that use. We now have strong witness statements that actual long-term care was never provided, nor has it been continuous at Marylake.

There has been no credible assessment that the activities offered at the monastery met the definition of Long Term Care as defined in Ontario by the LTCHomes Act 2007. This is a direct quote from King City practicing medical doctor Dr. Paul Randall's evidence:

Having practiced for just over 50 years in King City, I am well acquainted with the Augustinian Fathers. Over the years many of the Brothers have been patients of mine; they mostly came to my office for consultation. Infrequently I have made visits to their home beside the lake.

I have never seen any evidence of this (Long Term Care) at Marylake, which I feel has functioned simply as a retirement residence for their elderly Brothers and priests.

In addition, the applicant has admitted that there have been significant gaps in what was characterized as care post 2001 but that they “intended” to carry on providing care. But as planner Allan Ramsay reported to Council “intent” does not count as continuous use. As a result, the approval of this very large urban scale Long Term Care facility is in our opinion in contravention of Section 24 of the Oak Ridges Moraine

Conservation Plan and the \$50,000 a day fine is applicable.

Of additional concern is that the new 2023 King Township Rural Zoning Bylaws expressly prohibit Long Term Care facilities outside the Settlement Areas. In Exception 243 of the Bylaw, pertaining to Marylake, LTC is not a permitted use. King Council voted to approve that new Rural Zoning Bylaw but planning staff have chosen to ignore that new bylaw. And planning staff sent the request for a minor variance to the Committee of Adjustment, when this involves a change of use as a Monastery to include Long Term Care and major expansion to a 160-bed Long Term Care facility.

This letter is to notify you that the organizations Save the Oak The Ridges Moraine (STORM) and Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) have authorized court action to enforce the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Their preference is to meet with Council and Staff so that you have a full and fair opportunity to explain why this large 160-bed Long Term Care development at this site, which is part of the Greenbelt, is in contravention to the vision and policies of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

STORM and CCKT will also be hosting a public meeting, at which the results will be relayed to the community. You are all formally invited to this meeting, details to follow.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-572-0464, or by email to david@donnellylaw.ca, cc'ing cameron@donnellylaw.ca should you have any questions or concerns.

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St. Anne's School begins new era of education in Aurora

By Brock Weir

"Attraverssiamo," is a favourite Italian saying of Sabrina D'Angelo.

To D'Angelo, Head of St. Anne's School (SAS), York Region's only all-girls independent school, it means, "Let's cross over together."

That has been a long-held dream for SAS since they welcomed their first students last year to Aurora's St. Andrew's College campus and their very own Cygnet Centre, referencing the name of SAS students, derived from the school's emblem of a swan.

The dream to "cross over together" became a reality when SAS moved across St. John's Sideroad to formally cut the ribbon of their brand-new campus, little over an hour before this year's group of 174 students crossed the threshold for the first time.

"Zero more sleeps!" said an excited D'Angelo this week, before an audience of 500 who gathered outside the Jacobean-style mansion that is now SAS' base of operations. "We are making history. Today is a testament to the power of dreams, dedication, hard work, and the unwavering belief in the potential of young women. As we prepare to open the doors to St. Anne's School, we embark on an educational experience that promises to provide countless opportunities that will change lives, shape futures, and leave an indelible mark on our community and beyond.

"The idea of a school for girls was born over a decade ago from three profound beliefs: one, the incredible potential of girls and young women and

the understanding that empowering them through education is not just a choice, but a necessity; two, that girls and boys need an intentional platform in which to engage meaningfully and authentically; and three, to find that balance between these two that will serve our communities and the world in innovative, thoughtful and exciting ways. At St. Anne's, we are committed to empowering students in every realm of their lives. We aim to instill not only knowledge but also the values of integrity, empathy, resilience, kindness, hard work and leadership."

These principles were emphasized by Board of Governors Chair Mark Etherington who highlighted the community partners who came together to bring SAS to fruition.

He hailed D'Angelo for her "vision, passion and iron will" to make SAS a reality.

"In 60 minutes or so, the footsteps of 174 girls echoing through the halls will be heard for the first time as they begin their journey here," he said. "There will be nervous anticipation of a new school year at a new school, meeting new people, exploring this magnificent campus, of sitting in bright classrooms, of being challenged to experiment with new ideas and concepts, of the sound of laughter ringing through the dining hall, of whistles in the gym, of lifelong friendships being formed."

Noting St. Andrew's 124 years of educating boys and forging traditions, he said St. Anne's was just at the beginning of its journey, considering its traditions, and working towards its first



group of alumni.

"Today is about St. Anne's and the incredible future that lies ahead. In many ways St. Anne's is a blank canvas and all those fortunate to attend here will be the authors of St. Anne's future and success. They will write its history, carve out its tradition and in time will be its alumni. Each graduating class will inspire future generations of students. As they leave this campus, they will no doubt be ready to face the world, to make big and bold decisions that will shape their lives, our country, the globe, in a positive and inspired way. I am excited to watch St. Anne's School and its students flourish."

Added SAC Head of School Kevin McHenry: "We had the good fortune of moving north to Aurora in 1926 and we will celebrate 100 years in Aurora in a couple of years - what a place to be on Yonge Street, in this amazing growing and affluent community, and we're fortunate to be here. 124 years and this is Year Two for SAS. The partnership is strong. We are single sex schools and we believe in single sex education, but we also recognize that part of that is co-curricular and integration is what we're all about. It's so exciting to build a program, we've had lots of laughs, and we're building for the future. It's been such a wonderful ride. I'm really, really looking forward to the future of building this together."

The goal of SAS, said D'Angelo, is to "raise a generation of women who are not just academically accomplished, but socially-conscious and compassionate, a generation of women who are prepared to lead the future."

Addressing the Cygnets, the excitement was clear.

"We made it! Every initiative and every project have a 'why.' That is what steered this journey. There are many times when it would have been easier to quit, easier to pivot in a different direction, but that was never an option. That is not the Cygnet way. You are the why; you are the reason behind this decade-long journey. You are St. Anne's School."

"To the many donors...contributing to capital expenses, those who have graciously donated to the school's endowment, allowing more than 20 per cent of our student population to be recipients of financial assistance, making the SAS dream possible for many students and those gifts, via the annual Parents Fund, every donation big and small allows us to maintain and create an exceptional educational experience for our students. Thank you. We look forward to celebrating your contributions in the coming months.

"For all of us, attraverssiamo signifies the movement to crossing into a new space for learning and teaching, a space where our girls will become young women prepared to lead the future. Let's get ready to attraverssiamo. As we cut this ribbon and open our doors to a new era of education, let us remember that the impact of this school extends far beyond these physical boundaries. We are shaping future leaders, thinkers, innovators, and advocates who go out into the world and make a profound difference. Let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead and continue to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of young women."

Parks and Recreation programs



The Township of King Recreation and Activity Guide is now online, and registration started Sept. 5. Whether you're interested in signing up for PA Day camps, winter camps, family activities, preschool programs, dance and music, arts and culture, environmental and outdoor programs, sports for all ages or older adult (55+) programs, this guide has everything. Check it out at www.king.ca/recreation.



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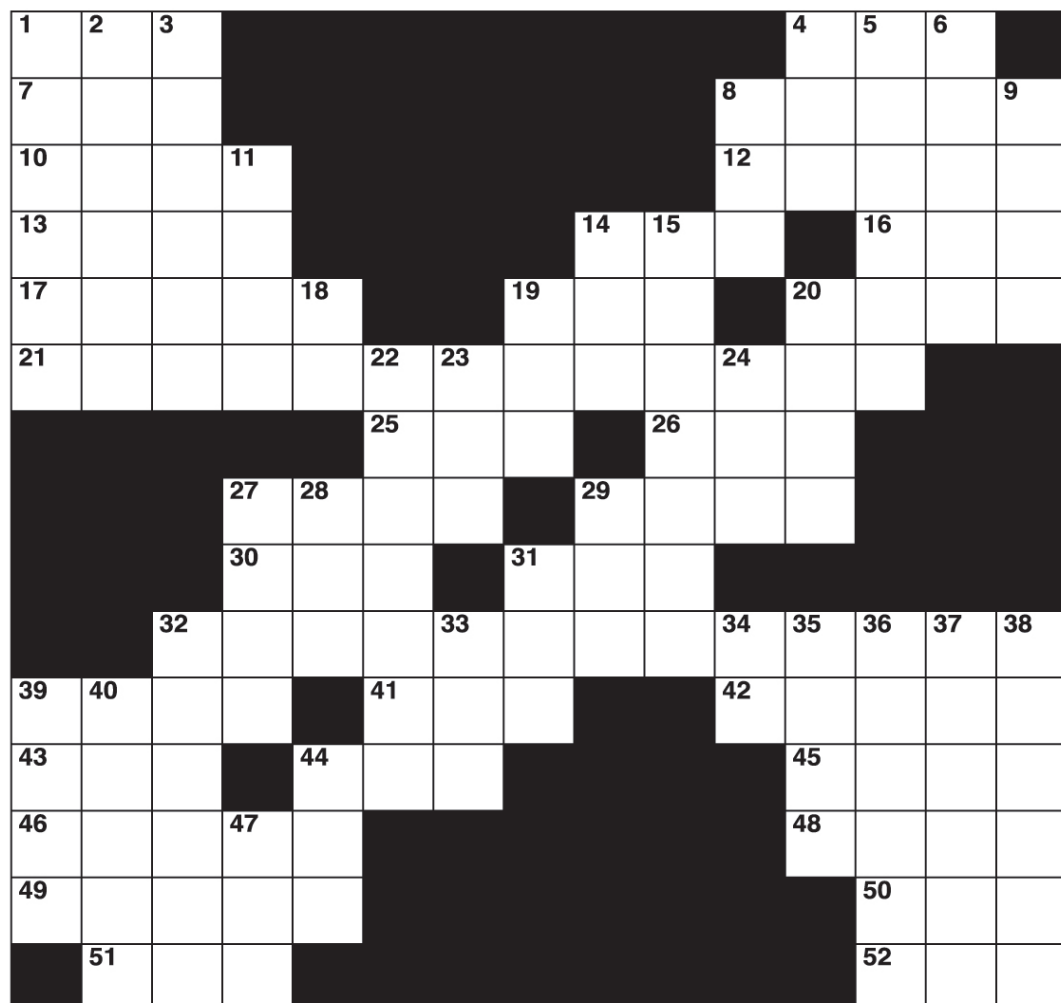
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King Scoops Ice Cream finds its niche in community

By Jim Stewart

Owner, greeter, and superb scooper Vince Freda peers out from below his yellow and white-striped awning. Inside is his beautifully-appointed ice cream shop at the corner of King Sideroad and Keele Street.

He takes a break to chat about the meteoric success of King City's only ice cream shop. The gregarious proprietor is pleased that his charming shop at 13040 Keele Street has become a communal hot spot for cold treats: "It's really turned into a community hub. The lineups have been huge - stretching down Keele to King Sideroad." Echoing Freda's sentiments is his sister, Marie, who chimes in with the quip that "King Scoops is the

'Cheers' of ice cream."

Freda loves his sister's allusive analogy to the famous television sitcom and notes that his connection to community gathering places is a long and storied one. The retired restaurateur went right back into a full-time commitment to his shop, but expresses his comfort with the decision: "I came from the restaurant business with its penchant for customer service and hospitality. This is what I want to provide for the residents of King City and the surrounding area."

Freda's customer service and hospitable nature are on full display during the grand opening of King Scoops as he mingles effortlessly with a full range of ice cream aficionados including a newspaper reporter, King



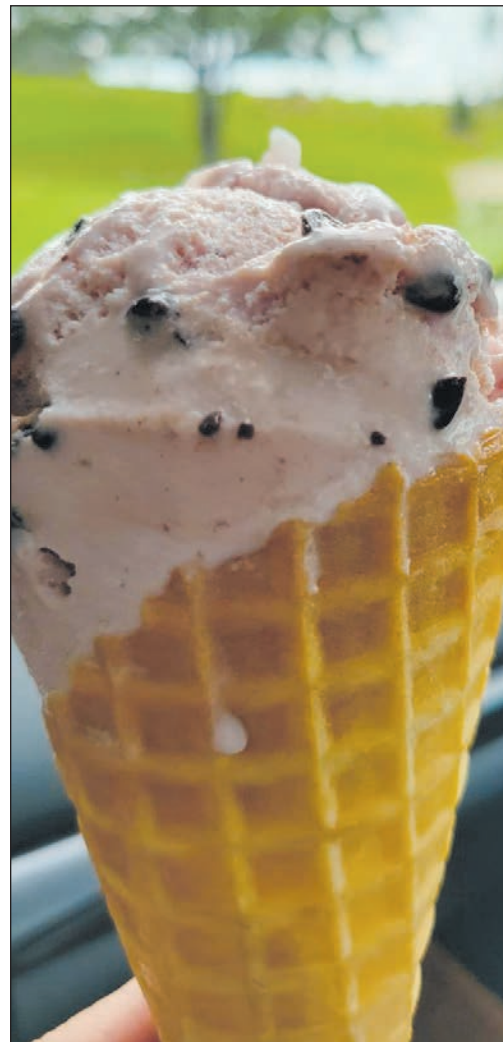
Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councilor Debbie Schaefer, a mom driving along the laneway en route to parking and dropping off youngsters, and a half-dozen tween and teen customers on their bikes who roll on to the driveway of King Scoops after a long ride. Their visit culminates in the conspicuous consumption of delightful frozen confections.

And an impressive list of delightful confections it is. Sixteen different flavors of ice cream served in a cup or cone - including Algonquin Canoe and a Very Berry combination that

this reporter cannot resist. Complementing the menu are Milkshakes served with whipped cream and drizzle, Sundaes with unlimited toppings and drizzle, Kiddie Cones and Cups, Affogato - vanilla ice cream and espresso - for \$8.50 ("A big hit with the soccer dads and moms next door," Freda discloses in an aside), and Espresso.

While Freda prepares our complimentary ice cream cones - served in convenient cups or placed in a precarious perch atop a delicious waffle cone - he notes how grateful he is to his initial customers when he opened King Scoops on July 21: "The 'King City Moms' were the first visitors. They communicated about how they loved the shop's look and our ice cream through their Instagram accounts. I want to thank them for creating such a great start to, and a customer base for, our business." Freda noted that the best part of his Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Mayor Pellegrini and Councilor Schaefer is being able to "let people know that there's finally an ice cream shop in King City and residents don't have to travel out of town for a great ice cream cone." The amiable King City civic leaders Pellegrini and Schaefer present Freda with a commemorative certificate that reads "On behalf of the Township of King, congratulations King Scoops on your Grand Opening. We wish you tremendous success."

Based on the lineups and Vince Freda's natural knack for customer service and hospitality, it's evident that King Scoops Ice Cream has caught the eye and sweet tooth of scores of local residents in its first month of operation and is, indeed, a 'tremendous success.'



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King Animal Hospital Acquires Ontario Equine Hospital

The King Animal Hospital has announced the strategic acquisition of the Ontario Equine Hospital as part of their mission to ensure every animal has access to compassionate and committed care.

With this acquisition, the entire OEH veterinary team including Dr. Darryl Bonder, DVM, Dr. Orlaith Cleary, MVB, DACVS, and Dr. Jorge Cruz, DVM, as well as the technicians and support staff, will be joining the team at King Animal Hospital where they will continue to provide care to equine patients, always "Putting the Horse First."

King Animal Hospital is a privately owned, four-storey, 60,000-square-foot multidisciplinary referral hospital located on 50 acres in King Township, where specialists and technologies can harmonize under one roof. Equine focused technologies include an MRI, standing CT scan with robotic arm, C-Arm fluoroscopy, digital x-ray, as well as other beneficial design features including a 5,800-square-foot indoor arena.

"Our vision is to revolutionize animal care and be a catalyst for knowledge exchange in the animal healthcare industry," said Tracy Jones, CEO of King Animal Hospital. "And because Dr.

Bonder and the team at Ontario Equine Hospital share this vision, we know this consolidation helps propel us forward to achieve this goal."

To this end, joining forces allows King Animal Hospital and Ontario Equine Hospital to combine their strengths, forming a powerful front-line team offering innovative and modern equine veterinary medicine to best support referring DVMs in the equine industry.

"We have always prided ourselves in providing compassionate care to our patients," said Dr. Bonder, who will be the Chief Medical Officer for the Equine Division at King Animal Hospital. "In this new chapter, we remain deeply committed to the referring veterinarians who have entrusted us with the care of their clients and patients. The new arrangement provides continuity of service and will only strengthen our ability to support the industry for years to come."

Effective Sept. 1, the team at Ontario Equine Hospital will become part of King Animal Hospital, continuing to operate through the end of the year in their current location and will move to the King Animal Hospital on Jan. 1, 2024.

In addition to its Equine Division,

King Animal Hospital will also feature a Small Animal Division which will offer surgery, critical care, dermatology, ophthalmology, neurology, rehabilitation, diagnostics, and more.

"Diagnostics and rehabilitation equipment are definitely important to provide care and improve the lives of our patients," commented Jones on the underlying values of King Animal Hospital. "But equipment alone will not be the game changer. It is the expertise and commitment of our compassionate, collaborative team that brings true value."

Founded by Rob and Danielle Schein-

berg, the King Animal Hospital offers Equine and Small Animal services within a carefully curated building that has been designed from the ground up to foster care for its patients. Through the King Animal Hospital, the couple are building on their enduring commitment to providing animals with quality care and technology while also supporting a culture of sharing knowledge for the benefit of all.

The facility is located at 1265 19th Sideroad, King City. For more, visit kinganimalhospital.com or email info@kinganimalhospital.com

Procyon Wildlife holds first gala

Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre in Beeton will be holding their first annual Procyon Wildlife Fundraising Gala. The Gala will be held on Dec. 1, at the Best Western in Orangeville and will be raising funds for the group to continue our work, caring for the orphaned, injured and sick wildlife at the centre.

As more wild animals are being displaced and wounded due to loss of habitat from land and road development, there has been added financial pressure on the centre as the level of admissions has exploded to record amounts.

Unfortunately, Procyon doesn't re-

ceive any government funding so they rely on donations from the public and corporate sponsors and events such as the Gala to keep the centre running.

The early bird price for tickets is \$185 per person and includes a \$50 tax receipt. After Oct. 1, the price goes to \$200 per person.

"We hope you can join us for a lovely evening of fabulous food, live music, and dancing, guest speakers and auctions."

If you are interested in becoming a supporter, please do not hesitate to contact us at debras@procyonwildlife.com or angelavb@procyonwildlife.com.

New Cabinet will work to deliver plan to build, including housing, highways, public transit

Premier Doug Ford announced changes to his Cabinet with a renewed team that will deliver on the government's promise to build Ontario.

"As our province's population and economy grow, it's never been more important for us to build Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "As we continue to attract billions of dollars in new investments to create better jobs with bigger paycheques, we have the right team in place to get it done. We'll never stop working on behalf of the people of Ontario to build the homes, highways and public transit our growing communities need."

Changes to the Executive Council include the following:

Paul Calandra becomes Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Prabmeet Sarkaria becomes Minister of Transportation.

Caroline Mulroney becomes President of the Treasury Board. She remains Minister of Francophone Affairs.

Stan Cho becomes Minister of Long-Term Care.

Rob Flack becomes Associate Minister of Housing with a specific mandate on attainable housing and modular homes reporting to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Todd McCarthy becomes Associate Minister of Transportation reporting to the Minister of Transportation.

Nina Tangri becomes Associate Minister of Small Business reporting to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

Andrea Khanjin will have an expanded role and will assume additional responsibilities as Deputy Government House Leader reporting to Paul Calandra, who will remain Government House Leader.

All other ministers maintain their existing portfolios.

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Local EV event showcases electric vehicles

By Keith Beckley

After nearly 70 years of little changing there is a revolution in electrical power generation which gives you and I now the opportunity to electrify all the energy we consume. There are now better choices for cars, heavy duty tools, home heating and cooling, and even cooking, that are powered by electrons as opposed to hydrocarbons.

Even though this will significantly increase the demand for electricity over the next decade there will be no need for new big power plants. That is because many of us will turn our homes into mini power plants by leveraging the technologies of solar panels and energy storage created by the batteries in our garage or our electric cars themselves.

Come see all these new options in action at the free "Go Electric" event in Schomberg Sept. 10.

Today, with an incremental \$100,000 a newly built home in Ontario can be nearly energy neutral over the year. In other words, that home can put back into the grid almost as much energy as it pulls out and it can run for a day or two if the power goes off. I say "new home" because not only must there be solar power and battery storage the home must be built to today's air-tightness code so the home itself is very energy efficient. Given the price of new homes in King these days \$100,000 is not an extravagant premium, especially if your electricity bill is near zero.

Critical to this revolution is the ability to affect demand (or supply) through connected devices. Imagine demand for electricity is high on a hot summer day. The virtual power plant, in homes that choose to participate, will automatically increase the thermostat by 1-2 degrees to lower demand while also increasing supply by taking

electricity from the parked EV for an hour for which the homeowner will be paid. And now imagine excess electricity generation in the morning of a hot sunny or windy day. The virtual power plant will pre-cool the home by 1-2 degrees (increase demand) and top up EV batteries at a cheap price.

This is why the so-called energy revolution is so profound. Gone will be the days of a grid consisting solely of big power plants and long power lines; gone will be the days of the power companies waiting to see what power consumers are requesting and matching it by turning on a peaker plant. The grid will become much more decentralized which means greater resilience and lower cost.

My examples of a new home being a virtual power plant are not figments of my imagination. Today there are trials of this model around the world, and once nearly universal, power prices



will become very cheap as most supply will have zero running cost with solar or wind and no fuel.

A few years ago, many were arguing that solar and wind could never be more than 20% of the power supply due to their variability. Now, coupled with battery storage, 80% is achievable and many see a path to 100%. An amazing transformation that we will all witness over the next decade.

So how does a homeowner take advantage of this cheap electricity? Obviously by converting their entire home to electricity and away from gas over time. Good news is that for every current use of non-electrical energy in the home there already exists an electrical alternative with superior performance.

Electric vehicles are superior to their gas equivalent. We will all own an electric vehicle within the next decade. Everyone heating with gas, oil or even resistive heat will convert to heating with a cold climate heat pump. Given the current financial incentives to switch in Ontario, installing any new gas furnace is like heating the home by burning cash from a financial perspective. Rather than gas hot water heaters there will be heat pump water heaters which will save the homeowner money. Rather than gas cooktops the choice will be the induction stove which is far and away the best way to cook today; its faster to boil water, it provides better fine heat control, better simmering, and no fumes.

Our world is changing in so many ways and, after decades of status quo, the energy grid is no exception to this change. While we might not like all the changes happening around us the transformation of the energy supply seems to have only upside. A cleaner, cheaper, and more resilient grid will afford us all a better lifestyle. That is change I can get behind!

Ontario begins audit of municipal finances

Ontario has selected a third party to audit the finances of six municipalities as part of its ongoing work to build 1.5 million homes by 2031. Following a competitive procurement process, Ernst & Young LLP has been retained to examine the finances of the City of Toronto, Peel Region, Mississauga, Caledon, Brampton, and Newmarket. The first phase of the audits is expected to conclude around the end of 2023.

The audits will help provide a clear and shared understanding of the impacts of changes to development-related fees and charges included in the More Homes Built Faster Act. In response to recommendations from the Housing Affordability Task Force, and to make housing available to people who need it most, Ontario is eliminating development-related charges on affordable housing units and has also eliminated charges on non-profit housing units. Development charges for family-friendly purpose-built rentals were also reduced by up to 25 per cent, in order to spur the construction of this much-needed type of housing. Development charges can continue to be levied on most market housing. The impacts of these changes will be a central area of focus for the audits.

"This next step in the audit process

is a critical part of our work to rein in the soaring cost of housing across Ontario, particularly when it comes to affordable, non-profit and family-friendly purpose-built rental housing," said Steve Clark, former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "We want to ensure development-related charges and fees are being used in a manner that supports increased housing supply and critical housing-related infrastructure, but which does not unduly raise the cost of finding a home for hard-working Ontarians."

Lessons learned from these audits will inform future provincial policies and programs supporting long-term municipal financial sustainability and housing-related infrastructure investments.

Development charges are typically levied by municipalities on new homes in order to pay for the cost of roads, water and wastewater facilities, and other infrastructure. However, the Housing Affordability Task Force found these charges, which have increased in some municipalities by as much as 900 per cent in less than 20 years, are a significant part of the reason housing costs have increased in many parts of the province and concluded they could create "a disincentive to build housing

that is more affordable." The province's changes balance these concerns by leaving development-related charges in place for most types of housing while prioritizing their reduction or elimination for affordable, non-profit and family-friendly purpose-built rental housing.

The third-party audits will examine the impact of More Homes Built Faster Act on municipal finances, provided they meet or exceed their provincial housing targets, as well as municipal financial management practices.

A September 2022 study by the Altus Group found municipal fees added \$116,900 to the cost of an average single-family home in the Greater Toronto Area in 2022, and around \$100,000 to the cost of an average condo in the City of Toronto.

Province-wide, municipalities have reported development charge reserves of nearly \$9 billion at the end of 2021.

Ontario has appointed a transition board that will make recommendations to the government on the restructuring and dissolution of the Regional Municipality of Peel in order to make Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon independent municipalities by January 1, 2025. The audit findings could be used to inform this work.

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King Weekly Sentinel

Arts & Entertainment

Nourish your creative cravings at Schomberg Street Gallery

Hundreds of treasures will be on display, each joined by its creator, whose work had to win over a jury for the opportunity to be part of the Schomberg Street Gallery being held on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 10 am to 5 pm in Main Street, Schomberg.

Art lovers of all ages will want to visit the pedestrian mall that the team at Arts Society King and the Schomberg Street Gallery have created. Come visit the festival atmosphere in one of the few remaining classic Ontario villages. Here are some of the artists you will encounter.

Kim Grant, Mixed Media on Fabric. Kim is a resident of Schomberg and creates one of a kind painted Denim Jackets and Caps.

Patricia Gray, Acrylic on Wood Panel. Patricia is a self-trained, full-time artist of Mi'kmaq ancestry and spent her childhood in the James Bay Region of Northern Canada. It is there that she developed a close kinship with the natural world as a young child and this remains the basis for her art today. Working with a wide array of acrylic paints, gels, pastes, and grounds, she creates relief, designs, and highly textured surfaces to depict the Canadian wilderness. All of her work is done on gallery wood panels and is sold framed and ready to hang. Today, Patricia lives on the Bruce (Saugeen) Peninsula where she and her husband welcome visitors at their studio/gallery.

Website: www.blacksprucestudio.com

Cheryl-Ann Hills, Oil. Cheryl's fine art creations reflect a deep connection to nature. This love of organic forms

is also reflected in her graphic design work. She values her time hiking in the forest, observing nature and showing appreciation for our planet's inhabitants. She successfully follows two paths: Fine Art Creation and Graphic Design. Each field requires particular skills which both compliment and contrast allowing her to have the best of both worlds and give her an edge in both practices. Website: www.cherylannhillsartist.com

Ileen Kohn, Oil and Watercolour. Ilene has been an artist for over 40 years and recently retired from a 33-year career as a high school art teacher. Her preferred media in painting is oil and watercolour for greeting cards. Her subject matter ranges from landscapes, cityscapes, still life and portraits.

Background training at the Academy of Realist Art and courses at George Brown College in animation, and abstract painting have helped in developing a wide range of skills and techniques. She is a firm believer that any artist, no matter how good, can always learn something valuable from experts. Instagram @ileensart

Brenda Larose, Acrylic. Armed with palette knives and acrylic paint, Brenda expresses her love of the rugged, yet peaceful, scenes that so many people are drawn to for refuge from our busy world. She is a self-taught painter, with experience in painting a vast array of subject matter, but nothing comes close to the connection Brenda has with the spirit of northern Ontario. Website: www.brendalarose.com

Brittany Lauren, Acrylic. Brittany works in acrylic, applying mediums



with palette knives, beeswax and various other materials, allowing the build up of a textural relief. She paints more realistic interpretations of the subjects hoping the viewer will appreciate their natural beauty. Website: www.brittanylauren.ca

Joanne Lepicek, oil. Joanne's paintings reflect the journey and sensory experience in her interactions with nature.

Through observation, she notices the parallels between nature and the human experience and sometimes that might be reflected in the title of a painting. Joanne paints as homage to nature but to also, recapture the emotions or feelings experienced at the time of exploration. Sharing artwork is a form of connection and that is her intention: to inspire, to evoke some feelings of energy, joy and calm.

Website: www.lepicejoanneart.com
 Karen Levert, Watercolour. Karen paints vibrant watercolours using lots of pigment and the magic of watercolour fluidity. Subject matter includes

landscapes, birds, florals and people. Facebook: Karen Levert

Olena Lopatina, Oil. Olena graduated from the Academy of Art and Design and then became an active artist. Olena is inspired by nature – landscapes, waterscapes and florals using oils to portray that beauty.

Website: www.art-3000.com/artist/?id=807

Yi Mei, Oil and Acrylic. Yi focuses on landscape painting, life scenery, still life, and flowers inspired by her living surroundings and community. She works primarily in oil painting and acrylic abstract painting, especially in mixed media and texture techniques on canvas. Her paintings are more like-life unfolding, and personal stories. Yi loves integrating natural materials from her daily living environment, such as dry plants from her backyard, moss from pounds mixed with pigments, and cold wax, often on large-size canvas or on wood boards to create a sense of intimacy. Facebook: myfunart.7393

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).

One-of-a-Kind Felted Bracelet Workshop for Adults. Learn how to create unique wearable art using this wet-felting technique. It is fun and easy, incorporating merino wool, soap, water and embellishments. You will soon be inspired to make many other felted items.

Take part in this Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$55, non-members and \$44 for members.

Children's Clay Angel Workshop (beginners, ages 8-13). Your child will have fun creating their own unique clay angel through pottery hand building techniques. This workshop will be sure to add a wonderful memory to their holiday season.

It takes place Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$25 per child.
 Wonderful Wave Bowls – Pottery Workshop for Beginners (adults). Join us to create a beautiful large wavy bowl. Personalize if for a special gift or a family keepsake.

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Aurora's Revington climbs Mount Kilimanjaro at age 69

By Elisa Nguyen

Aurora resident Dan Revington successfully climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, becoming one of the oldest people to make it to the top at age 69.

Revington is a Bruce Trail hike leader and has experience taking long treks up Canada's oldest and longest marked public footpath. Despite years of hiking, he says climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is by far the most difficult thing he's ever done.

Coming in a close second would be completing law school, he says.

Earlier this month, at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Revington held a photo of his late wife Kate who passed away three years ago.

"I felt really thrilled to have the privilege to climb Kilimanjaro when I got to the top. It was important to me to car-

ry the picture of my wife with me," he said. "She loved to hike. She certainly would have wanted to be part of that adventure."

The final ascent to the top of Kilimanjaro begins during the cold and windy hours of midnight, Revington says, so climbers wear headlamps to see the path before them. As they watch their footsteps, a canopy of stars from the southern constellations twinkles high above, seen clearly because there's no light pollution.

"We chose to do the final climb on a night with the full moon. It was beautiful. And the reason they start a bit late is because you reach the summit as the sun comes up. So, when you get to the top, and you see the sunrise over Africa, and you can see for miles from the top of Kilimanjaro, it's really an unforgettable sight," Revington said.

Looking back at the journey, he said

successfully climbing the final ascent is what he is most proud of. It took about 14 hours to climb up the summit and back down; the footing is treacherous, the night is cold, and climbers are tired and dehydrated.

Climbers were given only one option for hydration – water that came from the mountain itself.

Revington said the water had a strong taste due to the soil from the mountain, making him feel sick and leaving him with few options.

"I had the choice of drinking water that made me sick, or not drinking and becoming dehydrated," he said. "That was probably my personal challenge. But everybody had similar challenges, some dehydration, difficulty keeping up your appetite. And some people just had knee and back problems from climbing. Fortunately, I didn't have that."

Revington "went in blind," not yet acquainted with anyone before taking the trip, but he quickly became familiar with the other climbers, noting that there were quite a few doctors on the trip, and three people who scattered the ashes of their loved ones at the top, for a total of four Canadians and seven Americans.

Only nine climbers made it to the top. Due to severe critical altitude sickness, a few climbers were evacuated.

In addition, a total of five guides accompanied the climbers on the expedition, and also over 30 local porters who helped carry tents, gear, and food up the mountain. Some climbers choose to make the trek up on their own, however it's always recommended to go with local guides who are trained to help climbers make it to the top.

"I chose a company that was unionized because they treat their guides and porters much better than the non-unionized companies. That was important to all of us," Revington said.

One guide told him that in his decades of leading those expeditions, Revington was the oldest person he had seen make it to the top.

"I'm not Guinness Book of Records material," he said, laughing. "I'm sure there's people probably in their 80s who managed to do it. I was certainly towards the older end of the spectrum of people climbing."

For about three months before the expedition, Revington trained at a specialized gym in downtown Toronto with low oxygen chambers to mimic climbing Kilimanjaro at an altitude of 19,000 feet. He says, still, that nothing compared to the actual climb.

"It was a struggle, I have to admit I had a few doubts," he said. "But all of us did. We all encouraged each other in the group. And when you see that other people have the same doubts that you did, it encourages you and you realize you could make it. A lot of people say that climbing Kilimanjaro is the hardest thing they've ever done – both mentally and physically—and I would agree with that."

The entire trip took about 10 days to complete, taking place from June 25 to July 4. Revington said he discovered Mount Kilimanjaro when researching online and thought that given his age, it would be better for him to go sooner than later.

Comedy in King tickets on sale now

By Patti Skrypek

Don't miss out on King Township's funniest night of the year. Get your tickets today for Christmas in King's Comedy in King on September 23 at the Kingbridge Centre in King City.

Since 2006, Christmas in King (CiK) has been providing holiday assistance to an ever-increasing number of people who struggle to make ends meet. The generosity of the local community and beyond will enable CiK dedicated volunteers to provide seasonal festivity to more than 500 people, an all-time record and a substantial increase over 2022.

Comedy in King will feature Yuk Yuk comedians Martha Chaves as the headliner along with Patrick Haye and Jus-

tin Shaw.

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



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



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

Comedy in King is supported by Arts Society King and the Township of King. A huge thank you to our generous sponsors: JTF Homes, Schomberg Dental & Orthodontics and Western Financial Group.

Tickets are \$60 and selling fast! Get yours today at christmasinking.ca. Doors open at 7 p.m., with complimentary shuttle service from the parking lot. The show starts at 8 p.m. Cash bar available with beer, wine and water. Get ready for an evening of fun and laughter!



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Food Network increases awareness of programs with a hand from OTF

By Brock Weir

Like so many organizations serving the community, the York Region Food Network saw a significant uptick in demand for the services they provide – including meal programs and food boxes.

It was a challenging time as they re-directed and refocused, but an \$86,900 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) not only helped them rebuild and recover from the impact of COVID, but help set a course for the future.

The grant was formally recognized at the York Region Food Network's (YRFN) hub on Industrial Parkway South recently as representatives from the OTF and representatives from Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa came together to underscore the important work the money has helped facilitate.

Grant dollars went towards the YRFN developing a new strategic plan, the development of toolkits to help steer programs, and hire a staff member to “build and animate a fundraising plan.”

“Food is joy. It brings people together. It puts a smile on one’s face. It’s a vital element of celebrations and get togethers. It’s integral to our culture and our social connections,” says the YRFN. “But in York Region, one in seven households, including 25,000 children, are experiencing food insecurity. This doesn’t just mean that 15 per cent of our population is going without food. It means that the physical health of a good portion of the population is suffering. Tens of thousands of York Region residents are experiencing the mental health impacts of living with food insecurity, including chronic worry, anxiety, stress and depression, and social isolation.”

YRFN Executive Director Kate Greavette added that COVID was not the only factor that challenged the organization in recent years; the aftermath of the pandemic – including increased social isolation and the cost-of-living crisis – has been a recipe for demand.

“This Resilient Grant from the OTF has been a gamechanger for York Region Food Network, helping us develop a new strategic plan and supporting toolkits, and supporting us in developing a fundraising strategy that has allowed us to build new relationships in the community, generate awareness about the organization, and diversify our revenue streams so we can better meet the needs of our communities.”

Joanne Witt, the YRFN’s Director of Fund Development, says organizations like this receive nothing in government funding unless they apply for specific grants. Fundraising is therefore huge, she says, in generating the revenue to keep their myriad programs and services up and running.

“A good example is our community breakfast program, which is probably

our most used program in that every Tuesday morning we have free breakfast available to residents of York Region,” says Witt. “Right now, it is at our location in Aurora, but we’re hoping down the road, like some of our other programs, we’re starting to find community partners in other municipalities to be able to help serve people there in their communities.”

Such expansion has recently occurred in the distribution of their Good Food Box, which provides fresh food to clients and their families. Originally an initiative that was centered in Aurora for creation and distribution, the YRFN will soon have a location in Georgina where these boxes are put together on the morning of and available for pick-up in the afternoon.

“We still have time to make all the Good Food Boxes in the morning and staff or volunteers are now taking them to locations like Stouffville and Richmond Hill so people can have them closer to where they live,” says Witt. “Hopefully one day we’re going to be able to do that with a lot of our other programs, including the breakfast program so people have a gathering space.”

The community breakfast program started more as a socialization program as well for people who are dealing with food insecurity, she notes, adding, “It’s a place where they can come, they would just talk, and it created kind of a café atmosphere where people could come and eat, make new friends and feel less isolated.”

“We had (Aurora) Mayor Mrakas come in and see the program because we recently received \$5,000 from the Mayor’s Charity Golf Classic. When COVID hit and the numbers went from 25-ish people before COVID to closer to 200 people getting breakfasts from us every week, the cost for us has gone up. For the month, usually it is about \$5,000 for the food, the packaging, all of that is staff time. Tom saw exactly what the money was being used for, who we were supporting and being able to take advantage of this program we have. Being able to raise money to keep that program going, for me, has been fantastic because I get to see every week just how necessary it is.”

Following the recognition event, MPP Parsa hailed the contributions from the OTF and how they have been used by the YRFN thus far.

“I am immensely proud to witness the positive impact of the Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation on the York Region Food Network,” he said. “The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing challenges relating to food security, leading to increased demand for essential services provided by the York Region Food Network. The grant’s support has been transformative, enabling the organization to rebuild and recover from the pandemic’s effects.”



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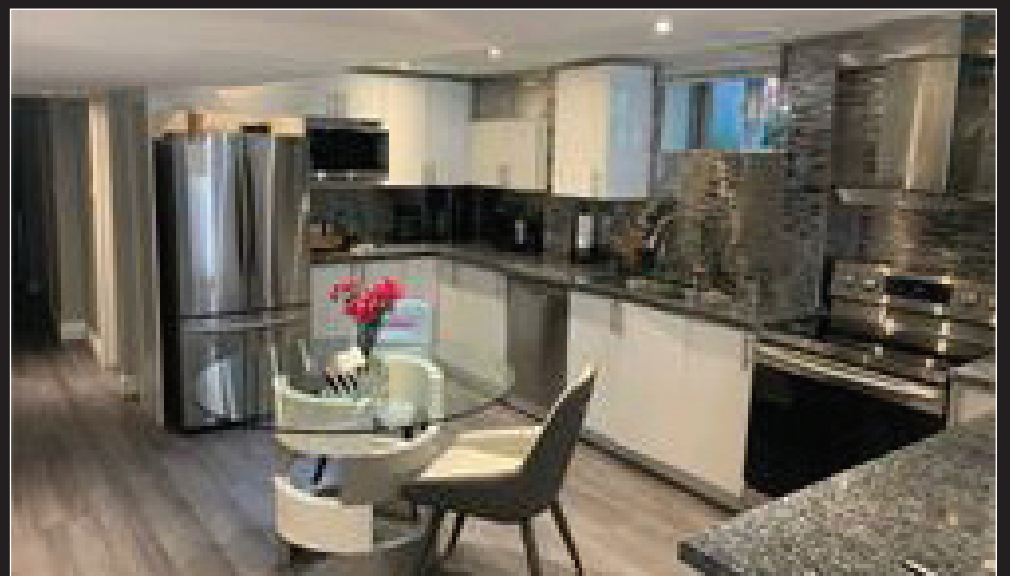
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'There's no roadmap to life,' but hospice care helps point the way: family members

By Brock Weir

When Gordon Barnes asked The Auroran to visit him at Newmarket's Margaret Bahen Hospice last month, one of his objectives was to highlight the value of hospice care – for patients and their families alike – at end-of-life.

These sentiments were highlighted by Jane, who asked that her real name not be used, whose father was receiving care just across the hall.

"There's no roadmap to life and you don't know what you're going to need when you get to this stage with a loved one," she said. "Margaret Bahen had already thought out all the things you need with support for every stage involved – and then there's the most special kind of care they provide. Every kind of comfort is afforded for. They have thought ahead about what keeps people physically comfortable, mentally comfortable, the types of food you would find comforting; the way you can sit with company in quiet rooms or a garden – they just know these things that will help make you and your loved one, who is the patient, more comfortable, for sure."

Her father, she said, wanted to stay at home until the very last day of his life, but there came a point where that was impossible. It was not possible for him, nor was it possible for his wife, who served as a primary caregiver.

The family laid out all the options for him, including residential hospice care.

There might have been some initial questions, but, says his daughter, "you don't really know until you get here."

"It's hard to make that kind of warm environment where everyone is working so hard, everyone is pulled in a million directions 'post' COVID," she says of hospitals, punctuating her sentence with air quotes. "Here, it feels like a combination of home and the care of the hospital, which we tell my father, every day, is the most incredible combination you can have.

It's not just because we tell him that, it's now because he feels that, and if he can't be at home – wow, this is an amazing second choice and it certainly doesn't feel like a second choice. It feels like it would be anyone's first choice because you're not going to get this care at home – that's plain and simple.

"We're lucky to be here and for this to exist. I didn't even know this existed and it is very special."

Margaret Bahen Hospice, a 10-bedroom facility located adjacent to Southlake Regional Health Centre, was opened in November of 2017 and now has over 150 volunteers in its roster to provide what they describe as "loving support."

"The Hospice philosophy of care is very resident- and family-centred; making sure that pain and symptoms are managed and that not only the physical being is cared for but also that emotional and spiritual needs are met," says the Hospice. "Hospice care can begin very early in a person's diagnosis with a life-limiting illness. Working with Doane House Hospice, a community hospice specializing in grief and bereavement for over 30 years, we also offer care for the caregiver services. By working together, we ensure a seamless continuum of palliative care options to meet the needs of individuals and their loved ones.

"'End of Life' and palliative care options are a very personal choice and each individual has a very different set of priorities, beliefs and care needs that all factor into these decisions. One thing that all residential hospices have in common is they simply could not survive without the support of their volunteers and donors. We will be looking to recruit new volunteers from Newmarket and the surrounding community for a number of important roles, from visiting with residents to assisting in the kitchen to provide administrative support."

While Jane lives in Toronto, the value of having a facility close to her parents' is clear and when the final

chapter of her father's life was complete, she said she would roll up her sleeves for local organizations providing similar services.

"When friends who are local here say they had heard of this place, seeing it first-hand they had no idea of the comforts at every turn – the kitchen, the staff, the volunteers – I think it has opened their eyes to what this does for community and I certainly think it has opened my eyes to what

I can be doing more after this experience for our family, this immediate experience, comes to an end, that I could be doing more.

"There are so many things people could be providing to an organization like this and the volunteers speak about how much it means to them and that, to me, is a pretty incredible combination. You feel the love going both ways and that means a lot to people in need people – it's so comforting."

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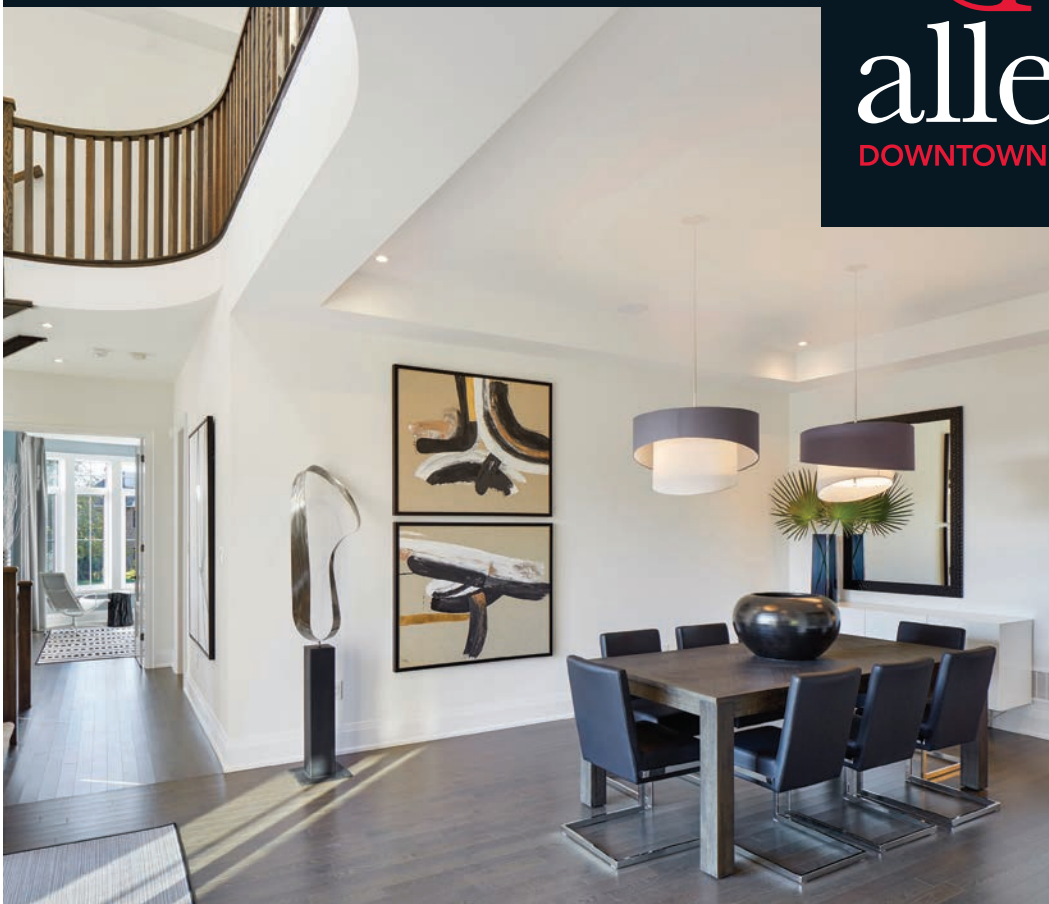
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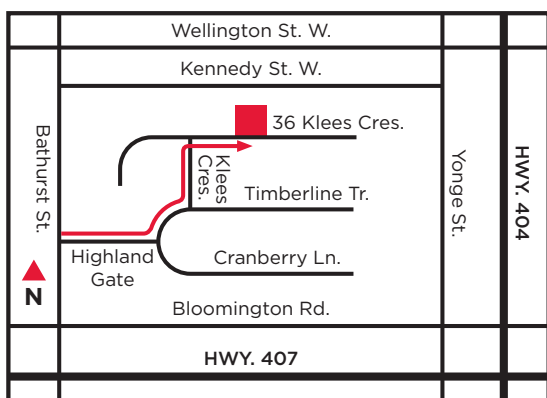
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Triumph in Thailand: Dave Hunt is world champion paddler

By Jim Stewart

Former King City Secondary School teacher-coach Dave Hunt returned from the 2023 World Paddling Championships in Thailand with a necklace of gold medals.

The retired high school teacher and acclaimed international track and field coach played a pivotal role in the national team's scintillating performance on the world stage.

Team Canada won 52 gold medals and the Senior Cs contributed 13 to that illustrious golden total. Not only did Team Canada rack up impressive results in southeast Asia as the Number One team in the world, but they also enjoyed the charms of Thailand in a trip of a lifetime.

Hunt's inspirational results captured our attention at The King Weekly Sentinel, especially given that he only took up the sport six years ago. It is a tale we like to tell about local athletes whose diligence maximizes their athletic acumen in international competition. Mix in like-minded colleagues and a national will to win as recently exerted at the World Championships and it's a recipe for success on the water.

Hunt and his veteran paddling teammates provided a new meaning to the great Canadian athletic battle cry of "Own the Podium." We caught up with Dave Hunt on his dock along the Georgian Bay archipelago—an island and paddling paradise that is clearly his natural habitat.

King Weekly Sentinel: Why did you turn your athletic energies and focus to paddling in your late fifties and what were the steps you took to qualify for the Team Canada Senior C 60+ Crew?

Dave Hunt: "The short answer is that this journey has been a love-hate relationship with a new sport.

"On the one hand, we get the thrill of being on a team with like-minded senior athletes competing against the best in Ontario, Canada, and the World. On the other, there are the hours training in cold damp gyms, grinding out rep after rep, or thrashing about a freezing pool at 7 a.m. trying to keep pace and perfect a technique you just can't figure out. I've loved canoeing all my life, but always just for fun, exploring or tripping. It wasn't until 2017 that a colleague and multiple world champion paddler and coach encouraged three of us at school to come out and help his team qualify for the Club Crew Championships to be held in Hungary in the summer of 2018.

"So, in January 2017, the three of us, including Julia, started training Sunday morning in a paddling pool in Scarborough with 22 other rookies and veterans. It wasn't until the Canadian Championships and a 2nd-place finish for our team 'LNQR,' an affiliation of smaller clubs – and a qualification to race in Hungary, did I start taking the sport seriously. As our team had more than 25 men trying for 20 spots, I real-

ized I didn't want the coaches to have any doubt that I should be in the boat, so from that point on, I took training seriously.

"Fast forward to 2022 – after a difficult but successful post-COVID CCWC (World Club Champs) with my 'Great Lake Paddlers' crew, I needed a change. After much consideration, I joined a long standing and successful club, down at the Toronto Sailing Club, called CSDC (The Canadian Senior Dragon Boat Club) to start the 2023 season. Although my former coach and some veteran paddlers had mentioned that I should try out for Team Canada, I never really wrapped my head around the thought and all that it would take to make such a team.

"It wasn't until in the middle of my first pool practice with the new club, when one of the Team Canada coaches, Brad Bridges, asked if I was planning on trying out. The thought of competing, as an athlete for Team Canada, stated to sound pretty cool. Having been a track and field coach on 10 National teams over 30 years of coaching, but never as an athlete really got me thinking. I did well at the selection camp in April where we were matched against paddlers from across Canada, this time battling on the water for the coveted 22-24 spots available in the Sr. C (60 PLUS) crew.

"To get here required many garage sessions on my paddling ergometer and rudimentary weight set, countless pool sessions, and bi-weekly strength and circuit training at the Leisure Complex and Mississauga Canoe Club gyms. When the weather improved, we added open water paddling in Dragon boats, outrigger canoes and paddleboards, often 5 on-the-water workouts a week."

KWS: When did you realize you had the right stuff to paddle in international competition and to seek Team Canada membership?

DH: "I never believed I had what it took to compete for Canada until I committed to completing the testing protocols that all Team Canada paddlers – no matter the age group – needed to complete. During the winter, we were required to submit adjudicated pre-selection testing (Max Bench Reps, push-ups, sit-ups, bench rows, and 2-minute and 4-minute maximum distance paddling ergometer tests as well as video of our paddling for the coaches' evaluation. Then, if selected for phase 2, we were asked to do open water testing in 1-person outrigger canoes and also paddle in the 20-person Dragon Boats, under the coaches' watchful eyes.

"At each step, I scored near the top of all tested, high enough that I was ultimately invited to join the Team Canada Senior C (60+) preparing for Thailand. It was only then that I was convinced I could compete at the International level."

KWS: In which other international paddling championships have you competed?



Dave Hunt, retired KCSS teacher-coach, displays his necklace of gold medals won at the World Paddling Championships in Thailand.

DH: Up until this summer, I had only competed at the Club Crew Championships in Hungary in 2018 and again in Sarasota, Florida in 2022.

KWS: What's the most satisfying aspect of being a member of Team Canada and a World Champion Masters' athlete?

DH: "Without a doubt, it was the journey of the last six years, with both my first club (The Great Lake Paddlers) and now the CSDC. A journey of hard work, commitment to all aspects of being on a team, and the fact that I was doing it with like-minded competitive athletes over 40 years of age. Going to the World Championships with a team of 60-plus men and women, who until Thailand had only practiced twice together, and with no idea if we could compete against the likes of Team USA, Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, Taipei, and many others. And then winning almost every single race over distances of 200m to 2000m over the course of six days was truly remarkable."

KWS: What was the athletic highlight of your adventure in Thailand?

DH: "The very first races on day one, over a distance of 1,000 metres, with no idea if we could compete, and then winning two gold medals, and then standing on a podium watching the maple leaf flag being raised in honour of a team you were representing and then singing your guts out with your teammates. Those were unimaginable moments."

KWS: What was the cultural highlight of your adventure to Thailand?

DH: "Our tour company did an excellent job providing us with opportunities to explore Thai culture, so I wisely took in an ethical elephant sanctuary, a 'floating market,' multiple temples and palaces, but without a doubt, the cultural highlight came on my final days, after the competition, when we spent four hours tearing around Bangkok on an authentic food tour in Thai TukTuks. That was a cultural event like no other, and took us down back alley and side streets to 'street foods' and restaurants that I could never would have imagined if on my own."

KWS: What would you say to other 50+ members of our King Township community to encourage them to pursue their Masters' Athletic dreams?

DH: "I have to think the level of competition we few strive for is unique and certainly not for everyone. However, in so many athletic endeavors, it should be more about getting out there and having fun, doing whatever activity or sport interests you, is my best advice.

It must be about participation for life. I and my teammates are fortunate that we found a sport that provided us a little bit more, but for most senior athletes it should be about just doing it for the love of playing."

KWS: So, comparatively speaking, how was the Thai food?

DH: "I remarked to my teammates that the regular food we encountered daily, tasted much like our Thai food here in Canada, with greater variety. So, as Thai food is a regular staple in my home, it was as delicious as I hoped it would be. Now there was also a huge market for so-called 'Street food.' As I was competing, I worried about suddenly adding bbq'd crocodile, grasshopper, and scorpion to my diet, so I stayed away from these foods until my final meals, but remained cautious to the end."

KWS: What will be the enduring memory that you will take away from these International Paddling Championships in Thailand?

DH: "Witnessing the success of all of Team Canada crews, from the Premier paddlers (essentially these are the pros) and all the age group open, mixed and women's crews for six straight days. Team Canada won 52 gold medals (the Senior Cs won 13 of those golds) and paddled to team titles in every category, including the Nations Cup, as the top country at the World Championships, was special.

"However, the most enduring memory will be of our last warmups as all the Sr. C women and men came together for one last time. The joy and singular focus on preparing for those last 500m races showed we were now a team. We were no longer just 60 paddlers from all across Canada, but now we were one team, with no pressure, and just one joyful purpose, be the best team on the water that day. The fun we were having revealed an overwhelming confidence and led to dominance that final day on the water, with the Canadian Senior C crews winning all three gold medals. That warmup, one last time as Team Canada was truly my most enduring memory."

KWS: What are your future Masters' Athletic goals for fall 2023 and upcoming events in 2024?

DH: "I'm taking a break from paddling for a few months, to focus on home life and a little side trip to cycle the entire length of the UK in September – just for fun! Then the focus will be to help my club team prepare to be the best club in the world at the next CCWCs to be held in Ravenna, Italy in September 2024."



The indomitable Team Canada Senior squad that won 13 gold medals in Thailand. Canada won 52 Golds to finish #1 in the world.

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. Jeff's message, entitled, "God's Troubled Heart" is based on Hosea 12. 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.

Back in the spring, we welcomed new friends from Caven Church in Bolton as they amalgamated with us. On Sunday, October 1, we will officially dedicate "The Caven Room" at St. Paul's, which will house some memorabilia from Caven's history. We will celebrate

the Lord's Supper together, and share a pot luck lunch after the service, and we hope you'll come to enjoy it all with us!

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

Join us this Thursday for the 26th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser hosted by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus for St. Mary's Mission Church. See full details in parish bulletin, attached poster and registration form.

If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org

The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Browse our websites:

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

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

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

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

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is also available on the First Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Parish after the 9 a.m. Holy Mass and at

St. Mary's Mission after the 7 p.m. Holy Mass (Sept. - June) during Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration.

Nobleton Seniors By Joanne Bailey

We welcome all Nobleton Seniors (55+) to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We will be starting back at the Nobleton arena the week of Sept. 5. We are located at 15 Old King Rd, (upstairs).

Our current schedule 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.

Friday: Mobility Matters - 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Other scheduled events are as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 14 - The Beauty of Poetry.

Thursday, Sept. 21 - Bird House Making Workshop.

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

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

Fall Registration for Nobleton Girl Guides

It's time to jump back into Guiding! We're ready to welcome back and offer the amazing experience girls love with all the safety you've come to expect from us! You can be confident that girls will have a meaningful year trying new things, building skills and friendships.

Nobleton Girl Guides meet locally on Tuesday nights from mid-September to June, for girls ages 5 to 14.

Register at: girlguides.ca If you have any questions, please email 1stno-bletongirlguides@gmail.com

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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.

Kingcrafts Studio art show and sale

Kingcrafts Studio is once again hosting its very popular Art Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12936 Keele Street, King City.

Our fine artists have been hard at work! Drop by the Fine Artists Art Show to shop & browse a variety of unique pieces that have been locally painted in the heart of King City.

Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is in full swing for another year after a summer break. The Club wishes to sincerely thank everyone who participated in, or supported the Charity Golf tournament held at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course in June. It was a rousing success which will permit the Club to go on supporting the town of Nobleton and surrounding community.

Coming up is the annual Community Fundraising Draw with winners to be declared on October 28. First Prize is \$4,000, Second Prize \$750, and Third Prize \$250. Tickets are \$20 or 3 for \$50 and can be obtained from any member of the Club.

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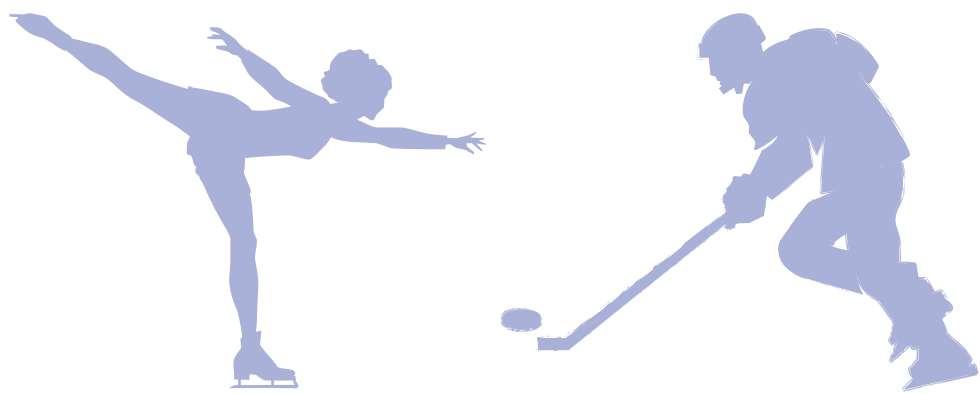
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- Sunday Canskate 1:35-2:20pm
- Adult Learn Sunday 1:35-2:20pm
- Friday Power 4:00-4:50pm
- Monday Starskate 4:00-5:05pm
- Sunday Starskate 12:00-1:35pm

Registration is done through our website.

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King's Corners

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.

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Now blooming in my late summer garden is kellone or chelone native to eastern North America whose turtle/tortoise head like blooms appear to be emerging from shells earning it the botanical name khelone or chelone but more commonly called turtlehead.

Of the 4 species of this plant the white flowering chelone glabra - Latin for smooth referring to stem and leaves is the most common while the pink flowering chelone obliqua - Latin for diagonal will also grow happily in our area's gardens. I grow both in mine. Chelones which grow from ground level base called a crown prefer a moist humusy soil in partial shade but they adapt well in a variety of soils from the clay of Nobleton to the sandy conditions of Tecumseth Pines near Tottenham where I live. They will even grow reasonably well in boggy places and will survive fairly well in full sun if the soil they're in is always damp.

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Family Fun Fair on Saturday, September 23rd from 11:00-4:00. We will have a free BBQ, bouncy castles and obstacle courses and carnival games!

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 8, we will have a horticulture presentation at 10 a.m. on how to prepare lawns and gardens for winter.

Friday, Sept. 22 will be the date of our first potluck lunch this fall. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course or a dessert item to share. Join us at 12:30 p.m. for a varied menu and great conversation.

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 - 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; 1 p.m. Music and Movement.

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.

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.

There are still a few seats left for the next trip which takes place on September 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

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Sacred Heart Church

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Friday, Sept. 8 with Mass at 7 pm. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus's saving work. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning; so too, every human birth is a call for new hope in the world. www.franciscanmedia.org

Congratulations and prayers for continued blessings for Bernardo & Maria Cianchetti on their 65th wedding anniversary. May the Lord Bless Bernardo & Maria with good health, and infinite happiness for the rest of their lives.

A milestone has been reached! Our new Church Bell Tower will be Blessed by Bishop Boissonneau Sunday September 10 during the 10:30 Mass.

We're ramping up for our Parish Carnival on Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 to 4 pm. Music, Balloons, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Sweet Booth, 50/50 Draw, Bocce, Dunk Tank & more. Entrance fee of \$10 includes hot dog, chips, drink and games.

Calling all home bakers! We need participants to supply baked goods for fund raising for the Narthex project. Please drop off your contribution after Mass or at the tent.

Movie Night, Tuesday Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. 'Nefarious' is featured. Refreshments will be provided.

Pot-luck Supper and Saint Padre Pio Movie Night Saturday September 23 after 5pm Mass.

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.

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Nobleton Notes

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Other events now being planned for the fall include participation in the Nobleton Tree Lighting, the Reverse Advent Calendar food drive, and Skate with Santa on December 16, with more information to follow for each event.

We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@nobletonlionsclub), on X (@NobletonLions), and on our website, by simply googling 'Nobleton Lions' which will bring up the link to the site.

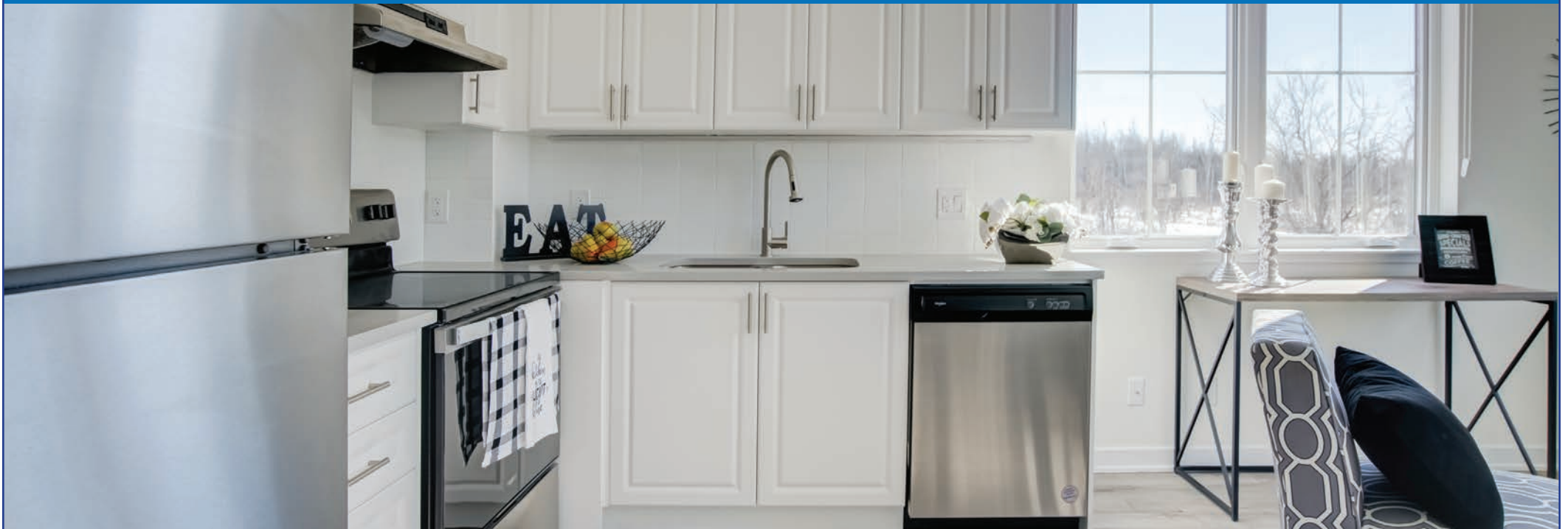
As always we welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena, at 6:30 p.m.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Zeus, king of the gods, was not happy when after inviting all the animals to his wedding Klelone the tortoise didn't show up giving the excuse that 'There's no place like home' and she hated to leave it. So the piqued god then decreed that henceforth she would carry her home on her body and that according to ancient Greek legend is how the tortoise and its near relative the turtle got their shells.

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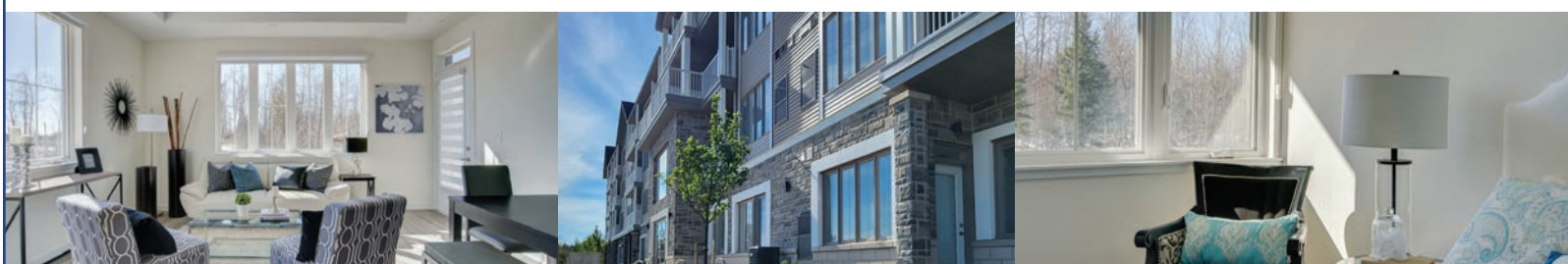


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York Pines United Church

It's Welcome Back Sunday this Sunday with Lesley Morris leading the service. A continental breakfast will be served in the Narthex starting at 10:15 a.m. before the service at 11. Bring your favorite breakfast finger food to share. It is also Hungry Sunday. Donations to the food bank would be appreciated. York Pines is a distribution point the King Township Food Bank.

Next Sunday, the proceeds from our summer virtual bottle drive will be dedicated to the Mission and Service Fund. Mission and Service provides support to outreach agencies in Canada and aboard. Rev. Andrew will be leading the service.

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

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. with Alison Agnew leading us. We heard about the Shunammite mother's amazing faith in God and how she could say "Shalom" ('Everything is alright') when experiencing such a tragedy. II Kings chapter 4:18-36. Our closing hymn was "It is well with my soul," written by H. Spafford. He too knew "the peace that surpasses understanding" Philippians 4:6&7.

We were blessed by Jaqui Lawson providing special music as she sang and played her electric guitar about the Nature of God. We will be hearing more of Jaqui as she shares her talents with us!

Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca.

Tuesdays at Two Prayer Time is this Tuesday, from 2-3 p.m. in the church office where we pray for our families, congregations, and the community. This Friday, the Session will meet for breakfast with Alison Agnew and our Interim Moderator to plan our fall programmes

and events, so I'll keep you posted!

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

On Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. All Saints will be starting a new service called The Spark. It is 30 minutes long and contains all the usual parts of worship while blending contemporary and traditional music and language. Come and spend 30 minutes with God. This service takes place every third Sunday of the month at 7 p.m.

No alternatives - a sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on the story of Christ predicting his death in Matthew 16.

"Today's Gospel lesson is hard to hear. Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." This is probably not on our list of things we wanted to hear today. We have enough trouble trying to face the challenges of our regular lives. It's let alone taking up a cross and facing the challenges of discipleship.

We come into this conversation in much the same way as Peter. Peter had made an amazing confession where he proclaimed that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. And in that moment Jesus called Peter "the Rock on which I will build my church" and then in the next moment, Jesus was calling Peter a stumbling block - he went from cornerstone to stumbling block really quickly.

"When Jesus told his disciples how he would suffer, and die and be raised from the dead, Peter screamed, 'God forbid it Lord!'; Professor David Lose said that Peter couldn't see that 'Jesus had come not just to comfort people, but to free them.' Jesus came to bring life and freedom, not comfort.

"Peter said what a lot of us think. Why risk when we don't have to? Why not find a safer or easier way? But this is our reminder that the easier, more comfortable is actually no way at all. The world can't be changed that way.

"As human beings who live in a society in which the accumulation of wealth and worldly comforts is held up as the main goal in life, it becomes increasingly difficult for us to accept things that will cost us.

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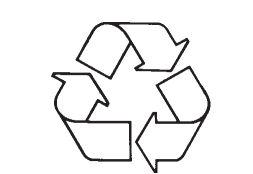
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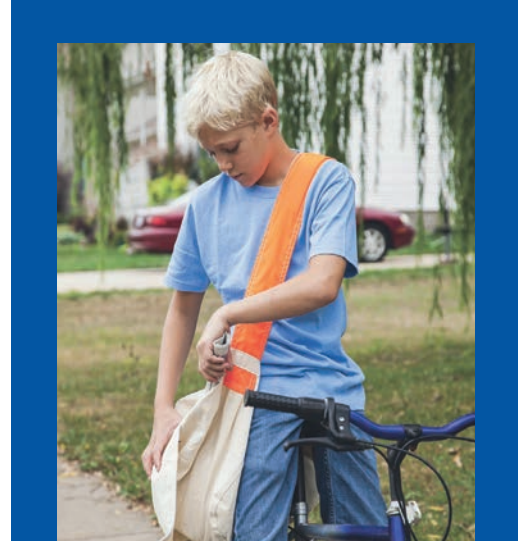
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MP Roberts discusses issues with Nobleton seniors

By Sylvia Nalepka

Member of Parliament Anna Roberts and shadow minister for seniors, met and engaged with the senior community in Nobleton Aug. 22.

Within the precincts of King Township, this town boasts a population of 6,500 residents, out of which 1,500 are seniors. York Region's reporting also indicates a projected annual population escalation of 13%.

This substantial demographic expansion provides MP Roberts with a significant platform to attentively address the requirements of our community and actively engage with her constituents to fulfill their needs.

The meeting convened for MP Anna Roberts in Nobleton yielded a notable success. MP Roberts exhibited exceptional enthusiasm, was knowledgeable about our concerns and adeptly engaged herself with our valued seniors, garnering a warm reception from the attendees.

The event fostered a highly interac-

tive environment, facilitating active participation from the seniors who conscientiously articulated their concerns and requisites on behalf of the residents of Nobleton.

She adeptly addressed matters of relevance to seniors and their families, effectively, establishing a rapport by drawing from her long-time residence in Kettleby, just north of Nobleton and her understanding of prevailing issues and their consequences. MP Roberts's energy and unwavering commitment to the welfare of all the constituents were noticeably evident.

As an active volunteer for the Nobleton Seniors, I took the privilege of advocating for the senior community, emphasizing the pressing need for a dedicated Seniors Centre within Nobleton. Such a facility would serve as a central hub for seniors to meet and interact throughout the year, providing regular social interaction, and engagement in activities essential for seniors' overall health

and well-being.

The gathering concluded with a refreshment service of coffee and sandwiches, during which attendees

engaged in casual conversations.

We eagerly anticipate the future presence of MP Anna Roberts in our town at a forthcoming meeting.

King's Corners

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Jesus showed us that the only way to have life is to lose it. We're always given choices to make. We can turn down the slippery slope of comfortable individualism. Or we can decide to take a different path, one where we stand with others who don't have enough – enough to eat, enough safety, enough opportunities, enough rights, enough freedom, enough justice – and taking this path may cost us dearly; it may cost us money, friendships, status and power. It's not the logical way of the world. It is, however, the way of Jesus. God cares about the quality and depth of our lives.

"Jesus's harsh words to Peter re-

mind us that the way to have abundant life is not to save it, but to spend it.

"Living a life of faith is about refusing to put our own comfort ahead of living a life that pours itself out for others. It is about knowing the source of our lives and knowing that when our lives run out, God will have more life in store for us, because God never runs out of life.

"It is a challenge to step out of our comfort zones and live the lives that God intends us to live. Together I know that we can reflect God's loving purpose for the world and model for others what it means to follow Jesus in the way of life."

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ARCHER: Jim

It is with great sadness that the family of Jim Archer announces his passing on August 30, 2023, at his home in Beeton, surrounded by family, after a short battle with cancer. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Jim is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Marijane. He was the loving father to Scott, Kelly and father-in-law to Maryann. Jim was a proud grandpa to Zakari, Aimee, Masyn, Samantha (Peter), and Victoria. He was a loving furr-daddy to his cats Dudley and Dolly.

Jim lived a happy and full life. He was born in 1940 in Toronto. In the 1950s, he was an award-winning Toronto Star paper boy until he joined the University of Toronto as a Plumber and member of Local 46. He and Marijane married in 1969 and in 1972, moved to Beeton, Ontario where they built a family home. Children Scott and Kelly soon followed. In 2002, Jim retired from the University. As a retiree, he golfed, moved to a new house on Main Street in Beeton, celebrated the marriages of his children and the birth of his grandchildren. He even met Canada's 21st Prime Minister.

Jim was an avid golfer from a young age. He won or placed in many tournaments throughout his life. There are many fond memories from friends, family, and playing partners at Pete's Ponderosa in Beeton and the Carrying Place in King. He was known affectionately on the course as "Arch". He died 4 weeks after his last game, where his shots found the fairways and putts found the holes.

A celebration of life will be held from 2-5pm on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at the Gibson Centre (Mercer Pub) located at 63 Tupper Street West, Alliston. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Stevenson Memorial Hospital or Matthews House Hospice in Alliston. As per his wishes, a cremation has taken place.

As he would affectionately say at the end of an evening, to his family: "Good Night Dick"..... with the response "Good Night Harry", Jim has moved to his 19th hole with the birdies and eagles. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

It's back to school, back to work, and back to the old routine. My hope for all the children from JK to University, is to have a great year, make new friends and have some wonderful positive experiences, but please before they head off to school, make sure to speak to your children about bullying, nobody should ever have to feel unsafe at school. Have a great year everyone!

The "Taste of Main" starts tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 8 and runs until Sunday, Sept. 24, so make sure you get out and try all the wonderful restaurants on Main. This year's participants include: The Schomberg Pub, Craft Kitchen & Beer Bar, Port Soiree, Historia Cantina, Hollywood Pizza, Leonardos Pizzeria & Smokehouse, 307 on Main, and The Grackle Coffee Company. You can find the menus online at schomberg.ca, Bon Appetite.

From King Curling Club: Have you ever watched professional curling on TV and wondered, could I learn to play this game, and where? If only there was

a place where I could learn without pressure, in a structured environment, and have fun doing it!

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After graduation in December, you will immediately be offered spots in our regular leagues for the second half of the season and be well on your way to enjoying a lifetime of curling fun.

While you probably won't be playing in a televised event, at least not right away, there will be plenty of excitement and competition waiting for you at the Club level, not to mention the comradery of fellow Members as you enjoy

post-game celebrations in our welcoming curling lounge.

Please join now as we have limited spots available, to enroll or for more information, please email, registration@kingcurling.com

Art 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" this 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.

The Schomberg Agricultural Society is inviting you to the "Annual Community Spirit Bonfire" October 21, from 12 to 10 p.m. at the fair grounds. There'll be music, and food so make sure to bring your family and join in all the fun.

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 KTFBshipand-savour@gmail.com

The Schomberg 55+ Club is back with a kickoff this past Wednesday with a membership drive.

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

Open Discussion Meetings Sept 7, 21; Oct 5, 19, Nov 2, 16, 30; Dec. 16, Monday, Sept. 11 - 10:30 a.m. - 'Laughter Yoga', Monday, Sept. 18 - 10:30 - "Power of the Pen" handwriting analysis, Monday, October 2 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - - Tour Farm Day at Sheldon Creek; Monday, October 16 10:30 a.m. - Speaker - Richard McLeod - History Hound;

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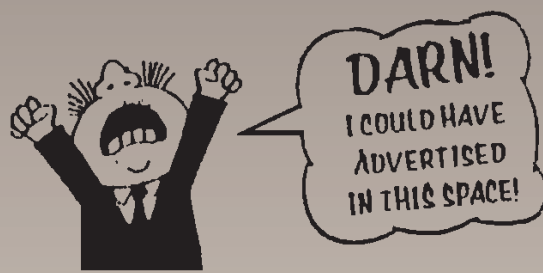
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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Regular Sunday services resumed last Sunday for both of our Churches. Schomberg's service is at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Magdalene Church, 116 Church St. Nobleton's service is at 11:15 a.m. at 6076 King Rd., west of Hwy. 27. We enjoyed being together for worship, and singing songs from More Voices, mostly familiar ones but also a few new ones. If you think that church is just a solemn joyless occasion, you need to see for yourself the fun and fellowship we experience.

Pastor Richard Gardner introduced his new Campfire stories, as originally the Bible stories were spoken orally and not written down. In this story, he went through the different things that happen to begin the world, according to the Book of Genesis. On the 7th day God rested. How appropriate for Labour Day weekend as we hope that all workers get at least one day off from work to rest each week!

There have been some welcome changes for us in Nobleton United, as some pews near the back have been removed and a table put in place with

some beautiful stuffies and lovely colouring books and crayons to welcome children. We have a beautiful new (to us) lectern at the front for scripture readers. Our other lectern, decorated with the progress pride rainbow flag, was there for our minister. We are practicing with livestreaming the service so that people who are unable to join us in person can view it online. Once we have ironed out any kinks, we will supply the link.

Every Thursday afternoon starting Thursday Sept. 14 at 2 pm, join us at Nobleton United for "Thursday Tea, Thick Texts, and Theology." You do not have to be an expert to join and you do not need to be a member of our congregations. Pastor Richard Gardner will lead us through the rich narratives and timeless wisdom of Genesis. There will be engaging discussions, warm tea, and a vibrant community as we uncover the profound layers of theology woven into these ancient stories. Whether you're a seasoned theologian or just beginning your faith journey, come together with us to enrich your spiritual understanding and forge deeper connections with God's Word.

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 S.H.A.R.E. Agricultural Foundation, a Canadian charity operating primarily in developing countries of Central and South America. This charity has provided support to agricultural-based communities for over 45 years using

"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 and butter, followed by chocolate cake and ice cream, tea and coffee. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. This luncheon is meant for King residents only.

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Monday, October 23 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Workshop - Glass 5x7 sun catcher - cost \$90, Thursday, October 26, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Workshop - 4 glass pendants - cost \$70. Please make sure to come out and sign up for these amazing events.

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. We will be heading back to Fridays and moving downstairs at Trisan at the end of this month, but we still have a few weeks left on Thursdays, so come out and join us.

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 November 4th. Please go to thefourseasonsmarket.com for more information and to apply to be a vendor.

This quote spoke to me this week: "Remember you don't need a certain number of friends, just a number of friends you can be certain of" ~ Author unknown

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

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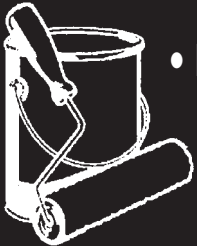
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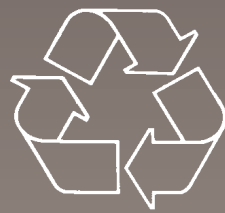
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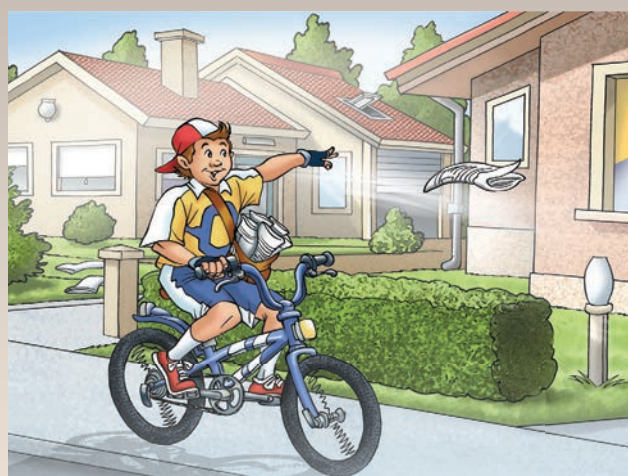
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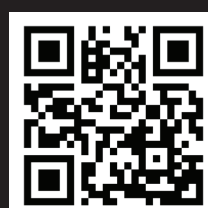
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