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Parking banned on stretches in Schomberg

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Parking will be banned on a section of Main Street and Western Avenue in Schomberg.

Council voted to make the move, supporting a staff recommendation. Parking will be prohibited on Main Street, on both the north and south sides, 122 metres west of the intersection with Cooper Drive, to 208 metres west. It will also be banned on Western Avenue, both sides, from 245 metres west of the intersection with Main, to 395 metres west.

The move was made to support public safety in the area. Staff have received written complaints about on-street parking on the curved portion of the road near Schomberg Public Library. Residents have also complained about

parking on the road near Osin Lion Park.

Staff noted by banning on-street parking in these spots, it will help keep sightlines clear. It will increase safety in the area for children walking to and from school.

The prohibition near Osin Park shouldn't be a problem, staff noted, since there is a large parking lot adjacent to the park.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini asked staff to inform those residents who front onto the streets involved. Staff noted they will post the information online and may send out a flyer, too.

Councillor David Boyd asked that staff consider a grace period for infractions, before penalties are dished out.

Councillor Mary Asselstine wanted staff to let sports groups, like the local soccer association, know of the change in parking.



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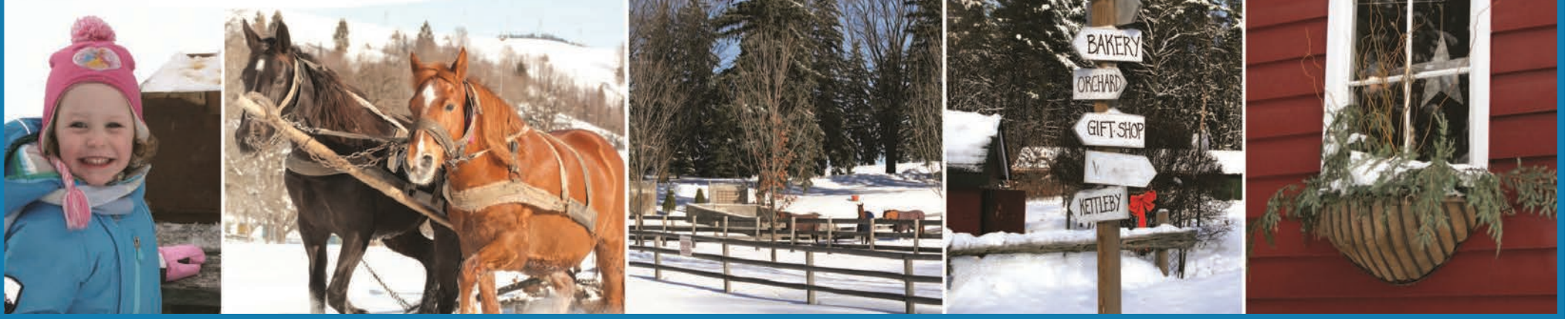


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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, Feb. 12
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, Feb. 1
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 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 (Rescheduled from Feb. 13)
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed)
If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
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.

- Parks Seasonal Worker – Public Works – Deadline February 16
- Parks Summer Student – Public Works – Deadline February 16

PUBLIC NOTICES



2024 Volunteer Appreciation Awards
Nominations now open

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Deadline: March 13, 2024



For details and a link to the nomination form, visit: king.ca/awards

PUBLIC NOTICES

Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors



Tuesday, February 27, 2024
King City Public Library
1970 King Road, King City
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Councillors Debbie Schaefer
Jordan Cescolini

Tuesday March 26, 2024
Nobleton Public Library
8 Sheardown Drive, Nobleton
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Councillors David Boyd &
Jennifer Anstey

Tuesday April 23, 2024
Schomberg Public Library
77 Main Street
Schomberg
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Councillor Mary Asselstine

Tuesday May 7, 2024
Ansnovald Park Picnic Shelter
18997 Dufferin Street
Newmarket
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Councillor Avia Eek

Discuss Township/Ward Issues



Not sure what Ward you live in? View the King Township Councillors and Ward Map at king.ca/maps.
Learn more about your Mayor and Council here king.ca/council

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2024 Interim Tax Notice

Due Date: February 21, 2024 and April 24, 2024

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD) for installment due dates or over a 10 month period
- On-line with your financial institutions
- By Credit Card – Visit the Township Online Services Portal at king.ca
- By Mail (Must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire tax notice.

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Tax, enter your 15 digit roll number with no dashes (i.e. 000123456780000)

Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD program is available for Property Tax accounts. The enrolment form is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD")

In accordance with the Township By-law 2023-086 unpaid balances following the due date, a penalty of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) per month, shall be levied on the first day of the next calendar month following the due date and each month until paid in full.

Please visit our website for details.

WATER BILLS



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Upcoming Policy Planning Presentations to Council

Highway 11 Corridor Study: Draft Discussion Paper

February 12, 2024

6:00 pm

For more information visit speaking.king.ca/highway-11-corridor-study

ThinkKING Green: Sustainable Development Program

February 26, 2024

6:00 pm

For more information visit speaking.king.ca/thinking-green

Presentations to Council are scheduled for the Highway 11 Corridor Study and ThinkKING Green.

For details on the Council meeting, including how to watch the presentation, submit comments and attend the meeting, visit: <https://www.king.ca/meetings>.



Contact the Project Team at: policyplanning@king.ca

For More Information visit: speaking.king.ca



Pay for municipal services from the comfort of your own home

King Township residents and business owners can pay for over 35 different municipal services by credit card on the Township's online services portal at king.ca/onlineservices. The secure portal can be conveniently accessed seven days a week at any time, and payment can easily be made by VISA or Mastercard.

To enhance citizen convenience and

accessibility, most municipal business can be conducted through the online portal, without the need for an in-person visit to the King Township Municipal Centre. This includes purchasing garbage tags, waste containers, pet licenses and pool permits to paying for recreation programs, water bills and property taxes. Key features of the online services portal include:

Permit applications: Thinking about renovating your home or building a deck? Easily apply for a building permit online or book an appointment with a Township planner. Have something larger in mind? Planning applications can be submitted online too.

Information access: Looking for an update on a major construction project or have a question about your property taxes? The vital information residents need is just a click or two away.

Service requests: Spot a pothole on your road? Or maybe a streetlight is out? You can report an issue like these online.

Interactive maps: Want to know where King's network of trails runs? Not sure which Ward you live in? Want to know about the status of a bylaw in-

vestigation? These are just a few of the things King's interactive maps can tell you.

Citizens are encouraged to visit king.ca/onlineservices to explore the portal's features and leverage the various online services available. King Township remains committed to refining and expanding its digital offerings to meet the evolving needs of its citizens.

For more information about King Township's online services, call 905-833-5321 or email ServiceKING@king.ca.

To receive updates on King Township news, follow the official corporate social media channels on X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook, subscribe to the King Bulletin e-newsletter or visit king.ca.

Stoop and scoop pet waste – it's the law

Having a pet as part of your family is rewarding, but it comes with many responsibilities – including cleaning up after them when you are out for a walk.

Stooping and scooping dog waste is an easy way to keep King Township clean and ensures a pleasant experience for everyone on footpaths and in parks. It's also the law.

King Township's Animal Control Bylaw #2016-85, section 4.12, mandates that individuals must collect their pets' waste. As part of an ongoing partnership with Vaughan Animal Services, officers routinely patrol King's parks, municipal roadways and sidewalks for animal control issues, including those relating to stoop and scoop offences. The fine for not picking up after your pet is \$200.

King Township provides dog waste bags at select locations including Cold Creek Conservation Area, some locations on the municipality's 100 kilometres of trails and dog parks. To ensure easy access, attach doggy bags to your pet's lead or use a collar-clipped doggy bag holder. The bags then need to be disposed either in a green bin at home or a garbage bin when out in the com-

munity.

The simple act of cleaning up after your dog is the neighbourly thing to do. There are also health implications to consider:

The main cause of parasite transmission between pets is through ingesting infected eggs/larva, which can be found in animal feces.

Excrement may also contain bacteria and parasites that can affect humans and can attract wildlife, such as coyotes.

Pet waste is a significant source of pollution, potentially containing harmful organisms such as Giardia, Parvovirus, Salmonella and E. coli, which can be transmitted to humans and other animals through contaminated water.

Pet waste degrades slowly, accumulating faster than it breaks down, creating a hygiene concern.

Dog waste is not a fertilizer and can impede landscaping efforts, harming grass over time if left unattended.

To report pet waste on public property, contact Service King at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca. For more information on how to properly dispose of pet waste, visit king.ca/pets.



King's new tanker a marvel

King Fire & Emergency Services is proud and honoured to serve the community and the crew is excited to share a new addition to their team: Truck Tanker 384! The custom-built dependable tanker (which replaced the 22-year-old tanker truck) has all the bells and whistles, literally. It carries:

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- King United Soccer Club
- King Township Minor Hockey Association
- King Skating Club
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- Quik Blade Sports Inc.

King City Lions present 'Pucks & Pancakes'

Celebrating over 50 years in service for the King City Lions Arena, the local Lions Club is planning an action-packed day this Saturday.

The Lions Club, in conjunction with the Kings Rebellion Hockey Association, will host "Hockey Morning in King" to raise money for "Kids with Cancer" and celebrate the last winter of ice hockey at the King City Lions Arena.

What you can expect at "Hockey Morning in King Pucks & Pancakes" Feb. 3:

The complete event is 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Games every hour with a King Rebellion team participating starting at 8 a.m. There will be a pancake, sausage and juice box breakfast from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Adults pay \$10 for the breakfast, kids 16 and under eat free. There will be a 50/50 draw (1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20) with the draw taking place at 12:30.

There's a puck toss for a prize. Only 200 pucks available and pucks are \$5 each and the prize is two tickets for a Maple Leafs game.

There is live music upstairs between 10 a.m. and noon.

Key contacts for the event are:

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- Michael Connelly

Necessity is driving Canadians' habits

Necessity has been called the "mother of invention," and a host of other catchy terms.

But we are all realizing - all too well - just how necessity is fitting into our current lifestyles.

Philosopher Henry David Thoreau once said that "money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul." True, but Henry never heard of inflation, interest rates and grocery stores.

With a staggering C\$2.42 trillion (2023) in consumer debt - a 17.7% increase since 2019 - Canadians are drowning in debt.

The latest study by savvynewcanadians.com, "Canada's Consumer Debt Surge 2023," provides some interesting data.

Consumer debt has surged, reaching an unprecedented high in 2023.

Mortgage debt is the biggest driver of this growth, accounting for a whopping 74.3% of total consumer debt.

Canadians now carry an average of over \$65,000 in consumer debt.

Vancouver and Toronto are the cities with the highest per capita consumer debt, at C\$360,683 and C\$187,350 respectively.

Victoria has the highest per capita credit card debt, at C\$12,874.

We've recognized the benefits of eating a healthy diet and there are many options out there today for a more sustainable diet. We want nutritious food and many want to shed a few pounds. But cost is a monkey wrench in the whole thing.

Nearly 9 out of 10 Canadians (87 per cent) believe adopting more sustainable behaviours is an urgent matter.

While strong, the feeling of urgency and the desire to change come up against financial considerations and entrenched eating habits, both in Canada and globally.

Changes that Canadians are prepared to make are more about reduction or adjustments than in-depth transformations.

When shopping for groceries, price



Mark Pavilons

is the most important factor for Canadians: 91 per cent selected price as a top 5 most important factor.

A survey of more than 1,500 Canadians conducted by Leger in December 2023 delivers insights with comparisons to the results to Sodexo's International Sustainable Food Barometer survey conducted by Harris Interactive. The Barometer identifies current trends and obstacles, as well as the narratives and incentives needed to induce changes in eating habits and support consumers in making the shift towards more sustainable diets.

Given the rate of obesity in North America, is it any wonder that cost is a factor? If you're not a middle class wage earner, you're stuck eating junk, which becomes a vicious circle.

You want fresh, it costs. You want organic, it costs.

For Boomers, we have a decent perspective on necessity and the cost of living. Our parents were prime examples of frugality, making do and working hard to make ends meet.

They were the real heroes of our

previous generation. Blood, sweat and tears.

They never openly discussed finances and seldom complained about debt.

My parents never wasted anything - food, money or resources. Granted, the cost of living was much lower in the 1970s and '80s, but they say everything is relative.

Really? Not any more.

I doubt Canadians suffered such financial burdens then as they do today.

Is it habit, lifestyle or desire? Or is it simply staying afloat and constantly adjusting our habits to counteract the ever-changing economic forces?

Perhaps all of the above.

Online shopping and instant delivery have likely added to our credit card debt in recent years, especially since the pandemic.

We simply lowered our heads and accepted the highest gas prices ever. We don't complain about \$80 fast food bills or \$400 cell phone charges. It costs a family a small fortune just to keep everyone on their devices and watching the tube.

I grew up in rural Caledon, just outside Bolton. We didn't have cable, but one of those nifty towers with a rotating antenna. We relied on well water. We had a fireplace insert and oil furnace.

These things substantially reduced the cost of home ownership, compared to today's litany of costly utilities.

We seldom ate out and my German

mom was constantly making amazing home-cooked meals, which we shared together. We had a large vegetable garden and enjoyed our own fresh produce.

I could go to the movies, grab a pizza, put a few bucks in the tank, and still had change from a \$20.

Okay, that was a long time ago. Today, few of us enjoy living scaled-back, simple lifestyles. Yet, as the world gets harsher, the more I long for living "off the grid."

Sure, building a log cabin and catching field mice would be challenging, but hey, they're becoming more appealing as the months go by.

We don't live lavishly and try not to order in very often. We prioritize, pay our bills on time and keep the cars rolling.

And yet, a simple lifestyle is not without its challenges. As I mentioned, if you combine our family's five cell phones, cable, internet, hydro, gas, insurance, taxes and mortgage, there's little left to buy fancy handbags and designer clothes. Add five mouths and four more four-legged ones, and you've got a bustling household.

I will take home-made leftovers any day over day-old fast food. A couple of brews while playing cards at the kitchen table suits me just fine.

Maybe I'm old school, maybe I'm just cheap.

Or perhaps I'm thrifty.

"There is no virtue like necessity."



Letter to the Editor

Attired supporters praised

Regarding "Annual pancake breakfast rings in the year" (King Weekly Sentinel, Jan. 25):

When returning to Canada in 2022, after visiting our son and family in Germany, my wife Evelyn McLachlan and I were surprised to see two wonderfully but strangely attired people ahead of us in the security line at Munich Airport.

Passing through security, we lost sight of them but after arriving at Pearson Airport, we found ourselves waiting for luggage together. I decided to approach them to inquire of their story.

Since our luggage took some time to appear, we had time for a friendly chat. Turns out that the man's name is John Webster and he is the town crier for the City of Markham. They visit other towns such as Schomberg as well. He and his wife Mary had just visited Nördlingen, Germany which is twinned with Markham. 220 settlers immigrated from Nördlingen and founded Markham in 1794.

Here's a question: Why did John and Mary wear their costumes back to Canada on the airplane? Answer: They don't trust the airline baggage handling! Losing their costumes would be a disaster. Besides, you get to talk to a lot more people if you wear costumes while travelling!

Best wishes,
Earle Laycock

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you planning any winter excursions this season?

a) Yes 17%

b) No 83%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you know someone who is struggling to make ends meet?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"At some point you have to let go of what you thought should happen, and live in what is happening."

Trivia Tidbits

The Caesar cocktail originated at a Calgary bar in 1969.

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How do we bridge growing divide between the wealthy and workers?

By Frank Stonach

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer, goes the old saying.

But is it true? It certainly seems to be the case in Canada.

A new report published by Statistics Canada last week showed that the wealth gap in our country continues to widen. According to the report, the richest 20 per cent of Canadians account for nearly 70 per cent of the country's total wealth, while the bottom 40 per cent of Canadians represented a meagre three

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

percent of Canada's wealth.

During the third quarter of 2023, high-income Canadians saw their savings grow while low-income households experienced a decrease in savings as they struggled to pay bills, make higher interest payments on loans and mortgages, and fork out more for higher food and gas costs. In other words, while the

rich got richer, the poor got poorer.

Joel Kotkin, an urban studies professor from California, wrote about the growing divide in wealth in his 2020 book titled *The Coming of Neo-Feudalism: A Warning to the Global Middle Class*. Kotkin cites California as a striking example of a modern neo-feudal state.

According to him, California is characterized by an ultra-rich upper class composed of tech oligarchs – which he describes as a new aristocracy – and below them, at the bottom of society, are the new “serfs”, a large and growing segment of the population that is property-less and poor.

California's middle class, meanwhile, is evaporating as people and companies flee the state's high taxes, crime and suffocating regulations.

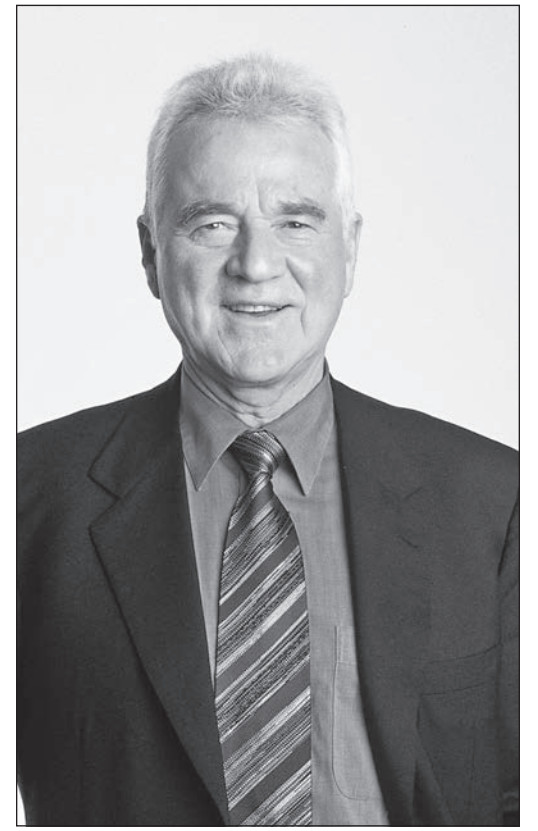
Canada is looking more and more like a neo-feudal state, with a small number of very wealthy individuals and an increasingly expanding lower class of people whose incomes and wealth are shrinking year by year. And in between these two groups is the bureaucratic class, which serves the very rich and powerful and keeps the rest of the people under their thumb with countless rules and regulations that restrict nearly every aspect of their lives.

So, what is the best course of action to bridge the growing divide between the wealthy and the workers in Canada?

I believe that we need to move into a new phase of capitalism where workers become partners in profitability and share in the financial outcome of the businesses they work for.

It's a key plank in the economic charter of rights I've been promoting to get Canada's economy back on a solid footing and to increase the living standards of millions of Canadians. Everything, in the end, hinges on the health of the economy.

If we laid the foundation for a profit-sharing economy – one where workers are partners – then we can not only raise the incomes of millions of Cana-



dians, but we'll also unleash a boom in corporate productivity and innovation.

To make that happen, we need small businesses and concerned citizens across Canada to band together and push for the adoption of an economic charter of rights – a charter that consists of proven economic principles for creating long-lasting prosperity.

When a country's middle class begins to crumble and the great divide in income grows larger, it will only be a matter of time before the country also starts to fall apart.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could generate economic growth and prosperity, email me at info@economiccharter.ca. Or to learn more about the economic charter, visit: www.economiccharter.ca.

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Letter to the Editor

Resident asks for Conservative plan

The following letter, to King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts, was submitted to the Sentinel.

I read your message in the King Weekly Sentinel on Jan. 18. You stated that 8 years ago, “Canada was rich, affordable and safe.”

Hmm, 8 years ago, there were 1.2 million using Foodbanks. That does not seem “rich” or “safe?”

There was a lot of gun violence back then. Canada has taken a number of steps to limit the worst of guns – the assault style weapons and handguns. It was reported in Dec. 2023 that gun violence was down 30% in 5 years in Toronto.

You stated that the Conservative plan would be to “Axe the Tax.” The “Gas Tax” is a program to increase the cost of fuel, so that people will think about alternatives to fuelling up their gas guzzlers or using fossil fuels for furnaces. This program actually rebates this back to us 4 times a year.

What is the point of the “Gas Tax?” It is aimed to decrease our reliance on fossil fuels, so that we limit how much CO2 gets put into the atmosphere. Kelowna residents often experience smoke from nearby wildfires in their hot summers.

We in King Township do not usually experience smoke in the air from wildfires, but this summer we did have a lot of smoke from the fires in Northern Ontario. Out west has experienced “atmospheric rivers” recently. One of the atmospheric rivers caused a major connector road, the Coquihalla, to be severely damaged two years ago because of the amount of rain which caused flooding and washouts between Hope and Merritt. Climate Change is real.

Is the “Gas Tax” program working? I notice lots of people driving electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrids. Some are switching to using transit more. Those who cannot afford a car and only use transit still get the rebate. It is a win for

lower income residents. I conclude that the program is working, especially for the lower income family.

What is the Conservative plan to help us stop increasing the average temperature of our planet? “Axe the tax” has nice ring to it, but how does that help us with climate change?

You stated that Conservatives would balance the budget. That is laudable but what services or supports will be removed in order to do that?

Ontario Premier Doug Ford said that he would “find efficiencies” to reduce expenses. Then he proceeded to give hospitals, long term care facilities, and school boards less and told them to reduce their expenses. It might temporarily save money to forget about doing regular maintenance on buildings (schools, hospitals), and bridges but eventually the lack of maintenance results in a catastrophe. Not giving raises to nurses and teachers results in less people choosing those professions. We all suffer.

Did you know that U.S. News and World Report shows Canada as #2 in the World for Best Country for 2023 based on a variety of metrics. Switzerland came first. The U.S. was 5th. It seems that Canada is not so bad after all!

Even so, we can agree that Canada needs to improve. Former Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne started a pilot project to test out an Ontario Liveable Income for those in poverty. It helped a lot of people in the selected areas and improved the economy in those towns. Premier Ford cancelled the program.

- What is the Conservative plan:
- To help raise people out of poverty? A National Liveable Income?
 - To mitigate climate change?
 - To balance the budget? What supports and services will be cut?
 - To reduce gun violence?

I look forward to your response.
Nancy Hopkinson
Nobleton



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The story of a home on Schomberg's Main Street

By Aladin Jarrah

King's Heritage

We have been running an irregular series on the discussions around Heritage Designation in King Township. Recently, Council heard a proposal on designating Main Street in the village of Schomberg as a Heritage Conservation District. Today we hear from Michelle Hubert, a lawyer living in an old home at 349 Main Street, which is where this HCD would be:

"We first discovered the house on a trip to Sheena's Kitchen, highly recommended by a neighbour in Aurora. We sat in the window overlooking the house during the art show that happens every September. I remember it was so busy that we didn't get served for quite a long time and almost walked out. We're glad we stayed; her butter tarts were wonderful.

"As we dined we watched people wan-

der in and out of the house, as they were displaying some art inside along with holding an open house for the property. My partner Alicia and I love old houses and couldn't resist a free peek at one, so we went there after finishing our lunch. The house was very cute and we oohed and aahed over it for a little while and finally decided to leave. The real estate agent, Melanie Collins, followed us out and asked if we were interested in the art or the house. We told her how much we loved old homes and how this one had such charm and, with elbow grease and a pocket book, it could be beautiful. During our conversation Melanie and I realized we were both Southern girls; she was from Texas while I was from Florida. We hit it off like old friends and 45 minutes later we bought a house. It was the most expensive butter tart I



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Camp locations include: King City Arena and Seniors Centre, Nobleton Arena, the Trisan Centre, Schomberg Hall, King Township Municipal Centre, King Heritage and Cultural Centre, and Cold Creek Conservation Area. The camp day runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with flexible drop-off for campers starting at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up ending at 5 p.m.

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ever had.

"The house itself is unique. It was not built exclusively to be a home, it was also a clinic for a local doctor. Harry Vaux was fresh out of medical school and engaged to a Doan girl from Queensville. The Doans were a prominent Quaker family in the area. The house was built between March and September of 1867, partially financed by the wagon maker in town. The Vauxs were married in October of that year and returned after a short honeymoon to begin Harry's practice. Sadly, in October of 1870 Mrs. Vaux contracted "consumption" and died. Within three weeks Harry had turned the house over to his father and moved to Brockville where he spent the remainder of his life. He was noted for being one of the early advocates for sewerage in the City of Toronto.

"The house has undergone a number of changes since then. Once the railway was created and the grain elevators installed, this property and one across the street were both owned by Silas Wray. It appears likely that he

used the house as a brokerage for buying and selling grain, as the 1904 and 1910 Schomberg fire maps show 3 stage barns in the back yard. One of those old pole barns is still on the property. The original house was just 33' X 17' and consisted of four rooms: two upstairs and two down. A kitchen was built and in place by 1904 and later a porch added to the rear which was eventually enclosed as part of the house. Most of the original wood interior remains, but the floors downstairs have all been replaced. There must have been quite a bit of damage during hurricane Hazel in the mid-'50s, but the house itself still has solid bones.

"Living on Main Street in Schomberg is wonderful. While Sheena's was still open and we were doing renovations, people would stop by and chat with us and share their love and vision of the community. Schomberg is special. One of the few areas with history and heritage that is not on a major highway. Our quaint little oasis should be protected and stories like these should not die under a bulldozer blade."

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority transfers key lands to Georgina

In an effort to enhance public spaces and support long-term land management, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (the Conservation Authority) is pleased to announce that they have transferred Franklin Beach, Holmes Point and Willow Beach Conservation Areas and Keswick North Watercourse, to the Town of Georgina.

"Transferring these lands is strategic and mutually beneficial," said York Region Chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson, Chair of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. "The Town of Georgina has been managing the lands on our behalf for decades, so this solidifies their ability to move forward with community recreation initiatives, while allowing the Conservation Authority to turn our attention to managing lands that meet our environmental objectives."

In 2020, the Conservation Authority developed a comprehensive land securement strategy; Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority Natural Heritage System Land Securement Project 2019-2025. The analysis that underpins the

strategy considered historical context such as ongoing land management activities and property-related issues and identified that these lands no longer support the Conservation Authority's mandate and objectives. The strategy aims to align property management goals with current Conservation Authority priorities.

Totalling nearly 6 hectares, these parcels, acquired in the mid-1970s and 1980s, have served various purposes over the years, supporting the Conservation Authority's historical objectives. As part of the transfer conditions, the lands are designated for public use, encompassing parks, drainage conveyance, and other approved uses.

"This is great news for both residents who have enjoyed these popular areas for many years and the Town who has maintained them. These areas are a key part of our Waterfront Parks Master Plan, and the transfer of ownership is instrumental in moving forward with park improvements benefitting residents and visitors," said Georgina Mayor Margaret Quirk.

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ROMA urges action to bring rural health care services closer to home

Rural communities are disproportionately impacted by Ontario's health-care crisis, according to a new report published by the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

The paper, titled "Fill the Gaps Closer to Home," was presented at the 2024 ROMA Conference held in Toronto Jan. 21 to 23. It calls for different approaches and solutions to help bring improved primary health and mental health care services to people in rural communities, and provides 22 recommendations to do so.

"While the health care crisis impacts both urban and rural communities, rural Ontario is different," said ROMA Chair Robin Jones. "Our findings reflect the desperation shared by many residents and local leaders. This is a priority for rural municipalities because it impacts our residents' quality of life, and we are the ones who must manage the costly social and economic consequences of the health care crisis."

According to the data, rural Ontario municipalities contribute more than \$480 million to health and social service

programs, despite not having equitable access.

Rural communities face a number of challenges, including lack of primary care providers and mental health resources, frequent emergency department closures, and acute shortages in health care workers and recruitment. Additionally, travel time for rural Ontarians to access these services is significant.

Among the 22 recommendations in the report, specific asks to the Province include:

Fixing primary care by creating new and integrated models to deploy health-care providers more effectively in rural areas, and to help shift demand from emergency rooms.

Uploading a significant portion of healthcare costs from rural communities back to the provincial government.

Building on current efforts to expand scope of practice for community healthcare providers like nurses, nurse practitioners and paramedics.

Requiring Ontario Health Teams to include municipalities at the table. ROMA's data indicates that too few rural communities have been engaged.

The report indicates that these changes can start today. In some rural communities, collaborative efforts that align with ROMA's work have already begun.

"Rural communities are being proactive and working together on local and regional initiatives, but we still need provincial support," said Prince Edward County Mayor Steve Ferguson. "In the Hastings-Quinte region, municipal, healthcare and post-secondary partners have founded Health PULSE – Partners United in Local Solutions for Everyone – in an effort to take a coordinated, unified approach to addressing the healthcare challenges in our region."

Rural Ontarians are losing primary care providers at a rate of 12% per year – four times faster than people in

urban centres.

With current patient loads, it takes three new primary care physicians to replace one retiring family doctor.

An estimated 525,000 rural residents are lacking a primary care provider.

In both 2022 and 2023, there were more than 600 temporary Emergency Department closures in rural Ontario.

60% of municipal representatives surveyed said that their community lacked mental health and addictions support.

65% said there was no access to walk-

in clinics locally.

ROMA undertook research on access to healthcare services as part of its priorities coming out of its 2021 report, Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-COVID World, which detailed five key priorities for ROMA's focus.

ROMA's research for Fill the Gaps Closer to Home included surveys of rural municipal leaders and paramedic chiefs, interviews with municipal leaders and front-line service providers and organizations, as well as in-depth analysis of public data and reports.

Province making investments to support rural municipalities

The Ontario government announced the latest steps in its plan to invest in rural communities and municipalities at the annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, with measures that will help to strengthen rural economies, get more homes and housing-enabling infrastructure built and increase access to important local services in rural areas.

"Unlike previous governments, our government will never ignore the needs of rural Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "We're working shoulder-to-shoulder with our municipal partners to attract new investments and jobs, provide better services closer to home and build the homes and infrastructure rural communities need to grow and prosper."

Premier Ford announced new details regarding the expansion of Ontario's \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund (BFF) to small, rural and northern municipalities that have not been assigned housing targets by the province. Ten per cent – or \$120 million – of the BFF will be reserved for these municipalities to help them build housing-enabling infrastructure, with the province intending to distribute these funds through an application-based process that will prioritize projects that can get shovels in the ground faster.

The province will continue to consult closely with rural municipalities to ensure this process effectively reflects their unique needs.

In the coming months, the province will also begin to roll out BFF funding for municipalities that have met or exceeded their assigned housing targets. Premier Ford announced that the province intends to direct any unspent BFF funds leftover from municipalities that have not met their housing targets into additional housing-enabling infrastructure investments that can be applied for by all municipalities, including those that have already received funding through the BFF. This will ensure all municipalities continue to receive the support they need to get homes built while also continuing to reward and incentivize municipalities that meet or exceed their housing targets.

"Our government is committed to do what it takes to build more homes as quickly as possible across this province," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Our goal is simple: To build more homes than we ever have before. We owe that to hardworking Ontarians, including the thousands of people who came here to make their dreams of home ownership a reality. We will continue to work closely with our small, rural and northern municipal partners to make sure that no part of Ontario is left behind."

Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, announced that municipalities will be able to apply for funding beginning Jan. 29, through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund to support municipal water projects that will help unlock housing opportunities and further protect communities. Through this program, the government is providing \$200 million over three years to help municipalities repair, rehabilitate and expand critical drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.



Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's (ROMA) 2024 Conference in Toronto, alongside Steve Pellegrini, the Mayor of King Township. "Our government is working closely with King Township and other rural communities to invest in our rural community and improve the quality of life," said Lecce. "I am working in partnership with King as we work to deliver investments to build the King Township Recreation Centre, local long-term care, expand broadband and improve healthcare at Southlake Hospital and Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital."



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Get out and explore as Regional Forests celebrate 100th anniversary

By Brock Weir

There are wooded wonderlands around us just waiting to be discovered – and there’s no better time to do it as York Regional Forests marks the 100th anniversary of its foundation.

Now boasting over 22 tracts of forests in five of York Region’s nine municipalities, the first tract, the Hollidge tract in Ballantrae, was formally planted and designated in 1924 – and, 100 years on, it’s a community success story worth celebrating.

“The 100th anniversary presents a great opportunity to spread the message to more residents in the area that the forest exists and all the great benefits it provides by going outside and spending time in nature,” says James Lane, Manager, Natural Heritage and Forestry Services for the Region of York.

The celebration kicked off with a video recently presented at Regional Council, but, as 2024 rolls out, so too will a number of initiatives designed to mark the anniversary in a fun way.

“We purchased a property in 2019 in East Gwillimbury and we decided to name that property the Centennial Tract,” says Lane. “It’s a bit of an enduring legacy for our 100th anniversary and we’re actually doing a public tree planting on that property in the spring that residents can participate in. We’re also launching a photo contest [this week] for people to take their favourite photos in the Regional Forests and submit them – the top photos will be selected and there will be prizes for them.

“We’re also developing and launching an adventure challenge which will really encourage residents to get out

and visit one of the 22 tracts of forestry that are open to the public. We’ve designed a patch unique to each tract and residents will be able to visit those and later get those patches. It encourages residents to get out onto the various tracts [and] see what they have to offer.”

One of the tracts of particular interest, says Lane, is the Nobleton Tract in King Township, which is one of the newer properties purchased in the last 15 years. It boasts a tall grass prairie ecosystem the Region has been working to restore.

“In 2023, we opened up an accessible trail that travels through that tall grass prairie,” says Lane. “It’s an opportunity for residents to go out; we always say go out and visit the forests and visit the different habitat types. It’s fully accessible and it’s a tract that’s fairly new, so we’re hoping to get residents out there. Likewise in King Township, there’s the Happy Valley tract which actually goes through some of the oldest or the largest in-tact hardwood forests in York Region. There are other tracts like the Zephyr tract up in East Gwillimbury which has a really unique cultural heritage. It’s bisected by a historic rail line that used to exist, so there is some neat history there.”

York Region’s forests are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and there is no charge to access the forest.

Most people use the forest for walking and passive recreation like hiking, says Lane, and perhaps unsurprisingly has been an enduring hit with dog walkers and horseback riders. Some areas, like Brown Hill, are particularly suitable for mountain biking, he adds.

As much as a 100th anniversary is a time to look back, it’s also a chance to

look forward.

One of the goals of Lane’s department for the Forests is to continue to preserve their ecological features and promote their use by residents.

“We want residents to experience nature,” he says. “There are so many positive benefits in terms of your physical health and your mental health by spending time in nature. There is such a strong connection between human health and the natural environment and we want to get that message out there and see all residents get out.

“The Region, through its Greening Strategy, continues to add land to the Regional Forests. Regional Council ap-

proved the acquisition of another property in Georgina and we’re hoping to finalize the purchase of that property in the next couple of months to add to the forest. That is something we will continue to do. As our population grows, maintaining access to greenspace is extremely important so I think we will see the forest continue to grow in the future.”

For more on the 100th Anniversary of the York Region Forests including locations, uses, and programs, events and celebrations associated with the Centennial, visit www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/celebrating-100-years-york-regional-forest.



Event a huge success

HERizons Motivational Minutes with Seneca College exceeded all expectations! Massive thank you to everyone who attended and made it an empowering session. A special shout out to King Chamber of Commerce member, Manuela Palermo from Engel & Völkers York Region, for hosting the insightful post-session discussion on finding and harnessing your strengths. Grateful for such a supportive community! Stay tuned for the next session – more motivation and growth ahead.

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Winterfresh will foster fresh food programs

By Brock Weir

When you think of fresh food, the Canadian winter isn't often the first season that comes to mind. But the seeds set to be sown by the community at next Friday, Feb. 2, will come into full bloom later this year.

WinterFresh, a Trivia Night Extravaganza hosted by the York Region Food Network at the Stonehaven Banquet Hall on Eric T. Smith Way, will be a fun way for residents to "test their knowledge for a cause."

Proceeds from the event will benefit food security programs spearheaded by the York Region Food Network (YRFN), including expanding its Affordable Fresh Food Market to all nine York Region municipalities, including Aurora.

"One of our new programs that has been incredibly successful is the Affordable Fresh Food Market, and the funds from WinterFresh will be going to food markets that we're hosting in York Region in some of the communities that are identified as lower-income communities," says YRFN's Joanne Witt. "We are taking these Affordable Fresh Food Markets right to the community so they can come to it; it's pay-what-you-can but, if they can't, we're not letting anyone leave empty-handed! It's an opportunity for people to come and get fresh produce right in their neighbourhood, right in their community, to be able to use for dinners with their families."

"The Affordable Fresh Food Markets are currently in Newmarket, Stouffville, Georgina, Markham and Richmond Hill and we have received some seed money from the Region of York to get them going and we're hoping by the end of 2024 we'll have the Af-

fordable Fresh Food Markets in all nine municipalities in York Region."

This year's WinterFresh is the ninth such event hosted by the YRFN and is the first to be held since 2020.

As a trivia fundraiser, ticket-holding individuals, couples, teams and tables have the opportunity to test their skills in a variety of areas, including food. There will be a three-course dinner as well, followed by raffles, prizes, and a booze pull, where each ticket-purchaser will receive a mystery tippie with a value of at least \$20 – determined by the number on the ticket.

"It's a lot of fun and you know you're going to get at least the value of what you've paid," says Witt. "You might get lucky and get something of an even higher value!" In addition, we're having a live auction – we have a donation from Costco of a \$500 gift card, an amazing hand-made acoustic guitar-shaped fire pit that was created and donated by a gentleman, and we also have our cake auction. We're looking forward to it being another great event for us. We're still looking for sponsors and live auction prize donors. We have some people who aren't able to attend who have either donated to the event or purchased tickets that can be used ... maybe by some of our volunteers or people that we support who would love to be at the event but maybe it is not within their budget to be able to do so."

All money raised from WinterFresh will go back into the Affordable Fresh Food Market and will be used to secure fresh produce, "especially at this time of year when our farmer partners don't really have much to give us because it is the winter, but we have local business-

es, restaurants and grocery stores that, during the winter months, we can buy produce from them either at cost or at a really discounted rate to make sure we have lots to take to the markets.

"It's a fun night for people who like trivia or just spending some time with

friends and family at an event – and it just supports a great cause!"

For more information on WinterFresh 2024, including tickets and sponsorship information, or for any other York Region Food Network programs, visit www.yrfn.ca.



York Food Bank faces challenge amid drop in holiday donations

This past holiday season, The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) held its annual holiday campaign to help alleviate severe food insecurity for York Region's most vulnerable residents.

The campaign ran Dec. 1 to 31 and despite ongoing support from the public, donations from the campaign dropped almost 12 per cent over last year.

This drop may affect FBYR's operations including its food distribution program that serves community partners across York Region. Partners include food banks, shelters, schools, indigenous groups, and more.

Furthermore, in June 2024, FBYR will undergo a significant rent increase. This surge will make it difficult to expand and meet the growing food insecurity needs for residents across the region. If the trend continues, FBYR may be forced to scale down its operations, lesson the community partners it serves, and therefore feed less individuals.

"A 12 per cent drop in monetary donations is significant, especially in a high inflationary environment, as we're all experiencing now," says Alex Bilotta, Chief Executive Officer of FBYR.

FBYR's 2022 annual report highlights that 30,442 unique individuals

were served across York Region. This number is predicted to increase come FBYR's 2023 annual report, estimated to be released in May 2024. Given that store-purchased food prices rose 4.7 per cent year-over-year in December (Statistics Canada), the support of York Region's community members proved especially vital during 2023's holiday season campaign.

"To meet the growing demands from both the supply side and demand side, we need to see a steady incremental increase in monetary donations to our food bank. I'm very concerned about the days ahead," says Bilotta.

FBYR thanks those community members who supported FBYR during their most recent holiday campaign to raise funds. To further support, individuals can go online to donate.

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) serves as the regional food collection and distribution hub for York Region, serving a network of 80+/- food pantries, schools, shelters, and non-profit community organizations. FBYR supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region, serving 30,000+ individuals in nearly 8,500 households. For more information, visit www.fbyr.ca.

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Arts & Entertainment

It's an open and shut case for energy savings

The Beharriell Briefings public speaking event provided an opportunity to learn a little about the art of public speaking. It honoured long-time resident, advocate and retired military veteran Susan Beharriell and put a spotlight on some of the passions that were near and dear to her heart. Some of the presentations will be featured in the King Weekly Sentinel.

By Rosalind Elson & Hans Martin

There's nothing wrong with a simple idea. We are surrounded by complex

inventions – air conditioners, furnaces – and after awhile we believe there is no other way to deal with cooling our homes in the summer and warming them in the winter.

But these two machines use a tremendous amount of fossil fuels. In spite of Canada's climate, we must find ways of cutting back.

There is one simple idea that can mean you hardly ever use your air conditioner and can cut down your heating bills.

First, buy a simple indoor/outdoor thermometer and install it inside and outside a window that gets lots of sun.



close the windows and pull the blinds down.

If you want air movement, use a fan. A ceiling fan is a good idea or a fan blowing over a dish of ice. Don't open the windows!

As the sun goes down and the temperature drops, watch for that equal moment and then raise the blinds and open the windows to let the increasingly cool air in.

In winter, it's a case of raising the blinds during the day to let the sunlight and radiation in and lowering them at night to prevent heat loss.

If you are not home during the day, you will set the blinds (and the furnace or air conditioner) to counteract the outside temperatures there will be while you are away.

Yes, there are summer nights when the outside air never seems to cool down. You have to look at the weather forecast to see if there is any hope of a drop overnight and decide if it is worth opening the windows in anticipation.

And there are winter days when one is reluctant to open the blinds because they are definitely a barrier to the outside cold. We need the sunlight, however, to keep us cheerful.

Today's electronically connected homes will probably be able to leave the job to Alexa or Google Home and the temperatures will be read, the HVAC system will respond and the blinds will go up and down by themselves.

For the rest of us, all you need besides the principles I've mentioned is the discipline to follow them.

This is our simple idea to help to cut down on fossil fuel use – and it works.

King offers course for artists

Calling all aspiring artists, animators, and illustrators!

King is offering a back to the basics of fine art drawing skills to prepare you for life drawing. This four-week course is designed to explore line, shape, form, composition, shading, and colour in still life objects; and, later to apply to structures in portraiture and the human figure with a live model through life drawing. Build your own art practice and create your own style with professional illustrator Giovannina Colalillo. All levels welcome.

March 5, Week 1: Still Life Lines, Shapes, & Composition. Start by exploring the basics of drawing using lines to draw basic shapes and forms found in still life objects. Select a still life object of your choice to create your own composition while also applying the rule of thirds and elements of art and design.

March 12, Week 2: Shading, Light, & Colour Theory in Still Life. Shading and colour theory exercises will be used to explore the effects of colour on still life objects and to gain a better understanding of an object's three dimensional mass.

March 19, Week 3: Portraiture & Skeletal/Muscular Structures in the Human Form. Apply the fundamentals of drawing from previous classes to break down and deconstruct the structures found in the anatomy and proportions of the human face. Learn how to break down the human figure into small parts of simple shapes and forms in preparation for next week's class: life drawing.

March 26, Week 4: Life Drawing with Live Model. Incorporate all of the drawing fundamentals previously learned to draw from a real live human model. The model provides the three dimensional reference needed to capture the full essence of the human figure's expressions and movements. The model will start with short expressive gesture poses for action poses and then proceed to longer sustained poses used to draw more detail and add shading. All levels welcome!

Ages 18+ (students under 18 may attend with parental consent provided).

Pre-Register at: <https://www.kingheritageandculture.ca/drawing>

This is the kind of thermometer that gives two readings at once. You see the inside temperature side by side with the outside temperature in a contrasting colour. Having the two together lets you see the difference between the two temperatures immediately without having to do any math.

There are digital versions of this type of thermometer, but we have an old-school one that has a sensor hanging outside the window, a wire coming unobtrusively into the room, and the thermometer itself on the inside wall. It is easy to install.

Next, you need window coverings. Curtains will do. Lined ones are a good idea. A reflective lining is even better. Blinds are good. We chose the honeycomb type of blind because it is said to have the highest R-value. It saves heat in winter and resists heat in summer. Ours were custom-made but I have used a standard-sized one from IKEA effectively, too.

Finally, you must get used to checking the indoor/outdoor thermometer and reacting to what you see. On summer mornings, when the temperatures are equal, inside and out, we



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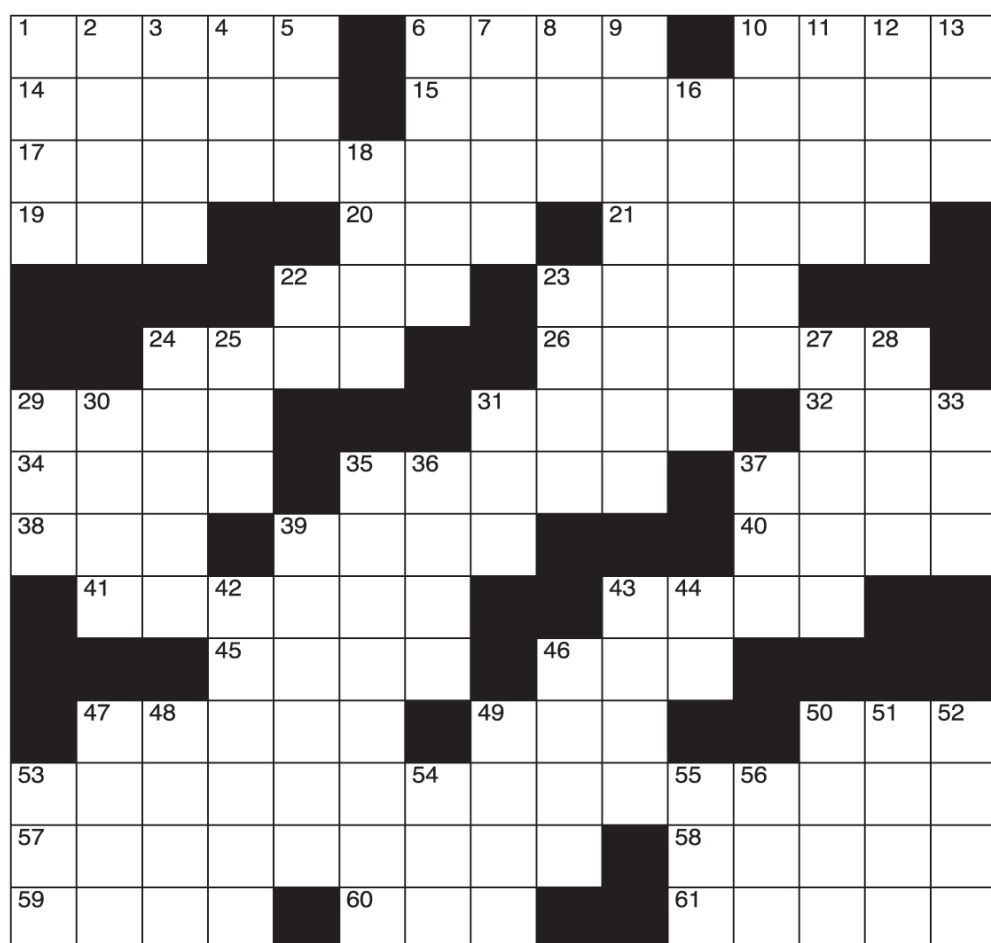
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14. Type of tooth
15. Fitted out
17. Make every effort
19. Autonomic nervous system
20. Complete
21. Alternate name
22. River in France and Belgium
23. Miami's mascot is one
24. Turfs
26. Most cognizant of reality
29. Broad volcanic crater
31. Canadian surname
32. Satisfaction
34. Traitorous Greek mythological prince
35. Collide
37. Immune response
38. Feline
39. High opinion of

CLUES DOWN

1. Siberian river
2. Blessing
3. Substitutes (abbr.)
4. Principle underlying the universe
5. Work unit
6. Yellow edible fruits
7. Gemstone
8. A place ships dock

9. Evergreen tropical tree
10. Reality TV star Richards
11. Nonflowering aquatic plant
12. Stakes
13. Antidiuretic hormone
16. Make warm again
18. Light beams
22. Lethal dose
23. Terrorist group
24. Kids love him
25. Naturally occurring solid
27. German surname meaning "man from Saxony"
28. Popular cuisine
29. Partner to cheese
30. Type of horse
31. ___ Diego
33. Defensive nuclear weapon
35. Most shrewd
36. It may be for shopping

37. Midway between south and southeast
39. A stock of foods
42. The bindings of books
43. Swiss river
44. Megabyte
46. Sammy ___, songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Clare Booth ___, American writer
49. Sun or solar disk
50. Popular type of bread
51. Transfers of money (abbr.)
52. Association of engineering professionals
53. Young women's association
54. City
55. Niger-Congo branch of languages
56. Pointed end of a pen

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

King artist creates massive stained glass wall

By Kate Cino
artopenings.ca

A King artist has wrapped up one of her largest and most complex glass commissions.

Ernestine Tahedl has created Glorification II, for the new Salvation Army Sanctuary in Toronto. This stained glass wall covers two storeys and measures 22 by 25 feet.

They illustrate the marvellous flow of colours and patterning chosen by the artist. Glorification is a spiritual concept found in many religions that describes the ultimate reunification of earthly forces with the divine. The artist chose primary colours of red, yellow and blue to convey this joyful transformative energy.

“The design of the wall will complete and unify the spiritual and architectural concept for the interior of the sanctuary,” Tahedl says.

The primary colours chosen by the artist include a variety of tonal values. For example, the reds, which symbolize blood and fire, sacrifice and courage, range from delicate swirling pinks to deepest magenta. The golden yellows, bringers of optimism, wealth and luminosity, glow with bright striations and flowing patterns. Blue glass conveys grace and healing – the peaceful tones found in aqua water and azure sky. Some glass pieces have a variety of shades, from light blue to deep indigo, mottled in flowing ornamentations.

More than 4,000 pieces of antique and high-quality semi-transparent glass were used in the window. Each of the 40 sections is 55 by 30 inches, making the assembled size 22 by 25 feet.

Tahedl hired a glass artisan with a studio in Vienna to assist with the project.

“I am very fortunate that Joseph, an experienced technician, came out of retirement to help,” she says. The project, slowed by COVID, has taken thousands of hours to complete over four years.

When selecting colours, a mirror placed below the table showed the effects of light passing through the material.

As well as a glass artist, Tahedl is a gifted painter, who creates lyrical abstractions while listening to classical music. Her artwork is collected worldwide. In November 2023, her solo show at Madrona Gallery was very successful. In Victoria for the Opening, Tahedl charmed admirers by sharing stories of her upbringing in Vienna, musical inspirations and artistic process.

Now that Tahedl is back in Toronto, we chat on the phone about her remarkable glass project.

The artist explains that one of her favourite tasks during the glass odyssey was selecting the colours for each section. “I felt confident and enjoyed the freedom of choosing from these beautiful materials,” she says.

At 83, Tahedl bustles with energy and enthusiasm. In January 2024, she was a guest at the ILLUMINA Classical Music Festival in San Paulo, Brazil. Festival director Jennifer Stumm, who is a concert violist and viola professor in Vienna, invited Tahedl to participate in an innovative workshop. Tahedl shared her passion for painting to music with

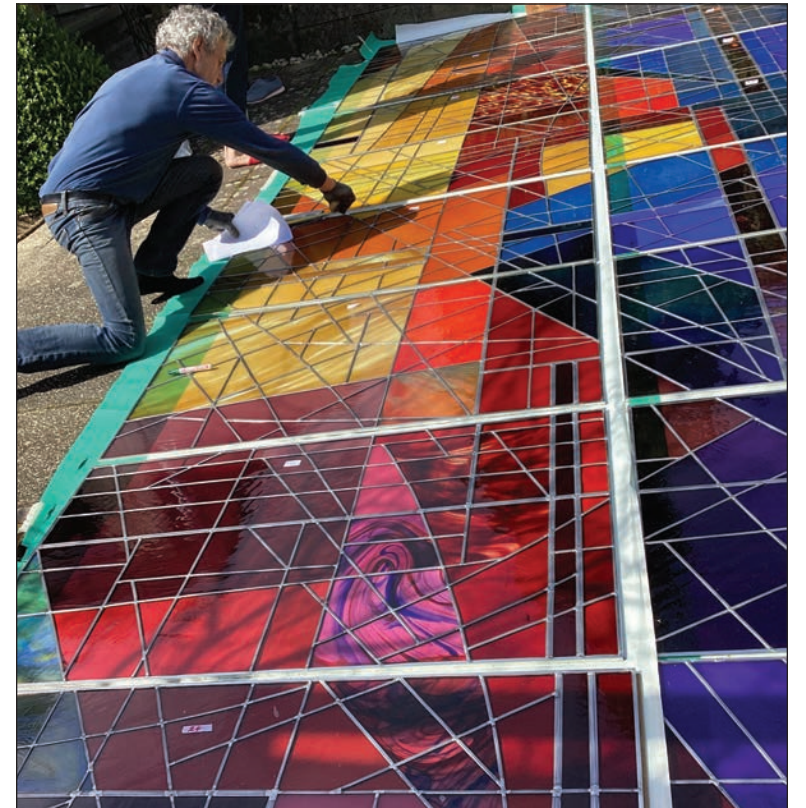
38 participating musicians. Each 90-minute session with a musician involved listening to a composition by Richard Strauss: Metamorphosen for 23 strings. The spectacular results were exhibited for all to enjoy.

Tahedl concedes that Glorification II may be her last major glass commission. If so, she leaves a profound legacy. Using her skills and determination, she has excelled in an exacting art form changed little in 500 years. The medium of stained glass

has greatly benefitted from the leadership, expertise and imagination of an extraordinary artisan.

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Retired officer shares knowledge with Mexican counterparts

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

When you serve the public, you never completely retire.

A retired police officer from King has decided to share his knowledge and expertise with Mexican law enforcement personnel.

Doug Ransom, has done some ride-alongs with the Chapala Police in Mexico.

His connection with that area dates back to 2014, when Ransom was a Metro Toronto Police officer. He helped teach Chapala officers principles reflective of policing in Toronto, and it became apparent that the local police needed strategies to improve its rapport with the public.

“Out of that need, I came up with a strategy whereby local expat organizations would fund the acquisition of boxes of apples and uniform police officers would hand them out to kids on ‘Three Kings Day’ or what is referred to elsewhere as the Epiphany, which is the last day of the Christmas season in Mexico,” Ransom explained.

“The strategy worked so effectively that, except for one year given Covid-19, the practice has occurred for nine years and always been reported in two news outlets, the English-language, Guadalajara Reporter, and the bilingual publication, the Laguna Weekly.”

Ransom reflects about a case that is forever imprinted on his mind. On Feb. 10, 2014 an Ottawa couple was murdered

in the lakeside area of Ajijic in Mexico. Ransom winters annually in the same community. Several days later, he read in the local newspapers that a memorial service for the couple would take place that day at 11 a.m.

“I contacted the Chapala Police and informed them that I was retired police officer from Canada and commented that they might want to deploy a couple of officers to the memorial in case attendees had information to assist the police in its investigation. The officer commented that the police were unaware of the scheduled memorial service and that he would bring the information to the attention of the chief. Once informed of the planned memorial, the chief opted to attend the service in uniform earlier in order to request an opportunity to speak to the gathering in attendance. When the chief spoke, he extended his sympathy on behalf of the local government, the police service, and the local community. His actions were well received by everyone in attendance.

“Given his initiative that saw him decide to personally attend, I felt he was a progressive leader. I then decided I was reach out to him in order to make a proposal. Once we met, I told him that when I returned in fall of the year, if he was in agreement, I would bring along a Toronto police uniform and would become an auxiliary officer and do ride-alongs to chat about policing practices in Canada.”

So, in the fall of 2014, Ransom’s new



role began.

He was assigned to do a ride-along with two uniformed bilingual officers. That first shift was interesting as they exchanged stories about policing practices in the two different jurisdictions.

During the shift, one of the matters mentioned by them was that there was an area where young boys had started pelting police vehicles with stones as the police patrol vehicles drove by.

Out of that discussion evolved the first consideration.

With Christmas Day approaching, Ransom suggested that the police acquire boxes of candy canes and on Christmas Eve drive through their respective patrol area community and hand them out to kids as they drove by.

It was decided that instead of candy canes on Christmas Eve, the police should acquire and hand out apples on Three Kings Day, which is always held on Jan. 6 and is the last day of the Christmas season in Mexico. It is also the main gift-giving day given it is known as Epiphany elsewhere, the day that the Three Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem with their gifts for the newborn Jesus.

Thus, on January 6, uniform officers walked along the malecon (boardwalk) waterfront and main streets of the community handing out apples along with the greeting, “Happy Day of the Kings.”

The second stage of the plan unfolded the following day when kids had re-

turned to school. With the support of the principal of the largest elementary school in the community of concern, Ransom attended with three uniform officers who handed out over 250 apples to every student in that school, doing so one class at a time.

The cost of the apples has been financed by the American Legion, the Canadian Legion, the Toronto Police Pensioners Association, and ANAVETS (Army Navy Air Force Veterans) which is another Canadian veterans organization. On three occasions, the cost for the apples was picked up by private citizens, two of those times was me.

This one small gesture has blossomed and spread throughout the community.

Ransom recommended that the local police budget money for these annual events given the positive impact they have on the rapport between the police and the public. To his knowledge the Chapala Police is the only police service in Mexico that facilitates these annual Christmas events and hopefully it will become an annual tradition.

“From my interaction with the police, I have established a great rapport with numerous members of Chapala Police. Interestingly, one of those friendships has maintained the test of time in that it is with the first officer I spoke to back in February 2014.”

“Operation Apple” was another success this year, definitely making spirits a little brighter.



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Nature's Emporium Run aims to raise \$500K for Southlake's Centennial

By Brock Weir

The countdown is on for the annual Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, and as the local hospital marks its 100th anniversary this year, organizers have set a bold fundraising goal to support local healthcare: \$500,000.

Bold? Certainly. But no less achievable, said Jennifer Ritter, President & CEO of the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation, as the Foundation and title sponsor Nature's Emporium gathered at their flagship Newmarket store on Monday afternoon to launch this year's Run.

The 12th Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, which has its roots in the Hartwell Challenge, a run that used to take place in Aurora in memory of former councillor and runner Bob Hartwell, will take place in Newmarket on Sunday, April 28.

Always a popular fundraising event which regularly raises approximately \$400,000 for the hospital each year, this year's event has an extra resonance celebrating a century of local healthcare – and this year's theme is \$100 for 100 Years.

"We had somewhere close to 12,000 people in our community – individuals, families, friends, colleagues – come out and we raised north of half a million dollars... to support advanced and replacement equipment," said Ritter at the January 22 event. "It's everything from the most advanced tools like PET CT, MRIs, CTs, equipment you hear us talk about and we recently brought to Southlake; to things you can't underestimate the importance of, like comfortable and safe beds and IV poles, lifts, stretchers and transfer stretchers.

"When we have an event like this, it is the community coming together to raise funds to help us [support] the incredible people and team we have at Southlake – so innovative, so brilliant, so compassionate – but they are working against aging infrastructure and an aging building. We haven't had a significant infusion or transformation of our hospital in some time, aside from our award-winning top three cancer centre. We're constantly working on renewal and Southlake is an absolutely incredible place to come for treatment. We're trying to make it even more so by giving our fantastic clinicians and staff the tools they need."

These needs were underscored this week by Southlake Chief of Staff Dr. Charmaine Van Schaik, a pediatrician and lead of the hospital's Maternal Child Program.

To say the funds raised by the Run are "meaningful" to her team and the

entire hospital community is a "gross understatement," she said, particularly in a geographic area that is among the fastest-growing in Ontario and with an aging population.

These factors have contributed to making Southlake one of the "most over-crowded hospitals in the Province," she said.

"Each year, Southlake's Emergency Department sees more than 115,000 visits. To put that into perspective, that's an average of 315 visits per day, which means a new patient every four-and-a-half minutes," said Van Schaik. "Even with our volumes, we consistently rank as one of the top three hospitals for our Best Emergency Department Assessment Times in the Province. Results like this and many other instances of our hospital delivering exceptional care to our community are made possible in part thanks to the generosity and commitment of our sponsors, our supporters here today, and the thousands of participants who will fundraise for the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake Each year. Because of those fundraising efforts, our participants and the donors who sponsor them, we purchase critical equipment, create new and innovative healing spaces, and meet the urgent needs across the hospital that the government does not fund.

"When our Run participants fundraise for Southlake, they are literally putting tools in the hands of my fellow clinicians so we can continue to provide the compassionate and excellent care that you and your loved ones expect from us. On behalf of all the medical staff and staff at Southlake, especially the patients of Southlake who benefit from the generosity of everyone in this room and beyond, thank you."

Similar sentiments were expressed by Nature's Emporium founder Joe D'Addario, who said participants and donors have joined them to make a "significant impact" on area healthcare.

"We're deeply grateful for the ongoing commitment and enthusiasm our community shows," he said. "As we look forward to lacing up our sneakers and to run on April 28, to begin fundraising efforts, let's remember that each dollar raised helps us provide leading edge care close to home. When you walk or run for Southlake, you are investing in a new way of delivering healthcare. You are fundraising to keep the hospital patient care facilities up to date and to give healthcare experts the tools they need to deliver the best possible care for our communities."

For more on the 2024 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, including how to register for the event and sponsor a participant, visit runforsouthlake.ca.



Gathered at the Newmarket flagship for Nature's Emporium to launch the countdown to the April 28 Run for Southlake were, from left, Newmarket-Aurora MP Tony Van Bynen, Joe D'Addario of Nature's Emporium, Southlake Chief of Staff Dr. Charmaine Van Schaik, Southlake Foundation President Jennifer Ritter, Southlake Regional Health Centre Board Chair Marilee Harris, Nature's Emporium's Mary D'Addario, Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, and East Gwillimbury Councillor Susan Lahey. Photo by Brock Weir

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"We're using every tool including cash and proceeds seized from criminals to prevent crime and protect our communities," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "Thanks to the hard work of our men and women in uniform, these funds are being reinvested back into our communities to help support victims, educate youth and increase awareness about crimes such as gang violence and hate."

Since 2018, the government has invested more than \$16 million in crime prevention initiatives through the Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing (POC-FLP) Grant program. This year's grant funding will support a wide range of community safety projects.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his series on the book of Acts. Jeff's message, entitled, "Misplaced Faith" is from Acts 8.5-25.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. After the service you are welcome to join us for a time of socializing over coffee and goodies. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our "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" bags 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.

If you know young people who need volunteer hours for school, we would be pleased to have them volunteer to run our audio-visual booth on some Sundays throughout the year. Training is provided. Interested individuals can reach out to our Pastor through the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

St. Mary's Church

Thank you to all those who signed up for the Apostolate of the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Br. Antonio of the Heralds of the Gospel will be meeting with all those who signed-up last weekend on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. St. Mary's parish hall to answer any of your questions and to go over the schedule of when and how the Shrine is distributed. If you would like to know more about the apostolate, you are welcome to join us.

We the North, the northern parishes, including St. Paul's Parish in Alliston, 3 Barrie parishes, our own St. Patrick's parish and St. Mary's are hosting our annual Teen Valentine's Dinner Dance at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nobleton next Saturday, Feb. 3 after the 5 p.m.

Holy Mass. All teens in Grades 8 to 12 are invited to attend. Join us for music by a professional DJ, a delicious dinner, desert, and lots of fun meeting like-minded teens from our surrounding parishes. Tickets are \$20 or free admission for youth volunteers. Please RSVP by texting Zephania - 905-830-2644 to let us know that you and your friends will be joining us!

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Join us Friday, Feb. 2 for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the First Friday of the month of February. Please note, Fr. Ignacio will be blessing candles at the beginning of both the 9 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Patrick's and the 7 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary's, which is a long tradition in the Catholic Church on this Feast Day. Bring your own candle to be blessed. Some candles will be available in the foyer for purchase. Both Holy Mass celebrations will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration-Holy Hour as usual. Confessions will be available.

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Nobleton Seniors (55+) 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 are located at 15 Old King Rd. (upstairs).

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Educational Thursdays - from 10 a.m.

to noon unless otherwise indicated.

February 1 - Balance Health Studio Chiropody presented by Nicole Joseph.

February 8 - HosPall, understanding their services. Please register for this event.

February 15 - Fun Day of board games and cards.

February 22 - "See Snow? Drive Slow" presented by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

February 29 - "Frauds and Scams" presented by York Regional Police.

March 7 - CPR and Defibrillator presented by King Fire & Emergency Services (Kevin Ritson).

March 21 - Tai Chi presented by Judy Leeming.

March 28 - "First Impressions Count" (clothes, jewelry, hair) presented by Frank De-bartolo.

All weekly Thursday programs in Nobleton will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated. Remember to sign up for your 2024 membership.

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

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

Nobleton Lions

Now is the time to mark several popular events on your 2024 calendars. On Friday, Feb. 23, the annual poker tournament will be held at the Nobleton Arena.

On Saturday, March 30, your kids can look forward to the free township-wide Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the three Lions Clubs. Along with other community groups the Nobleton Lions will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities. On Sunday, May 30, you and your pets are invited to participate in the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. Then on Sunday, June 9 the long-running, much-anticipated golf tournament will be staged at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club.

Details for these events as well as announcements of other events, once they are fully planned, will follow on the website and on social media.

Please visit our website, accessible by simply googling 'Nobleton Lions' which will bring up the link to the site.

Check out "upcoming events" and "useful links" where you will learn more about events and organizations supported with your contributions.

We continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com. We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena.

St. Alban's By John Arnott

Early on the morning of a cloudy spring day two, 30-something men, one perhaps a year older than the other, stripped naked then, leaving their clothes on the grassy bank, waded together into the chilly waters of the gently flowing river stopping when they were just about waist deep. Here, the older of the two speaking softly placed his hands on his younger companion's head gently pushing him underwater.

A rumble of distant thunder sounded as the younger man surfaced and a break in the ominous heavy grey clouds allowed a single ray of sun to illuminate them both. All this action disturbed a nesting pair of doves in a nearby overhanging tree causing the male to fly out over the intruders to investigate then satisfied there was no danger return to his mate. Now, the two cousins clapping each other on the back splashed their way to shore towed down, dressed and clasping each other by the shoulder went off towards their camp to rustle up some breakfast.

This, Yeshua's baptism by John the Baptist nearly 2,000 years ago, is an important event in the church season of Epiphany as celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Coptic Church in Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Eritrea, the Syrian Orthodox Church and the Oriental Orthodox Churches in Iraq and Iran.

Over the last couple weeks this baptism has been celebrated by Orthodox Christians worldwide when a cross symbolic of Christ is thrown into a pool, pond, river, lake or sea and young men jump into the water to retrieve it. The finder holds the cross above the water and receives a special blessing which reminds of Yeshua breaking the surface receiving God's blessing and thus begin his mission on Earth.

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Strong showing from youth to masters to champions

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

with curling in King.

Masters Champions

Youth curling “is where it’s at” for anyone within the ages of 7-21 yrs. Every Tuesday afternoon (4:30- 6:30 p.m.) King curling offers a Youth program that includes The Little Rocks, which is open to the ages of 7-11. In this program curlers use lighter rocks while focusing on instruction of skills and some basic game play.

The Youth program, ages 12-20, includes the Under 15, U18 and U20 age levels who receive instruction of skills and game play using the regular adult rocks. There are also options for outside club spiels to participate.

Groups are kept to a small ratio with certified instructors who engage with each individual and their personal growth as well as working and learning as a team. Some of the skills are ice management which would include the reading of the anticipated curl and the speed of the rock when curling down the ice. Learning the strategy of the game, ice condition, and what weight to throw are also included in the structure.

The smiles, laughter and genuine encouragement during this past week’s practice, the high 5s given after the shots and draws made, were a repeated and wonderful occurrence. At times it felt contagious to see these future Rock Stars truly embrace the sport of curling and live up to its motto of “For the Love of Curling.” With the recent crowning of King’s Team Komiljanec as the U15 Stroud Champions, it’s safe to say that the Youth in King are in good hands and have a very bright future

King Curling was well represented recently with 2 teams participating in the TCA Masters championship. The event, celebrating its 60th anniversary, was held Jan 16-20. Thirty-two teams participated along with Team Inglis and Team Kolody from King. This marked the first time King took part in the illustrious event.

Team Kolody was skipped by Andrew Kolody and his mates of Mark Saldat, Al Courneya and Craig Honey, and 5th Peter Kamstra. Team Kolody played valiantly with close scoring games that could have gone either way leaving a very impressionable mark in their TCA debut.

Team Inglis, who consisted of Skip Mark Inglis, Steve Flannigan, Greg Switzer and John de Faveri, qualified for the finals in the Second Event against a team from Unionville. A well-played game that included grade-A strategy and top marksmanship of skills earned King the win for the Title of TCA Masters Second Event Champion.

Ontario Scotties Champion

King Curling Club congratulates Danielle Inglis (King member Mark Inglis’s daughter) and her team on winning the Ontario Scotties Championship this past weekend. The win advances Team Inglis to the coveted Women’s National Championship “The Tournament of Hearts” in Calgary Feb.16-25. Good Luck Team Inglis!



Liliana Farrugia of the Little Rocks program practices her beginner delivery with 2 youth size rocks.



Kalvin Cameron delivers during his practice in the U18 group.

Photos by Shellee Morning

Siskins edge Cougars 3-2 in entertaining PJHL tilt

By Jim Stewart

The Trisan Centre was packed with fans on Thursday night and, if you blurred your eyes, it looked like a colorful, free-wheeling, hard-hitting early-'70s tilt between the Oakland Seals and the Chicago Black Hawks.

The second-place Stayner Siskins – clad in their classic Seals’ Kelly Green jerseys trimmed with yellow and white – skated into the Trisan Centre on Thursday night and eked out a 3-2 win over the valiant Schomberg Cougars clad in their classic white Blackhawk jerseys with red and black trim.

Alas, Schomberg’s junior hockey team is on the schneid, losers of four of their last five games heading into February, including an 8-2 shellacking at the hands of the first-place Hornets in Alliston on Wednesday night.

The Cougars’ first period effort versus the perennial powerhouse Siskins was markedly better than last Thursday’s dreadful opening frame performance versus the Penetang Kings. The Cougars and Siskins gave the 184 fans a demonstration of entertaining Junior C hockey – bone-crunching hits, end-to-end action, great goaltending, and a dash of malice to remind one and all that the PJHL playoffs are just around

the corner.

The Cougars’ power play opened the scoring four seconds into a roughing penalty being served by Siskin Caleb Morrison. Carter Longland rifled a wrist shot from the right point that beat Stayner netminder Matteo Gennaro cleanly, bulging the twine eight minutes into the period. Joey Furlano and Anthony Nascimento earned assists on the rookie defender’s fifth goal of the season.

There were so many hits by both teams in the first period that the game could have been co-sponsored by Tylenol and Epsom Salts. In addition to absorbing contact meted out by the pugnacious Stayner squad, the Schomberg PK fought off a precarious 5-on-3 man disadvantage to preserve their lead after 20 minutes of hard-edged hockey.

A sizeable contingent of Staynerites populated the arena – including one leather-lunged cheerleader who made the Trisan Centre his home away from home for two hours – and the Siskins’ supporters were treated to an engaging middle frame as their #7-ranked squad scored three unanswered goals.

Twenty-four seconds into the middle frame, high-scoring Siskin Connor Hiles tallied his 22nd goal of the season to tie the game 1-1. Hiles took a perfect

pass in the left hash marks from skilled playmaker Ryan Russell and beat Cougars’ netminder Anthony Paolini high glove side. It was Russell’s 30th assist of the season.

Exactly ten minutes later, Paolini’s quick stick save deflected a goal mouth scoring opportunity during another Cougars’ PK, but Hiles’ 23rd goal of the season – a wrist shot off a rebound – gave the visitors their first lead of the game. The Cougars created five quality scoring chances on myriad power plays in the period as the Siskins resorted to tackling and mugging the home side with tactics reminiscent of the Hanson brothers in Slapshot (1977), but Gennaro stood his ground to preserve the Siskins’ one-goal lead. His magnificent save on Cougars’ leading goal scorer Luke Szabo at 13:19 encapsulated the frustrating night endured by Schomberg shooters.

Stayner took a 3-1 lead when Russell swept in from the right wing and wristed a puck at Paolini that the Schomberg goalie seemed to stop, but the disc dribbled across the red line. Russell’s 30th of the season moved him into tenth place in the 61-team PJHL scoring race with 60 points.

The home side played with inspirational ferocity in the third period, outshooting the Siskins by an incredible margin of 25-4, but only Szabo could beat the acrobatic Gennaro. The swift-skating Cougars’ power play goal at 7:09, assisted by the red-hot Longland who has eight points in his last three games, narrowed the Siskins’ lead to 3-2. Despite a furious final 90 seconds with Paolini pulled and an extra attacker on the ice, the Cougars fired everything but the kitchen sink at Gennaro and beat him with 4.6 seconds left. The Cougars outshot the Siskins 46-23.

Cougars’ Captain Adam Miller – always gracious in victory or defeat – compared his team’s home ice effort versus Stayner to his team’s performance in Alliston on Wednesday night: “Last night, we would have one good shift followed by three bad ones. We repeated that bad pattern all night. We also got into penalty trouble and it hurt us. Tonight, we put together a

much better and complete effort. We just came up a bit short.”

The articulate team leader complimented the performance between the pipes of Siskin netminder Matteo Gennaro who turned aside 44 of the 46 shots the Cougars fired his way: “He’s a great player; lots of poise. He finds the puck in a scramble. He’s a drop down Junior A goalie so he’s really good, but I’d love to see him again in the playoffs.”

Captain Miller bemoaned his team’s inability to take advantage of their scoring opportunities against the Siskins, but praised his team’s discipline against the uber-aggressive visitors: “Tonight, we bought into our systems and created lots of scoring chances, but we just didn’t finish those chances enough. We were more disciplined tonight, too. We cleaned up our retaliation penalties, but we still need to clean up our stick infractions.”

The fourth-place Cougars (22-12-0-1) host the ninth-place Midland Flyers (2-29-2-0) on Thursday (Feb. 1). Puck drop is 7:30 at the Trisan Centre.

Fantilli’s laceration stalls his stellar rookie season

By Jim Stewart

Nobleton’s Adam Fantilli, the Columbus Blue Jackets’ star rookie, left Sunday’s game versus the Seattle Kraken due to a cut on his left leg.

Fantilli, the third overall pick in the 2023 NHL draft, suffered the laceration after delivering a hit on Seattle forward Jared McCann. The highly-touted and productive rookie was cut by a skate blade.

According to NHL.com, Fantilli “hopped off the ice and down the tunnel while trying to avoid putting any pressure on his left leg.” The league’s website updated the rookie’s injury status on Monday afternoon: “Fantilli will be evaluated further once the Blue Jackets return to Columbus following the game versus St. Louis on Tuesday.” Fortunately, Fantilli might avoid the Injured List because the Columbus Blue Jackets are off until Feb. 10 due to the All-Star Game Weekend and its mid-season break.



Siskins’ goaltender Matteo Gennaro hugs the post during last-minute pressure by the Cougars. Gennaro stopped 44 of 46 shots in Stayner’s narrow 3-2 win.

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, Feb. 4 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. and we look forward to welcoming Rev Evelyn McLachlan to lead our worship.

There is an ongoing opportunity to engage in a small group format in a spiritual retreat led by Rev. Andrew at King City United Church on Tuesdays from 10:30-12:30. The workshops are free and centre around the theology of Anthony DeMello giving us an opportunity to rethink God, Christian prayers and thankful life. No preparation is necessary and we invite those interested to contact the church for more information.

Sunday school has resumed for elementary grades and takes place during our worship hour. For questions please contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

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

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings this season. For those who use the foodbank, the extra support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. 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. for our Sunday Worship service! Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "Tough Questions." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com), Administrative Assistant, King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd, King City, 905-833-5104.

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Reminder: If the school buses are cancelled in the Township, then all seniors' activities will be cancelled as well.

Friday, Feb. 2 there will be a presentation at 10 a.m. at the Centre on the topic

of 'Cholesterol' by the Vaughan Health Unit. Please RSVP to 905-833-6565 to make sure there are enough materials for all attendees.

The Annual General Meeting for the King City Seniors Centre will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at 11:30am at the Centre.

Chess instruction is no longer available at the King City Seniors' Centre. However, for those wishing to play, chess is available along with other board games. Bring your friends and sign in at the office on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm.

The following activities are available at the King City Seniors' Centre.

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

Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement; Cribbage; 2 p.m. – Knitting/Crochet classes.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing.

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge; Chess; Board Games.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi).

Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

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

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Church

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is Feb. 2 and celebrates the gift of Consecrated Life in the Church. A "grace-filled opportunity" to give thanks for the many women and men who have entered vowed lives of self-sacrifice and service to our Lord and Holy Mother Church. See message from Archbishop Leo on our website or that of the Archdiocese www.archtoronto.org

We also include in our thanks, the religious leadership to our youth, of Father Robert Dodaro, Chaplain of Villa Nova High School and wish him a belated Happy Birthday.

This Feb. 2 is First Friday and commemorates the Presentation of Our Lord. The annual Blessing of the Candles will occur before Mass at 7 p.m. Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 3:30 p.m., Holy Rosary at 5:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m. First Friday Prayer Vigil begins at 8:30 p.m.

and ends Saturday 8:30 am with Mass and Blessing of Throats (Feast of St. Blaise).

Tickets for Saturday, Feb. 3 are available for our 2nd Annual Family Dinner and Dance. Call Joanne Bozzo (905-833-1161) or email jbozzo@archtoronto.org. We welcome all for another great event of sharing food and laughter with family and friends.

Consider, also joining the Knights of Columbus. Information is available in the Narthex on this fraternal organization of Catholic men who put their faith into action and volunteer their service to Sacred Heart Church and community.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass. Private Confession in our new Narthex at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Weekend Mass at 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org. Email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org. Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

York Pines Church

This Sunday, our annual congregational meeting immediately follows the 11 a.m. service led by Rev. Andrew. Rick McKinley returns to lead the service next Sunday. It is also Hungry Sunday when donations to the King Township Food Bank are appreciated.

York Pines is hosting an Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14, the beginning of Lent. It will be in the Fellowship room at 11 a.m. followed by a Meagre Meal of homemade soup and bread. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com. All are welcome.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's! Our morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. led by Alison Agnew. Last Sunday Alison finished her sermon series on the letters to the Thesalonians - The Early Christians. After the service, our Monthly Fellowship Meal was a delicious potluck lunch.

Next month we'll be having a light lunch on Sunday, Feb. 25 before our Annual Congregational Meeting where we'll receive reports and discuss the 2024 budget. We are looking forward to this exciting time of reviewing last year and looking forward to God's guidance in 2024.

We can talk to God anywhere, at any time, but our collective prayer time is "Tuesdays at 2" in the church office! All

are welcome to join us. "Wednesdays at 7" is the Book Study ("The Unfolding Gospel" by John Bowen) at Renate's home in the evening. We are on Chapter 9. Call the office to find out more details.

The virtual Q and A will be resuming on Tuesday evenings. Call Alison to be included in the ZOOM link. There will also be an in-person group meeting on Wednesday evenings once the Book Study is finished. More info to follow.

For pastoral care, call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 to speak with Alison Agnew, or phone one of the Elders. The Rev. Dr. Jeff Loach can be contacted at 905-859-0843.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

We are collecting items for our Rummage sale such as jewelry, small pieces of furniture, kitchenware, knick knacks and clothing in excellent shape and books. We are not able to take anything with an electric cord or baby items or helmets, etc. We are available for drop off every Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and noon. We are grateful for your support of the sale which will fund so many important programs and ministries in the church and community.

Amazed, a Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Mark 1: Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

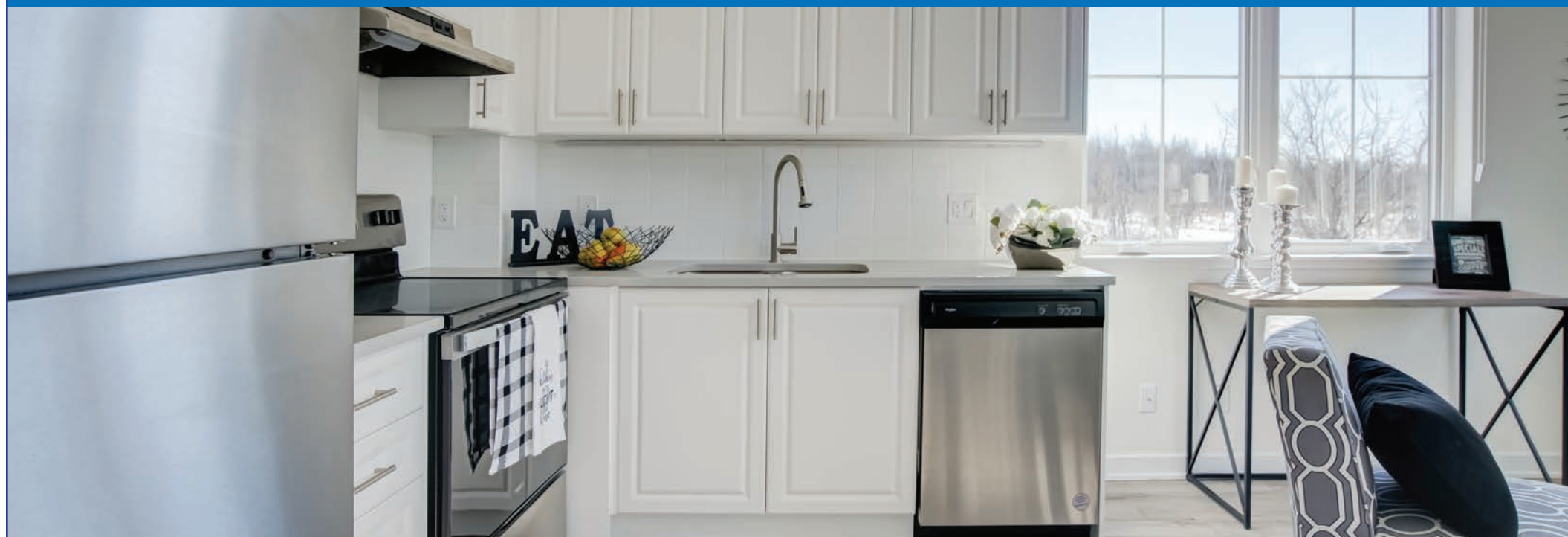
"Yesterday in our Confirmation class, Fr. Dan Graves said that sometimes we've heard these stories and the readings so often that we stop being awed by the miraculous things we hear. The same could be said of the resurrection. We're used to the story by now but the resurrection of Jesus changed absolutely everything for us and showed us in very tangible terms how much we are loved by the Creator of the Universe.

"Sometimes it feels as though we're bored with the story and we're looking for fresh inspiration all the time. I became fixated on two sentences today's gospel – not about the man possessed by a demon, yelling at Jesus – I was drawn to the lines "They were astounded at his teaching ..." and "They were amazed ..." It sounds like the crowds in the synagogue felt the same way we sometimes do ... they too had a deep longing to be inspired, to be changed and challenged to do something about their relationships with God.

"We need to feel wonder again, astonishment, joy, surprise, and awe. The authority of God must be recognized because it's different than the worldly authority that seeks power over others."

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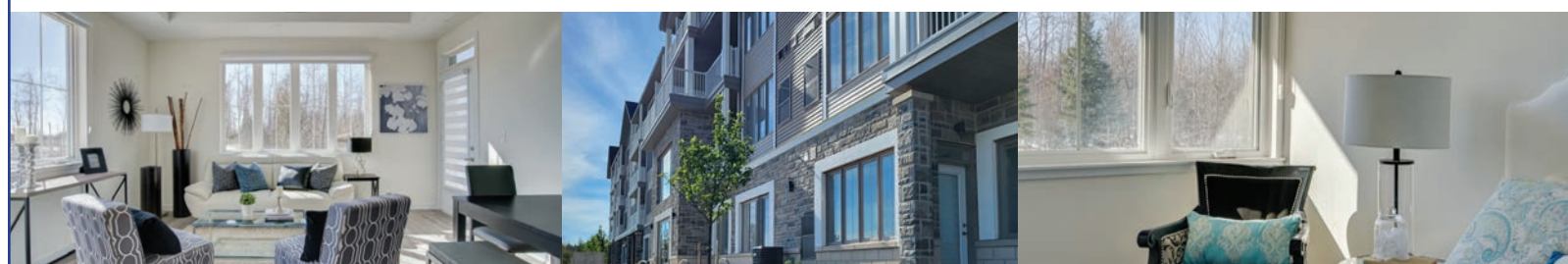
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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

The sun seems to be hiding again this January, but it's still good practice to make sure you get outside when the sun is out, and you may want to consider taking vitamin D, to help improve your mood. Lack of sunshine can affect your mental health, and I think we all feel a bit grumpier in January, whether it's due to the lack of sunshine or the Visa bills arriving after Christmas shopping, it's always a good practice to go outside every day.

If you're looking for something to do, maybe take a long stroll down our own Main Street and check out our wonderful shops and restaurants. Sadly, I see we are losing another local business. Clearview Tea Company is closing its storefront on Main. Don't worry though, you can still buy their tea online at clearviewtea.ca. We are certainly sorry to see them go and wish them all the best in the future.

Nobleton Public School is having a "Bingo Fund raiser" on Thursday, Feb.

22 at 6 p.m., to raise funds for the Grade 8 students. Along with Bingo, they'll be lots of food and prizes and the cost is \$20 per ticket. So, get out your dabbers, line up your good luck charms, warm up your Bingo shouting voice and head to school for an evening of fun.

The Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection is hosting their "Annual Community Bonfire and Skate" on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 2-4 at the Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg (corner of Main Street and Dr. Kay Drive). Enjoy cooking hot dogs and roasting marshmallows on a roaring bonfire while catching up with neighbours. Children attending will have an opportunity to make a pinecone winter bird feeder to take home. Skating will be available only if conditions on the ice are deemed safe.

The Dufferin Marsh will allow be hosting "Great Backyard Bird Count" on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 9 a.m. They ask you to meet at the bulletin board on Dr. Kay Dr. in Schomberg.

Schomberg Euchre Club: Euchre is on Friday nights at the Trisan, 7 to 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, ladies, you just need to know the basics, and how to laugh, enjoy a great group of people and not take the game

or yourself too seriously. We've had a few new members lately and we'd love to see more.

Schomberg Seniors (55+): This coming Monday, our 55+ Club will have a presentation at 10 a.m. from Lynn Holden, who be presenting "Canada's Heritage." How many of Canada's World Heritage sites have you visited? Do you know how many there are? Canada has twenty-two of the world's 1,199 UNESCO designated heritage sites. Over the course of the past 40 years, Lynn Holden has travelled Canada, with camera in hand, to photograph all our country's world heritage sites. She has published a book, "Canadian Heritage Sites" showcasing twenty of those sites. Two additional heritage sites were designated since the book's publication. Lynn Holden will be speaking at the Schomberg Seniors 55+ meeting on February 5th at 10 am. "I want other Canadians to understand that we have these outstanding places," said Holden. Her book will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Sunday, February 11 - 2 p.m. - Orangeville Theatre - "Doris and Ivy in the Home." Tickets are \$41 reduced to \$36 for groups of 10 or more.

Monday, February 12 - 11 a.m. - In-

roduction to Bridge 1. Contact klbird@hotmail.com

Monday, February 19 - 10 a.m. - Speaker "All things Racing Pigeons" with Mario Rea.

Mario Rea from the Borden Racing Pigeon Club will present on the sport of racing pigeons. The Borden Racing Pigeon Club, one of approximately 800 members of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union, has been operating since the 1960s. The local racing pigeon season is from May to September. Many enthusiasts see pigeons as the thoroughbreds of the skies, like feathered racehorses. The history of racing pigeons is a fascinating one, especially their role during both the First and Second World Wars where they played a vital role in transporting messages. The most famous pigeon of WWI Cher Ami is honored in the Racing Pigeons Hall of Fame and has been on display at the Smithsonian Institute since 1921.

These events all take place at the Schomberg Community Hall, except as indicated.

If you would like to attend any of the theatre or workshops reach out to Lynn Bird, klbird@hotmail.com or Margaret Crowe maggie.crowe@hotmail.com.

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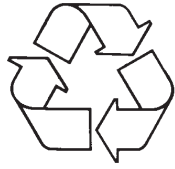
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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Come join us at one of our services. Schomberg United, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg is at 9:30 a.m. and Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton is at 11:15 a.m. We would love to meet you or renew old acquaintances.

We are also online at 11:15 a.m. Go to www.youtube.com. Then search for Nobleton United Church, find the correct date and enjoy! The videos are recorded, so you can also watch them later.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tues. Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. "Dan the Country Man" Skelcher is back by popular demand, for a Valentine's Day celebration. He sings a variety of gospel and country songs. The meal is pork tenderloin with apple marinade and apple chutney, with rice and peas, buns & butter with a dessert of Chocolate brownies & ice cream and choc drizzle. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending.

Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered.

Sunday, Feb. 11 is "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. We are being challenged to once again bring soup and crackers for the King Township Food Bank. The best soups to share are Habitant, soup mixes especially Knorr, and ready to eat soups. Do check the best before dates. A monetary donation is always welcome. If you want to support this cause but cannot attend service, phone me, Nancy, at 905-859-0761 and I will arrange to get your donation.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, Feb. 21, 5 to 7 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. Messy Church is for families and is free. Even grandparents enjoy participating. The theme this time is the story of the prodigal son. There are 6 optional activities until 6 pm, when there is an interactive story (and songs). At 6:15 p.m. we eat. Afterwards, we clean up. Please let me know if you plan to attend. (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com).

On Sunday, Feb. 25 at 11:15 a.m., we will have a joint service at Nobleton United, followed by a lunch, and then our Annual General Meeting will start at 12:45 p.m.

The famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner at

Nobleton United Church returns on Friday, March 1. The meal includes pasta with meatballs, salad and dessert. It is a great time to socialize, as we do not rush out afterwards. To reserve your seat, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442. The cost is \$25/adult, \$12 for 10 years and under, free for those under 5.

Schomberg Scoop

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Annual fee is \$15 individual/\$20 a couple or two people living at the same address for King residents. For non-residents, it's \$20 and \$30 respectively for non-residents. To keep up to date with events, please check online at king.ca/seniors.

Our 2024 events calendar is shaping up beautifully, but we always want to provide interesting workshops, outings, and presentations, so don't be shy, tell us what you would like to see us add for next year. We are all in this together and your Team is only as good as your involvement in the Schomberg Seniors, we'd love for you to come out and join us.

This quote spoke to me this week:

Seating is limited, so don't miss out! Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is in the Nobleton church office most Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact him at pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com or call the church office at 905-859-3976.

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