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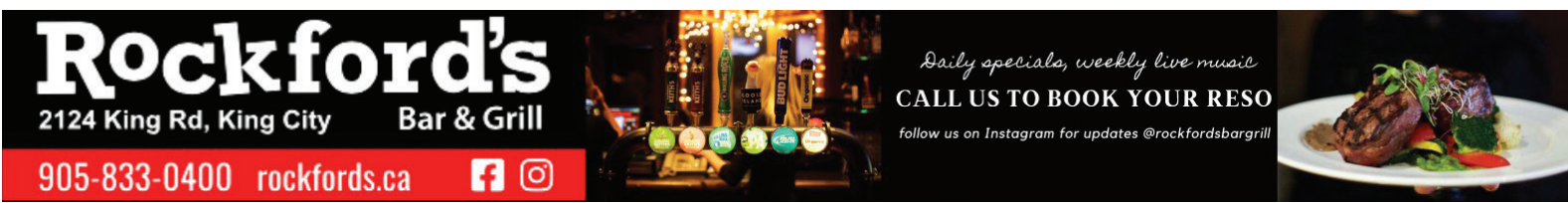
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King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce announced \$1.2-million in provincial funding for King roads projects last week. The funding came as good news to King's officials and staff.

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MPP announces \$1.2M in funding for King roads

By Jim Stewart

Member of Provincial Parliament for King-Vaughan Stephen Lecce brought good news to the Township of King last week, when he announced \$1.2 million in funding for local road maintenance projects.

The allocation of funds is part of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund which is dedicated to the renewal and rehabilitation of essential infrastructure. The Provincial Grant is earmarked for rural communities.

The simultaneous arrival of a GardaWorld truck and MPP Lecce's entourage was a lovely coincidence and timely metaphor that underscored the importance of the funds being delivered to the front entrance of the Township's municipal building.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who welcomed MPP Lecce as well as King councillors and staff in attendance, equat-

ed the \$1.2-million grant to a prospective and undesirable "4% tax increase" if these funds weren't granted to the Township.

Mayor Pellegrini mentioned that "funding is always a challenge for a small municipality" and noted that the grant would be allocated for "road paving, culverts, and bridge maintenance – all determined by our recent needs assessment."

The congenial Mayor kidded MPP Lecce good-naturedly for remembering that "King comes before Vaughan" in the hyphenated riding designation.

In response, MPP Lecce adroitly noted familial connectivity to King, delineated how many local projects the provincial government has funded recently, and emphasized the value all residents would derive from the funds allocated:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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](https://www.king.ca/meetings)

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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](https://www.king.ca/cofameetings) for more information.

To view full Council and Committee agendas, visit [king.civicweb.net](https://www.king.ca/civicweb.net)

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Parks Seasonal Worker – Public Works – Deadline February 16
- Parks Summer Student – Public Works – Deadline February 16
- Cold Creek Site Operator – Community Services – Deadline February 21
- Deputy Clerk – Corporate Services – Deadline February 23
- Human Resources Coordinator – Payroll & Benefits – Corporate Services – Deadline February 20
- By Law Student – Growth Management Services – Deadline February 16

PUBLIC NOTICES



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A TOWNSHIP-INITIATED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Monday, March 4th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

This Public Planning Council Meeting will be held in a hybrid format with in-person and electronic participation. Deputations may participate in the meeting remotely or in-person. Refer to the registration process below.

The public are invited to attend the Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Township-Initiated Zoning By-law Amendments, concerning the Zoning By-law for the Countryside (By-law 2022-053) in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

Why is the Township Amending the Countryside Zoning By-law (By-law 2022-053)?

On September 26, 2022, the Township of King adopted the Countryside Zoning By-law (By-law 2022-053), which replaced Comprehensive Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended. Countryside By-law 2022-053 includes the rural areas and hamlets within the Township of King.

Township-initiated amendments are proposed to Countryside By-law 2022-053 to undertake any necessary housekeeping amendments, in accordance with direction provided by Council at the September 26, 2022, Council meeting. The proposed amendments are summarized below under "Proposed Changes".

Subject Property

Location: Lands subject to By-law 2022-053
Applicant: Township of King
File Number: Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2024-01
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

Proposed Changes

Township-initiated amendments are proposed to the Zoning By-law for the Countryside (By-law 2022-053) to undertake a series of corrective amendments and to introduce new provisions to ensure conformity to Township, Regional and Provincial policy.

Amendments are proposed to the following Parts and Sections of the By-law:

- Several definitions in Part 2 of the By-law;
- Certain General Provisions in Part 3 of the By-law, including: Sections 3.2, 3.4, 3.14, 3.15, 3.36, 3.39, 3.40;
- Parking and Loading Requirements provisions in Part 4 particularly Subsections 4.4.2, 4.4.7 and Table 4-4;
- Part 7 of the Rural and Agricultural Zones, particularly amendments are proposed to:
 - o Table 7-2;
 - o Table 7-4;
 - o Table 7-5; and
 - o Provisions 7.4 and 7.8.
- Table 8-2 of Part 8 of the By-law Oak Ridges Moraine Zones;
- Section 9.6, Table 9-2 and Table 9-3 of Part 9 of the By-law, Other Zones;
- Exception Zones including 2, 4, 5, 17, 24, 25, 30, 45, 62, 75, 91, 104, 118, 141, 161, 170, 183, 206, 210, 221, 226, 229, 237, 238, 245 have proposed corrective changes; and
- Multiple schedules in Schedule A and E.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the Zoning By-law Amendments. **Written comments will become part of the public record. Please refer to pre-registration details below.**

Lead Planner

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments as well as related background information and supporting information are available by contacting Aloma Dreher, Senior Policy Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to Zoning By-law 2022-053, or File No. Z-2024-01. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

Aloma Dreher, Senior Policy Planner
policyplanning@king.ca, (289)-800-2656

How to Participate in the Public Meeting

- 1) **VIEW THE MEETING** live virtually at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) **SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- 3) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL IN-PERSON** by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to.
- 4) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL VIRTUALLY** by teleconference (through a computer, app or by phone) live during the meeting by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating.

All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

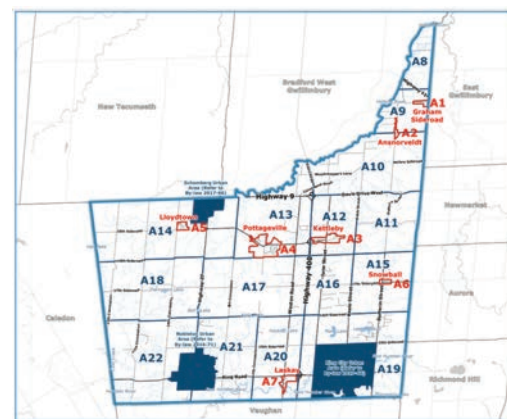
How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca within 5 business days after the meeting.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT"), does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT") unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.



Dated at the Township of King this 8th day of February 2024.

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Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321

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Funding is welcome news for King Township

From Front Page

“It’s a good day for the people of King,” the popular MPP declared to those assembled at the King Township Municipal Building’s foyer. “We’re here to help and continue to make King a great place to live. We’ve invested in clean water for Schomberg. We’ve invested in the King Recreation Centre – one of the largest allocations in Canada. King is an amazing place and worth fighting for at Queen’s Park.”

Emblazoned on MPP Lecce’s media conference lectern are the words “Results for King-Vaughan” and last Wednesday’s OCIF grant announcement underscored more favorable results for the rural sector of the riding.

“My number one priority remains delivering for families in King and Vaughan, including better infrastructure, roads, internet connectivity and keeping our streets safe,” said Lecce. “Every day I fight hard to ensure the King community – a community that was ignored by the former government – gets the investment it deserves so we can build modern state-of-the-art recreation centres, libraries, seniors’ centres, long-term care capacity and high-speed internet connectivity. I am proud to deliver to this significant investment in King knowing full well that it will support modern infrastructure that our rural community deserves.”

MPP Lecce has a track record of delivering funding for the community, in-



Attend free Youth Opportunity Fair in King Feb. 8, meet Olympians

Are you a young individual aged 13 to 17? Are you seeking volunteer hours for your high school requirement, looking for your first part-time job, deciding on a college or university, or simply want to find a fun, new activity to do outside of school?

Attend the Youth Opportunity Fair, hosted by the Mayor’s Youth Action Team (MYAT) at the King Township Municipal Centre on Thursday, Feb. 8. Drop-in to this free event any time between 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the chance to connect with local businesses, representatives from select colleges and universities, and community organizations. Pre-registration is not required, and parents are welcome to join.

Event Highlights

Find a volunteer placement or job: Learn job-hunting tips from the team at Job Skills; visit the King Township Public Library booth to find out how you can volunteer in the Make-it Lab or be a Reading or Math Buddy, and, stop by the King Township table to discover how to secure a 4-month summer student placement with the bylaw or parks departments, or work as a summer camp counsellor, lifeguard or swim instructor.

Get information about post-secondary school: chat one-on-one with representatives from Brock University, the University of Guelph and Seneca College to learn about programs that suit your interests and skills, and how to apply.

Meet special guests Canadian karate Olympians and Pan Am Champions, Daniel Gaysinsky and Melissa Bratic and learn about the various martial

arts programming available to teens in King.

Win exciting prizes. Enter for a chance to win prizes, including gift cards for your favorite eats and a one-hour tutoring session for any subject/grade, donated by The Blue Marble Academy.

Drop-in basketball games. Basketball players, bring your active wear for a game of pick-up basketball in the gym. Times: 2:30-4:15 p.m. (ages 13-16) and 7:30-9 p.m. (ages 16+).

For more information about the Youth Opportunity Fair, including a full list of organizations attending, visit king.ca/yof.

MYAT was formed in 2015 and is a voluntary group of young individuals between the ages of 13 to 18 (Grade 9 to 12) whose goal is to support and recognize their fellow youth and ensure that young voices are heard throughout the Township of King. It is always accepting new members. For more information email programs@king.ca or visit king.ca/myat.

“I am delighted to extend an invitation to all young individuals to attend the Youth Opportunity Fair on Thursday, Feb. 8 at the King Township Municipal Centre. This event is a unique opportunity for our youth to explore various avenues – be it fulfilling high school volunteer hours, stepping into their first part-time job or simply finding an exciting new activity outside of school,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

“I encourage parents to join in the fun and, with no registration required, this event is accessible to all. Let’s come together to support our youth in discovering and seizing new opportunities for growth and success.”

cluding significant investment for the Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Strategy, repairs and upgrades to the municipal water system in King, and a new long-term care home in King City. Moreover, in 2022, the government improved internet and broadband connectivity in King through a \$219 million investment to bring high-speed internet to more than 66,000 households in over 300 communities such as Kleinburg, Kettleby, and Schomberg; and \$48 million for a project by YorkNet to bring high-speed internet access to over 3,000 homes and businesses in 31 communities across York Region, including King City, Nobleton, Laskay, Pottageville, Lloydton, and across other concessions.

This funding will be directed towards

road paving, bridge improvements, and culvert replacements to maintain the safety and integrity of King Township’s core infrastructure.

This builds on the government’s doubled annual investment for OCIF to nearly \$2 billion over five years since 2022 to support more local infrastructure projects in small, rural and northern communities. This has supported reconstruction of the roadway along Brownsville Court in King and replacement of the lining in the watermain along Western, Elmwood and Castlewood Avenues in Schomberg.

In 2021, King Township received \$608,548 in funding to help build and repair infrastructure projects in the community such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

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

- Michael Connelly

It's important to exercise your democratic privilege

The air is abuzz with electioneering here and south of the border.

It won't be long before harsh TV and radio ads appear, in an attempt to disparage this party or that.

Before the rigged carnival ball throw game of politics gets into high gear, there is plenty average citizens and voters can do.

Abel Lincoln stressed that "elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

How true.

My son gets himself worked up over many Canadian and world issues. He sees the injustice, inequity and greed of it all.

He's never been a political animal and I don't think he's ever voted. We encourage him each and every time.

I tell him being aware of the issues is the first step in being a "concerned citizen."

Learning about the issues, from all sides, is the next step.

He meticulously reads about everything before forming his rather strong opinions. I'm not sure where he gets his information from, but I warn him (and everyone) to seek out several sources.

Every source you read will, however, be biased in some way. That's a given. But if you know that going in, you are somewhat prepared.

"If you are bored and disgusted by politics and don't bother to vote, you are in effect voting for the entrenched Establishments of the two major parties, who please rest assured are not dumb, and who are keenly aware that it is in their interests to keep you disgusted and bored and cynical and to give you



Mark Pavilons

every possible reason to stay at home doing one-hitters and watching MTV on primary day. By all means stay home if you want, but don't bullshit yourself that you're not voting. In reality, there is no such thing as not voting: you either vote by voting, or you vote by staying home and tacitly doubling the value of some diehard's vote," according to David Foster Wallace.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said the real safeguard of democracy is education.

Being in the journalism biz, I've seen so many governments and politicians come and go. I have heard it all.

I recall our first female prime minister, and the one and only provincial NDP government. I have seen great speakers and not-so-great ones.

I have even entered the fray myself, running for a Peel regional council seat representing Bolton.

And I have covered countless local and regional council meetings, watching local representatives in action.

I still, to this day, contend that most get into politics for genuine reasons, the foremost being to serve and to try to make a difference.

Of course, once in office, many things impact that ability and individual effect.

I try to tell my excitable son that within parties and our Parliamentary system, there are protocols, levels of bureaucracy, strategies, party alliances and more. It's a list more complicated than it appears on the surface.

A lot of the younger voters may still not understand that we don't vote for party leader or prime minister, but rather our local MP or MPP. They, in turn, contribute to their respective party.

Numbers mean everything in House when it comes to voting on legislation.

In Canada, the current federal Liberals have all the cards, and with NDP support, wield a lot of power.

My son asks whether a certain leader can be impeached, or kicked out of office. I tell him that typically, that comes with a vote of non-confidence in the House, most often following a budget.

Here, ousting a leader isn't as easy as it sounds. The Governor General can, in fact, appoint a prime minister, and remove one from office, given the proper set of circumstances.

My son did pose a very interesting question: if voters put everyone in office, shouldn't voters have a say in who should stay and who should go?

Why yes, that happens at election time. But could there be a mechanism to hold leaders accountable, at every stage of their tenure? Could they be rated or graded in some way?

All good questions, and fair in demo-

cratic terms. But sadly, no.

The judging and voting comes every four or so years.

"We the people" have the power and we have to exercise it, en masse, to make a difference.

Apathy is our main enemy in a democracy, and the numbers over the years continue to decline.

I get it, people are concerned with their lives, cost of living, making ends meet, getting or keeping a job and paying their bills. Do average citizens have time to join a political party, get accustomed to party platforms and rally support?

As the numbers indicate, no.

I know that people can get really passionate about issues and party performance. There are many current issues locally where this is the case. One thing I will give our citizenry is they are very well prepared, have done their homework, and get organized. That's the very definition of an informed populace.

But is it enough?

Strong, defensible positions are not always no-brainers.

I have witnessed so many strong, articulated arguments get defeated that it sometimes make you sigh and shrug your shoulders. It has, I'm sure, made many lose faith in the system.

But we can't.

We are part of it, whether we like it or not. Strong opinions often become rallying cries and these sometimes lead to change.

Some of the most historic upheavals have come from the grassroots, the people.

Just as it should be.

So, what to do?

Be informed, be educated, listen, read and decide.

And don't get your butt burned as Abe recommended.

Letter to the Editor

Too many trucks in Schomberg

The following letter, to Mayor Pellegrini, was submitted to the Sentinel.

I would like to know what's with all the trucks parked in and around Schomberg?

I have lived in Lloydtown for 36 years. We raised our family here and wouldn't live anywhere else. That said, in the last few years I have noticed that Schomberg seems to be becoming the truck capital of Ontario.

As I approach Schomberg coming up Hwy. 27:

On the east side at the used car lot there are about 10 tractor trailer trailers.

A little farther north on the west side are now trucks accumulating by a house, and next door to it at the Lloydtown Rd. there are a ridiculous amount of trucks on the north west corner, and now also on the south west corner.

What used to be a construction company (Fairy Construction) on the northeast corner, now seems to be just more trucks.

Also, very close to this location, a little farther east on the Lloydtown Rd. (what used to be another construction company) are more trucks.

Heading north on the east side (used to be 27 Junk Shop) more trucks, even behind the three houses to the north.

In my opinion, and that of a lot of people I talk to, the situation is out of control. When we have family or friends visit, their comment is usually "what's with all the trucks in Schomberg?"

Isn't there a limit on the number of vehicles allowed to be parked on a property?

What about the environmental concerns related to oil, fuel, and other chemicals leaking from these vehicles?

I am interested in knowing your thoughts on this, and why it's allowed to happen. I look forward to your reply.

Rob Reith
Lloydtown

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

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

a) Yes **75%**

b) No **25%**

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

Are you staying in or going out for Valentine's Day?

a) Staying In
b) Going Out

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once."

- Lillian Dickson

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One-third of the world's supply of French fries is made in New Brunswick.

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How can we rebuild Canada's crumbling economy?

By Frank Stronach

A lot of recent surveys taking the pulse of the nation show that Canadians are worried and anxious about the state of our economy and the future of the country.

And so they should be. An Oxford Economics report published in late December shows that Canada's GDP growth is projected to be lower than most other advanced economies, with one of the main culprits being the high level of household debt many Canadians are carrying.

The real question, though, is why is Canada lately always at the back of the pack when compared to other G7 countries?

When it comes to the economy, Canadian

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

CEOs are also rather gloomy: only one out of every four Canadian chief executives thinks economic growth will improve this year, according to PwC's annual Global CEO survey released last week.

When asked to list some of the factors that are driving changes in the way their companies operate, CEOs said one of the most prominent factors is increased government regulation, just slightly behind technological advances and changing customer preferences.

Business is tough enough as is. In-

creased government regulation should never be on a list of factors driving changes in the way a company operates. Our governments are regulating Canadian companies into the ground.

When it comes to housing, the picture is just as grim. The latest report from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) released last week showed that the supply of rental properties has shrunk to its lowest level since the organization began tracking this sort of data. According to the CMHC report, "affordability decreased as rent growth exceeded average wage growth by a wide margin."

A lot of reasons are contributing to the lack of rental housing, including an unusually high level of immigration, but creeping government over-regulation is rarely cited as one of the main reasons.

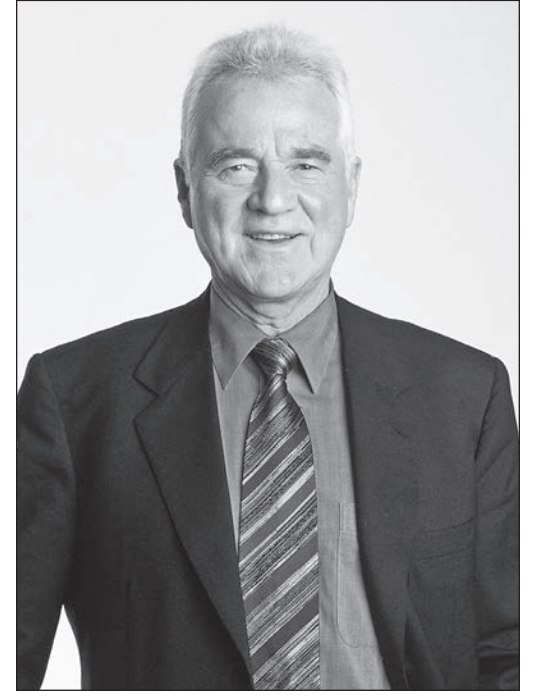
The main point is this: in virtually every segment of the economy, suffocating red tape is a factor that has led to stagnant growth, higher costs and lower standards of living.

Who should worry about the state of our country?

Everyone should be worried, from low- and middle-income Canadians who are experiencing a serious and possibly permanent drop in living standards, to wealthy Canadians, who will be largely insulated from the economic fallout but who will not be able to escape the greater crime and social upheaval that will inevitably result.

I've been saying our country's in trouble for quite a while now. But in life, timing is everything. Ten years ago, our fridges were full. Today, for a growing number of Canadians, they're only half-full. And given the way things are going - everything from our ballooning debt to the relentlessly rising cost of living - the outlook for many Canadians remains less and less hopeful.

That's why more Canadians today than ever before are open to new solu-



tions. A growing number realize that the only way real change will come about is when citizens mobilize and unite behind a cause.

Working together with other concerned Canadians, I've created a non-political, not-for-profit foundation that advocates for the establishment of a national charter of economic rights. The charter would handcuff government from going further into debt and would give Canadians greater economic freedoms and opportunities. Most of all, it would put us back on the path to widespread prosperity and keep our country from falling back into economic erosion we see happening today.

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.

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame. Email: fstronachlpc@gmail.com

Property tax and water billing information

King Township water bills for the last quarter of 2023 were delivered in the mail and the due date is Feb. 27.

New in 2024, property owners will now receive six water bills a year instead of four, for the billing cycle ending in February, April, June, August, October and December reflecting two months of usage.

Register for the Township's e-billing service to receive an electronic version of your water utility bill directly to your email. Late payments are charged 5% after the due date.

To avoid missing or late payments sign up for automatic withdrawals through the Township's Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD). Download the ebilling and PAD enrollment forms online at king.ca/waterbilling.

Property tax bills are mailed twice a year, once in January and once in June. Each tax notice has two due dates on it. King Township should have received their 2024 interim tax bill in mid-January, with the first installment due on Feb. 21.

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1970 King Road, King City
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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
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6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Councillor Mary Asselstine

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

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Learn more about your Mayor and Council here king.ca/council

Upcoming Policy Planning Presentations to Council

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February 12, 2024

6:00 pm

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

ThinKING 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 ThinKING 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>.



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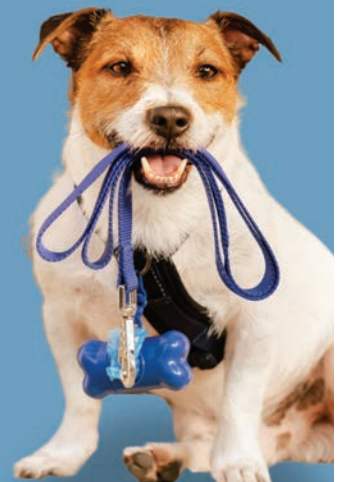
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Creating the perfect sausage and spinach risotto

By Aladin Jarrah

**Chef Pops
Budget Gourmet**

You know the drill by now: In the face of skyrocketing food prices, Chef Pops has taken on this challenge:

Feed a family of four a nutritious gourmet dinner for around \$20. The rules: No hard-to-find obscure ingredients allowed; everything has to be a pantry staple or available from local grocers. No processed foods or packaged items with unpronounceable ingredients; everything has to be made from scratch ... and it has to be easy to put together; no weird or fancy techniques or equipment allowed. Lastly, it has to be so delicious that it raises an eyebrow on the first bite.

Here goes:

There's only one trick to making the perfect risotto. It's all in the wrist action. It only takes 22 minutes or so, but you have to keep stirring with large, smooth motions. This sloughs the starches off the surface of the rice grains and creates the signature creamy texture without using any cream.

So put your phone away and pay attention, and you'll be richly rewarded for your efforts. A risotto like this'll cost you \$30 per serving at any restaurant, and this one comes in well under a fiver.

Spend your \$20 on what you don't have from this list:

- 2 mild Italian sausages
- 1 10 oz package frozen leaf spinach, thawed (chopped is ok, too)
- 1 glass leftover white wine (2 if the chef needs support)
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 ½ cups arborio rice
- 3 TBSP grated parmesan cheese (preferably the real McCoy, but the stuff in the tub will do. See the sidebar)
- 2-3 TBSP olive oil
- 1 TBSP butter
- 1 shallot (or ½ an onion, no need to get too fancy)
- 1 TSP fennel seeds (optional, but recommended)
- Salt and pepper to taste (careful, sausages, store-bought stock and parmesan are already quite salty)



Method:

On the back burner, heat the chicken stock and wine to a gentle simmer.

In a large, heavy skillet with high sides, heat the olive oil on medium and brown the sausages. They don't have to be cooked through at this stage, but you want them firm enough to slice. Remove the sausages and set them aside. Slice them once they're cool enough to handle.

In the same pan, throw in the shallot with the fennel seeds and a few twists of the pepper grinder. Fry until softened.

Add the rice to the pan. Stir it around for three minutes until its glossy and slightly opaque. You might need an extra splash of olive oil at this point.

Add the stock/wine mixture one ladle at a time, stirring constantly and waiting for each ladle-full to be absorbed before adding the next.

After the third ladle, all the sausage slices. Continue adding liquid and stirring as before. Ignore the phone, dog, cat, spouse, kids and neighbours. They'll survive 22 minutes without you.

After the fifth ladle, add the spinach. Keep stirring, making sure any liquid in the spinach is absorbed, too.

At this point, taste your risotto. Texture is a matter of preference. Keep adding ladles of liquid until you have the texture you like. If you run out of stock/wine, use water.

Once the rice is cooked to your liking, add the butter and half the cheese and give the whole thing one last mighty

stir. Check for salt and add a little if you need to.

Serve with a bit more black pepper and the remaining cheese sprinkled on top.

This method will work for any risotto, and using leftovers to make one is a great way to be frugal and fancy all at once. Some of my favourites are the classic mushroom risotto, salmon and pea, sun-dried tomato and saffron, mixed seafood... so many possibilities. Before hardcore Nonas yell at me, it is not traditional to add cheese to a seafood risotto. It is, however, delicious to do so and I do it all the time.

Let me know how it turned out: chefpopskitchen@gmail.com

Aladin Jarrah is a semi-retired Professional Executive Chef and is the founder of Pops' Kitchen Personal Chef Services.

On Parmesan Cheese

Real Parmigiano Reggiano isn't cheap cheese. However, its texture and flavour are worth the splurge. Once you take a small 1" cube and grate it, you'll be surprised by the amount you have. Costco is my nemesis, but a \$25 lump from there will last you months. Look for one with as little rind as possible. Having said that, this is a column on budget gourmet cooking, so if the powder-in-a-tub is all you've got then there's no judgement coming from here. Just don't tell Nona.

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Cedar Glen welcomes its unique Forest School

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Forest School is an education ethos and practice that centres the Land and the children-at-play through regular and repeated access to the same outdoor space over an extended period of time. Some of the activities include shelter building, nature crafts and painting as well as knot and rope skills.

Launched in fall 2023, the program is already making an impact in the community.

“Both boys really love it. Every Friday that I take them, they’re excited to go and they’re really happy when I pick them up. My son really appreciates learning things in the outdoors and the hands-on experience for both of them is fantastic. I love the program as it compliments their current schooling by teaching them life skills,” said one parent.

Starting now, families can register their children for the spring session taking place every Friday from March 22 through June 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. It’s geared for those 4 to 12.

The YMCA Forest School will cater to families within driving distance as a drive-direct program. No busing service is available.

Forest School was developed with ongoing collaboration and input from the Indigenous Advisory Circle to YMCA Cedar Glen staff, ensuring that diverse perspectives are honored and included.

Forest school, unlike more traditional outdoor education experiences, is not focused on learning about the outdoors, rather on learning in the outdoors. Children become the architects

of their learning and are supported by observant, qualified and caring educators. The YMCA Forest School will cater to families within driving distance of Cedar Glen’s picturesque location. As a drive-direct program, they make it easy for parents and guardians to bring their child to a nurturing environment where they can explore, discover, and thrive.

To learn more, visit ymcagta.org/forestschool.



Mayor’s Cultural Gala


King Township is a vibrant and exciting community and part of what makes it unique is its heritage and culture. The Township of King is partnering with Arts Society King (ASK) to bring you the third Mayor’s Cultural Gala in support of arts, culture and heritage in King Township.

The theme for this year’s event is “An Equestrian Affair” and it will be held on Thursday, Feb. 29 at The Manor at 16750 Weston Road.

Funds raised from this event will go towards supporting the important work of ASK and the King Heritage & Cultural Centre. This will include arts, culture, heritage-based programming, exhibitions and special events, as well as the preservation and restoration of important heritage buildings.


The Mayor’s Cultural Gala is a biennial fundraising event. The last gala event, held on September 2022, was a tremendous success and raised \$76,000 in support of arts, culture and heritage in King Township.

For information on how to sponsor the event, donate an item to the silent auction, or purchase a ticket, visit king.ca/mayorsgala.



Did you know that King Township is the Ninth Bee City in Canada? The goal of the Bee City Canada certification is to provide and promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinator species.

#KingFacts



York Region assumes two Township roads

At the Township of King’s request, York Regional Council has approved transferring ownership of the following road sections to York Region effective June 1, 2024:

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

These sections are a logical extension of existing Regional road corridors and provide increased efficiency for ongoing maintenance and operations.

Road transfers from a local city or town to York Region, or from York Region to a local city or town, are subject to the Regional Road Assumption Policy.

In June 2023, the Township of King requested York Region assume jurisdiction of these road sections and complete intersection improvements, including a pedestrian crosswalk and revising the Parking and Stopping on Regional Roads Bylaw.

The transfer also includes road reconstruction and rehabilitation, ongoing asset management, winter maintenance and landscaping costs. It’s estimated to cost \$216,000 from June to December 2024. For the 10-year budget period from 2025 to 2034, the financial impact is estimated to be \$15.3 million, with pavement reconstruction on Keele Street.

Regional roads are typically main arterial roadways connecting our nine local cities and towns. Learn more about Regional roads at york.ca/roads



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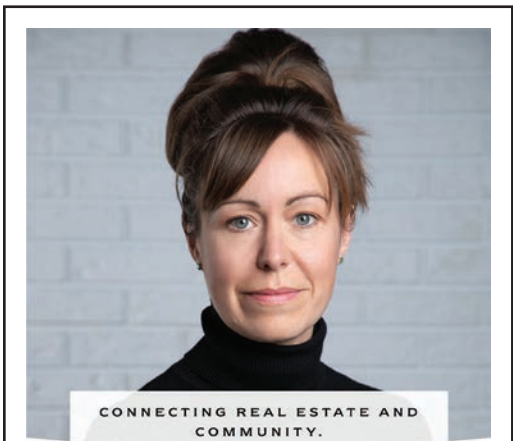


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York seeking funding for influx of asylum claimants

York Regional Council passed a resolution calling on the federal government to provide funding to support the ongoing needs of asylum claimants. This funding would compensate York Region for expenses to date, as well as ensuring the Region can continue current levels of interim accommodation and support through to the end of 2024.

“Like many municipalities across the Province, York Region is experiencing an influx of asylum seekers and refugee claimants,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. “Successful integration of newcomers, including asylum seekers, requires a coordinated operational effort by all levels of government. We are pleased the Government of Canada is acknowledging the work municipalities contin-

ue to do on this critical issue and look forward to details on how additional funding will be allocated locally. Without this coordination, municipalities are at risk of experiencing an unsustainable demand for resources.”

The resolution speaks to the pressing need of federal and provincial advocacy in the following areas:

Providing funding to York Region to compensate expenses in 2023 (\$2.7 million) and offset costs related to the Region’s interim housing and supports to asylum claimants.

Providing an additional \$14.1 million estimated to offset costs related to the Region’s interim housing and supports to asylum claimants for the balance of 2024.

Increasing Canada-Ontario Hous-

ing Benefit funding to at least match enhanced provincial allocation of \$2.4 million; enabling asylum claimants to settle and find more stable housing.

Coordinating and streamlining intake and housing supports by senior levels of government to address the increase in asylum claimants in Canada.

Providing funding directly to community organizations and service providers, such as churches and faith organizations, that are providing interim housing and settlement supports to asylum seekers.

“York Region remains focused on supporting people, including providing safe accommodations and access to settlement services needed to find employment and stable housing as quickly as possible,” said Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair of Community and Health Services. “Every level of government is needed to deliver long-term, sustainable and compassionate measures allowing our most vulnerable

newcomers to have a safe place to stay.”

On Sept. 28, 2023, York Regional Council approved \$4.3 million in municipal tax levy funding towards the establishment and operations of a hotel-based interim accommodation and support site in the City of Vaughan for asylum seekers and refugee claimants. In December 2023, York Region expanded its capacity to assist refugee claimants and asylum seekers by opening a second hotel-based interim accommodation and support site in the City of Markham.

York Region will continue to collaborate with local municipalities and partners across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and with the federal and provincial governments to help ensure asylum seekers are supported and welcomed.

To learn more about various roles, responsibilities and services and supports for asylum seekers, visit york.ca/RefugeeResources

Meet the Mayor and Ward Councillors

Meet the Mayor and your Ward Councillor at one of four informal, drop-in sessions running throughout the winter and into spring. Your local leaders work hard to make progress on important issues that face your communities, and they want to connect with you!

These gatherings aim to promote open dialogue and enhance communication and engagement between King Township residents and their elected representatives. Attendees will have the chance to share their thoughts, concerns and ideas in an informal setting. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Sessions run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. Mayor Steve Pellegrini will attend all four sessions.

The first session is hosted by Councillors Debbie Schaefer and Jordan Cescolini, Tuesday, Feb. 27. It will be at the King City Library.

The next one will be Tuesday, March 26 at the Nobleton Library. Councillors David Boyd and Jennifer Anstey will be on hand to answer questions.

The third event, hosted by Councillor Mary Asselstine, will be Tuesday, April 23 at Schomberg Library.

Wrapping things up will be Councillor Avia Eek, welcoming residents to the Ansnorveldt Park Picnic Shelter Tuesday, May 7.



E-Waste collection event

King held a success e-waste collection at Cold Creek recently. Roughly 80 residents turned out and the event collected some 2,350 kg. of electronics.

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King to host 'Camp Molly' for would-be female firefighters

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King's fire chief will tell you the strength of KFES lies in the characters of its members.

They're part of a supportive family. King will host, for the first time, Camp Molly, a program to empower female youth.

Heather Watson made a presentation to King council recently, showing a very inspiring video about the program.

Camp Molly is a four-day camp for young females and non-binary youth ages 15-18. It's meant to showcase all career opportunities in the fire services, plus give them a taste of some of the training exercises. Molly Williams, the camp's namesake, was the first known female and first black firefighter in the United States in 1818.

The first camp in Ontario was held in Halton (Oakville) in 2019 and the camp has grown to six this year.

The camp reflects almost all of King's missions and values contained in its corporate vision. They include instilling confidence, offering a challenge, inspiring and empowering youth and providing mentorship in its community engagement.

The camp is definitely "going the extra mile" to provide support and collaboration.

Along with being challenged and empowered, participants will "change the way you see yourself."

Targeting young females is important given current statistics. A Canadian Women's Foundation study revealed



that 36% of female students felt confident in Grade 6. But that number drops to only 14% by Grade 10.

The camp, which runs Aug. 15 to 18 in King, will involve things like fire suppression, survival, auto extrication and medical techniques.

It's open to young women living or going to school in King Township. Those interested will also be asked to submit an essay.

The camp will run out of the Trisan Centre, with registration running May 1 to June 15.

The program has received support via sponsorships and training props.

After the uplifting video, councillors rallied to the cause, with some asking if there's a similar program for adults. Others offered to help or volunteer for the event.



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Arts & Entertainment

McMichael Canadian Art Collection announces 2024 schedule

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection has announced its 2024 exhibition program, a series that will explore some lesser-known moments and figures in Canadian art.

The schedule includes the work of Bertram Brooker, one of Canada's first abstract painters; early paintings by A. Y. Jackson (including his war art and other works painted in Europe); and the photographs of John Macfie, a settler trapline manager and amateur photographer who worked in Northern Ontario in the 1950s and 1960s recording life in Anishinaabe, Cree, and Oji-Cree communities. The legacy of Montreal artist Betty Goodwin will be honoured in a small exhibition marking the centenary of her birth.

Opening this summer is a large-scale exhibition of Impressionist art from Quebec that traces the movement's flourishing among artists working up and down the St. Lawrence River. As well, in November, the McMichael's beloved collection of illustrations by Clarence Gagnon for the 1933 novel *Maria Chapdelaine* will go on view. Finally, in December, a solo exhibition of John Scott will explore the artist's images of military machines and surveillance technologies, reflecting his distinct perceptions on the threat of war.

"We seek out these distinctly Canadian stories that make up our rich visual legacy," says Sarah Milroy, Executive Director and Chief Curator. "Whether it is the contribution of a long-overlooked contemporary of the Group of Seven, Bertram Brooker; the cutting edge contemporary contributions of artists like Moridja Kitenge Banza or Marcel Dzama; an underappreciated episode from the life of one of our most legendary artists, A.Y. Jackson; the stirring works of legendary artist Betty Goodwin, marking the centenary of her birth; or a sumptuous feast of Quebec Impressionist painting too little known in English Canada, the McMichael is the place where it all comes together."

Bertram Brooker: When We Awake! runs Feb. 10 to June 2 and examines the career of Bertram Brooker (1888-1955), the first Canadian artist to exhibit abstract paintings, in 1927. Guest curated by Michael Parke-Taylor, the exhibition is the first comprehensive presentation of Brooker's oeuvre in almost half a century, gathering his diverse work in painting, drawing, and sculpture and highlighting his activities as one of the country's leading art critics and journalists.

The exhibition emphasizes Brooker's variety in style and subject matter,

and includes lyrical abstractions, exacting realistic nudes, geometric cubist still-lives, and surreal graphic illustrations. *When We Awake!* will offer a rare vantage point on a pivotal figure in Canada's cultural history.

The Subtle Body: Betty Goodwin and David Altmejd from the Collection of Salah Bachir and Jacob Yerex runs Feb. 17 through June 30.

Highlighting an important recent gift from Salah Bachir and Jacob Yerex, this exhibition pairs the work of the late Montreal artist Betty Goodwin (1923-2008) with contemporary artist David Altmejd (b. 1974). Both artists express a deep humanism through their artwork, relying on inventive use of materials and imagery to reflect on memory, loss and the ephemerality of life. The exhibition includes works by Goodwin from the 1950s through to the 2000, to be exhibited alongside and a major sculptural work by Altmejd produced in 2007, the year he represented Canada at the Venice Biennale.

People of the Watershed: Photographs by John Macfie includes more than 100 photographs taken by John Macfie (1925-2018), a settler trapline manager who worked in Northern Ontario in the 1950s and 1960s. It takes place May 11 to Nov. 17.

Macfie travelled with a camera, recording life in Anishinaabe, Cree, and Oji-Cree communities during a period of intense and rapid change. Curated by nîpîsîhkopâwiyiniw (Willow Cree) curator, writer, journalist, cultural advocate, and commentator Paul Seesequasis, the exhibition centers the lives and resiliency of the Indigenous people represented, many of whom were identified by Macfie and, later, by Seesequasis. This exhibition is part of the Scotia-bank CONTACT Photography Festival.

In the late 19th century, the Impressionist movement found a footing in Canada, and Quebec artists quickly responded with works of rare beauty and sophistication. Many Quebec artists trained in France during this period, carrying the pollen of European modernism back with them to Canadian soil. Landscape and city scenes were staples of their work, and this show will assemble a choice collection of master works that trace a journey from the bustling streets of Montreal - then Canada's financial capital - down the St. Lawrence River to Quebec City, and the beloved regions of Beaupré and Charlevoix.

The exhibition, running June 29 to Jan. 13, 2025, will offer not just a magisterial statement on the outstanding quality of Quebec painting, but also a



glimpse into the heart and soul of a culture, seen through the eyes of her most beloved and foundational artists. The survey will include works by William Brymner, Ozias Leduc, James Wilson Morrice, Henrietta Mabel May, Marc-Aurèle de Foy Suzor-Coté, Maurice Cullen, Clarence Gagnon, and others, and will be drawn from a host of public and private collections.

To accent these works, archival photography and objects of material culture from the period will be added to deepen the viewer's experience of the historical period, a century ago, augmented by historic recordings drawn from Quebecois musical culture. The result will be an immersive time-travel experience like no other. Drawing heavily from the collections of the Musée national des beaux-arts de Québec and the National Gallery of Canada, this exhibition is co-curated by Anne-Marie Bouchard, Curator of Modern Art (1900-1949) at MNBAQ, and Sarah Milroy.

Jackson's Wars: A.Y. Jackson before the Group of Seven, is on deck July through January.

Jackson's Wars: A.Y. Jackson before the Group of Seven is a rare examination of the work of painter Alexander Young (A.Y.) Jackson (1882-1974) in the decade before the Group of Seven's formation in 1920. Curated by historian Douglas Hunter, Jackson's Wars will feature rarely seen paintings made during the artist's trips abroad to study painting in Italy, Belgium, and France, as well as his evocative depictions of rural Quebec and Ontario made upon his return. Of particular note will be a handpicked selection of Jackson's paintings made during the First World War depicting the devastation of the battlefields in France, which would have a lingering impact on his interpretations of the Canadian landscape. Jackson's Wars: A.Y. Jackson before the Group of Seven provides an opportunity to reframe the legacy of one of Canada's most significant artists.

Among the great treasures of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection is

a group 54 jewel-like miniature paintings by the Quebec artist Clarence Gagnon (1881-1942). Completed in the early 1930s, these are the final paintings made for what is arguably the most famous illustrated book by a Canadian artist: *Maria Chapdelaine*, a novel written by the French novelist Louis Hémon and published in 1933 by Éditions Mornay in Paris. These paintings were gifted to the McMichael in 1969 by Colonel R.S. McLaughlin and were the first works by a francophone Quebec artist to enter the collection. Due to conservation concerns, these artworks can only be displayed once every three years and the McMichael is delighted to have them on view for the 2024 holiday season, taking place November through February 2025.

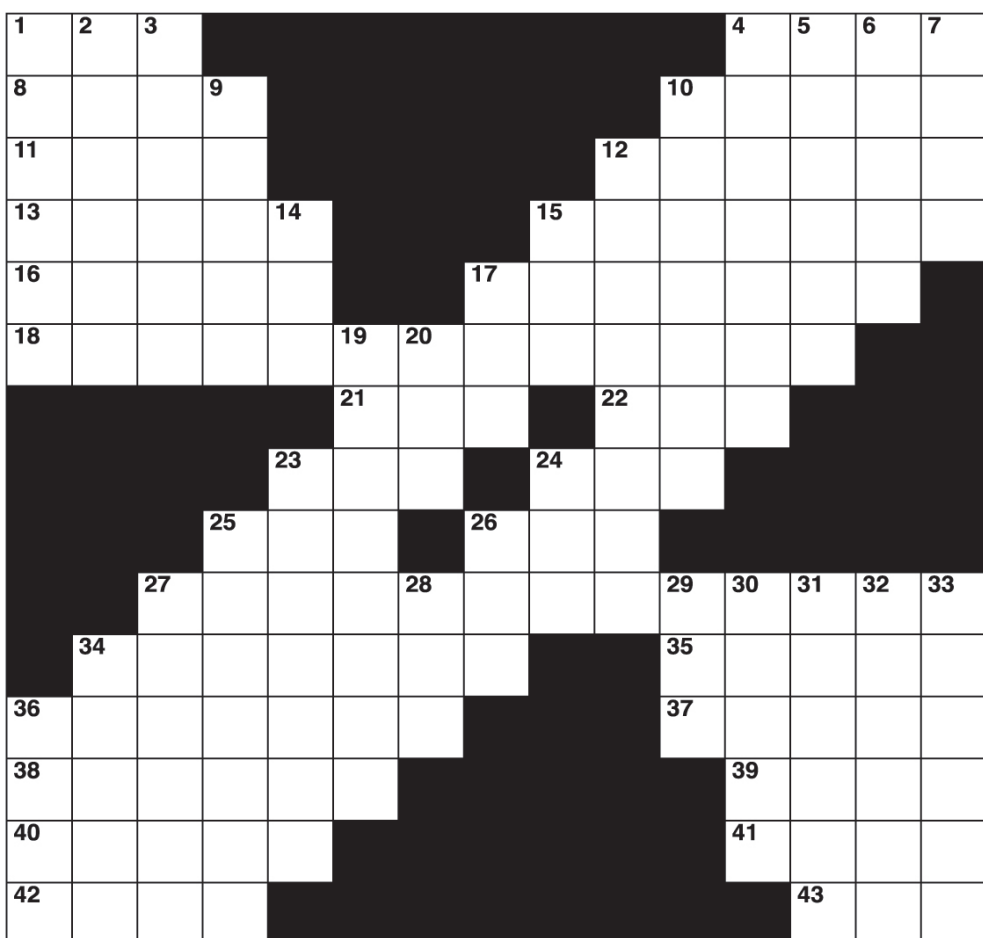
John Scott: Firestorm is a solo exhibition of the late Canadian artist John Scott (1950-2022). *Firestorm*, running December through next April, gathers paintings, drawings and sculptures made by Scott from the 1980s through the 2010s, focussing on works that explore machine imagery, conflict, violence, and surveillance. Growing up on the Canadian/American border in Windsor, Ontario, in the 1950s and 1960s, Scott developed an acute awareness of American politics and militarism. Stealth bombers, firearms, and tanks were used by Scott to comment on human vulnerability and oppression - images expressed in his raw and urgent graphic style.

Firestorm is guest curated by Dr. John O'Brian, who has undertaken significant research to position Scott's accomplishment within a global political and cultural context. The exhibition celebrates a unique and singular voice in the history of art in Canada, one grappling with the acute threats to humanity in our times. *Firestorm* will be accompanied by a multi-authored catalogue.

The Gallery is located on 100 acres of forested land and hiking trails at 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg, north of Major Mackenzie Drive in the City of Vaughan. For more information, please visit mcmichael.com.

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- 1. One point south of due east
- 4. Coagulated blood
- 8. Fortifying ditch
- 10. Devotee of Hinduism
- 11. Trunk of a tree
- 12. Bank note
- 13. Capital of Guam
- 15. Study again
- 16. Covered with hoarfrost
- 17. Opening
- 18. Legendary Rolling Stone
- 21. Stray
- 22. Computer storing system

CLUES DOWN

- 23. Signal
- 24. Pitching statistic
- 25. Human being
- 26. Malaysian isthmus
- 27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. A gland
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Endangered
- 37. Three-dimensional
- 38. In a way, precipitated
- 39. God associated with dissolution
- 40. Blemished
- 41. Flow or leak slowly
- 42. Disco legends The Bee ___
- 43. Midway between

CLUES DOWN

- 19. Got back together
- 20. Anger
- 23. Sang merrily
- 24. Sea eagle
- 25. Military men
- 26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
- 27. Found in the sea
- 28. Protects from weather
- 29. Type of medicine
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Lack of disunity
- 36. One-time European Commission officer

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

Indigenous Winter Games helped students further Reconciliation

Elementary students from the Maple took part in the York Catholic District School Board's (YCDSB) inaugural Indigenous Winter Games. The events were held Jan. 17 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School.

With the guidance of Indigenous community members, the day saw students participate in traditional Indigenous games and physical activities to celebrate the beauty, brilliance, resilience and resurgence of the First Peoples of this land in a fun and supportive manner.

"As Canadians and as Catholics, we must walk alongside Indigenous sisters and brothers as we undertake this rec-

onciliation process," said YCDSB Director of Education Domenic Scuglia. "Children are our future, so it fills us with hope and joy when we see young people equipped with the tools to create a more just tomorrow."

The day was researched and organized by Grade 12 leadership students, with the collaboration of Indigenous leaders. Those secondary students then went to local elementary schools to prepare students for the day. Roughly 350 students in Grade 6 experienced traditional dance, one-foot high kick, and outdoor-friendly competition in hoop and darts, snowsnake and a backpack relay.



YRP extend warning of melting ice on Lake Simcoe

Members of the York Regional Police Marine Unit are reminding residents to stay safe while on Lake Simcoe after responding to three separate incidents on the ice in the last two weeks.

On Jan. 26, the unit was called after a snowmobiler had fallen through the ice near Duclos Point, in the Town of Georgina. An ice fisher advised he was looking for a spot to fish when his snowmobile fell through the ice. He managed to pull himself out and call a friend for help. As the pair headed back to the shore on a second snowmobile, it also fell through the ice and the Marine Unit was called. Both males suffered minor injuries.

On Jan. 31, the Marine Unit was called to assist a male who had fallen through the ice while riding an ATV near Thorah Island. The male was rescued and treated for minor injuries.

On Feb. 3, the unit responded to two males who had fallen through the ice while riding an ATV on the ice at Duclos Point. Both were rescued, however, one of the males later suffered a medical emergency and was pronounced deceased.

Each year, members of the Marine Unit respond to calls of people, vehicles and pets that have fallen through the ice. Citizens are reminded to keep pets and children away from all ice surfaces during times when the temperature is rising and the ice is melting.

The thickness of the ice on Lake Simcoe can vary based on currents below the surface and temperatures above. Uneven cracks can quickly form, resulting in hazardous obstacles for snowmobilers. Check with your local ice hut operators for information in the

latest ice conditions.

Remember: No surface of ice or body of water is ever completely safe. It is crucial that citizens take individual responsibility in evaluating the dangers of any recreational activity. If you make educated choices regarding safety, accidents can be prevented.

Following these safety tips can help keep you safe:

Know the condition of the ice before you go out and remember that changes in the weather can rapidly alter conditions on lakes and streams.

Wear proper clothing and floatation attire.

Never venture out onto the lake alone.

Ensure you have a cell phone with a fully charged battery in the event of an emergency.

Tell someone where you are going, with whom and what time you will return.

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'Pucks and Pancakes' a poignant farewell to a King City Arena

By Jim Stewart

The Lions Club of King City hosted their annual "Pucks and Pancakes" event at both the venerable Lions Arena and the Gord Orr Community Centre Saturday morning.

The excellent hockey provided by the competitors in the King Playoff Challenge Cup and the hearty hot breakfast served upstairs by the service club was presented as a poignant tribute to the arena for which the Lions fundraised over fifty years ago. It opened on Sept. 5, 1972.

Lions Club member and event organizer Bruce Frauley noted that the happy gathering of hundreds of residents was tinged with a bit of sadness: "This is the last year that our arena will have ice so we wanted to do something special to recognize the building's 52-year role in the community. We're celebrating the arena's long history – before the hockey games are moved to the new recreation centre."

Frauley wanted to replicate and improve upon the success of last year's 'Pucks and Pancakes' communal celebration: "It was a great event we did last year and this year we added more publicity, music featuring 'Ed Jackson and the Other Fella,' a puck toss, and a 50/50 draw so it's more of a fundraiser. This year's funds go to support the Children with Cancer organization."

The ceremonial puck drop, which featured local dignitaries including Mayor Steve Pelligrini and MP Anna Roberts, was a fitting end to a hard-fought game

between the Fort Erie Meteors and the King Rebellion. The orange-clad Meteors served as party poopers as they defeated the home side 4-1 in a hard-fought contest that was one of the featured "Hockey Morning in King" games.

Wayne Lowdon, who is currently serving his second term as president of the King City Lions Club, was pleased with the turnout at the Pucks and Pancakes event: "The best part of today was having people in from the community to enjoy events in an arena that we funded. It's nice to see the community come out and support the event. We hope to generate new membership through events like these, as well. Any volunteer organization involves commitment, but the main focus for today was providing a final fun event in the arena."

Lowdon, who has been a resident of King for over 50 years, noted that he loved "giving back to the community by seeing the Club serving pancakes and seeing the kids playing hockey in the arena. There's nothing better on a Saturday morning in February."

The Lions Arena – whose hallowed halls feature photo displays of King's most famous hockey players – including NHLers Jeff O'Neill, Nick Boynton, Daniel Carcillo, and Alex Pietrangelo – has served the community for parts of six decades and the King City Lions Club marked their 70th anniversary in 2023. Both the building and the club will continue to be significant cultural components in King and their capacity to entertain and serve were on full display on Saturday morning.



Southlake Regional Health Centre Seeks New Board of Directors Members

Southlake is building healthy communities through outstanding care, innovative partnerships, and amazing people. We deliver a wide range of healthcare services to the communities of northern York Region and southern Simcoe County. Our advanced regional programs include Cancer Care and Cardiac Care and serve a broader population across the northern GTA and into Simcoe-Muskoka.

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With an annual operating budget in excess of \$500 million, we care for a rapidly growing and aging population and have developed an exciting plan for new facilities to serve patients into the future. A member of the Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team, we are working with our partners to deliver connected care in collaboration with our communities.

The Southlake Board of Directors currently seeks to elect new Directors. To complement our skills-based Board, we invite applications from qualified individuals with governance expertise and knowledge, and/or experience or skills in government relations, human resources, information systems, or finance.

Board members must possess a strong commitment to ethical standards, in addition to an appropriate level of education and skill. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the healthcare sector and understand what it will take to meet the future needs of the rapidly growing communities we serve. Previous experience serving on a public Board of Directors would be an asset.

Board members receive no monetary compensation and are expected to devote approximately 12 hours per month to hospital matters. In addition to serving as a member of the Board, members must serve on a Board sub-committee: Governance and People; Quality; or Finance, Property and Audit. To learn more about Southlake and the role of the Board of Directors, visit our website at southlake.ca.

Please send a letter or email describing your background and your interest by **March 4, 2024** to the **Chair, Board of Directors, c/o Jennefer Maltese, Southlake Regional Health Centre, 596 Davis Drive, Newmarket, L3Y 2P9** or via email to jmaltese@southlake.ca. Candidates will also be required to provide one or more letters of reference.

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Social Hub aims to forge valuable connections

By Brock Weir

Pressure is all around us, from managing money to coping with stress.

But a new initiative from the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) aims to help youth between the ages of 19 and 29 build the tools they need to forge ahead – and forge valuable bonds at the same time.

The Rising Generation Social Hub is a new spin on the CMHA-YRSS' youth programs, focusing on that in-between group of young adults.

Hosted in partnership with the Aurora Public Library, it is, as the name suggests, a social group, but one which also offers guidance when needed.

"This is something really special for young people just getting together," says Brian Major, a Peer Support Worker for the CMHA-YRSS who is actively involved in the program, adding that fostering and rebuilding these social connections was particularly important in the aftermath of the isolation brought on by the global pandemic.

"It is just breaking out of the isola-

tion that so often people face and making new friends and getting together in a space they feel like they have some ownership of it. It's rewarding to see people enjoy themselves in something that is pro-social and actually quite healthy," Major continues. "One of our slogans is 'Mental Health for All' and I would say that all of us, whether we have a mental illness or not, can benefit from being in an environment where mental health is promoted. We're trying to change the focus away from necessarily mental illness and more towards mental health – things like learning and grounding techniques, learning how to cope, and that applies not just to people with severe mental illness but to the general public as well."

Meeting monthly, this quarter offers plenty of chances for youth in this demographic to connect, share, and build skills.

Their next session on January 24, which will be held at the Aurora Public Library, is focused on grounding and coping techniques.

"I have been trained in mindfulness-based stress reduction and differ-

ent techniques that young people have to ground them and cope with stress and stressors in their lives," says Major. "In February, we're looking to do arts and crafts with a lot of different options and we will be providing a lot of opportunities to do different sorts of arts and crafts that will be up to the participants to decide what they like and what they want to do. They would be those things where people have the freedom to explore, look at what other people are doing, and try something they perhaps have never tried before. In March, we're looking at basic budgeting, and it is a combination of a social time with stuff that is fun and exciting, but also quite practical, too."

"I know during the pandemic and

afterwards, I think a lot of youth have gone through periods of isolation and, certainly in the lockdown, disconnection with people their own age. This kind of initiative is a place where people can get together. We often see at the group people start exchanging phone numbers, going out for a coffee afterwards, or what have you."

As an agency, the CMHA-YRSS "has to be there for the community" and "respond to what is happening," Major adds.

For more information about the Rising Generation Social Hub, and to register for any or all of the next three sessions, visit www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-rising-generation-social-hub-tickets-767775054857?aff=oddtcreator.

Vendors wanted for King Food & Drink Fest

Calling all local chefs, caterers, craft beverage makers and restaurants!

Since 2014, the annual King City Craft Beer and Food Festival, located at Memorial Park, 25 Doctor's Lane in King City, has seen many faces over its nine-year run. In celebration of its 10th anniversary this year, the events team is excited to share that organizers have decided to expand what's on the menu for 2024! This year's festival will feature some of the best food and beverage vendors in the area, much to the culinary and sipping delights of foodies from near and far.

To become a food beverage vendor for this exciting festival, please complete the vendor form and email it to events@king.ca.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, June 8 from noon to 9 p.m. at Memorial Park.



Nobleton Lions recognize Joe Tasca for outstanding service

The Nobleton Lions Club recently honoured Lion Joe Tasca for his valuable contribution to the community of Nobleton and his dedication to the cause of Lionism, thereby exemplifying the Lions' motto "We Serve."

The plaque presented to Lion Joe by Lion Jerry MacBain reads: "In sincere appreciation and recognition of distinguished service, loyalty and devotion to the objectives and furtherance of Lionism."

Most of Nobleton will know Lion Joe by his tenacious presence in front of the Pharmasave, from August to October for years, selling tickets for the Annual Community Fundraiser Ticket Draw. He did this regardless of the weather, clearly demonstrating the words on the plaque.



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Rebellion U18BB triumphs with tournament sweep

In a remarkable display of skill and determination, the King Rebellion U18BB hockey team secured a season tournament sweep by clinching victory in all three tournaments they entered.

The team, under the leadership of Head Coach Claudio D'Ulisse, demonstrated their prowess on the ice, solidifying their status as a force to be reckoned with in the hockey community.

The journey to this triumphant moment began at the Canadian Cup in Montreal from Dec. 1 to 3, 2023. The King Rebellion U18BB dominated the competition, emerging victorious and setting the stage for a season filled with success. Their winning streak continued at the 51st Annual Gene Harrington Winter Ice Experience in Buffalo, NY, held from Jan. 19 to 21, where they once again showcased their talent and determination.

The crowning achievement came with the team's hosting of the King Challenge Cup from Feb. 2 to 4. The players left an indelible mark on the tournament, going an impressive 3-0-1 in the round-robin stage.

Goalie Adam Larizza was instrumental in the team's success, securing two shutouts during the round-robin matches and adding a third shutout in the semi-finals. His counterpart, Daniel Niro, contributed with a shutout of his own in the final, sealing the team's

victory with a 4-0 win against the London Hawks.

The path to victory was not without its challenges, as the team faced a resilient opponent in the round-robin stage, tying 4-4 with the London Hawks after overcoming a 3-0 deficit. This comeback tie showcased the team's resilience and ability to perform under pressure, setting the tone for their later success.

A standout performer throughout the tournaments was Luca Mazzotta, whose impressive display earned him the title of MVP. Mazzotta scored an astounding 10 goals in the final tournament, leaving an indelible mark on the ice.

The coaching staff, including Assistant Coach Andrew Breda, Bench Manager Angelo Veri, Trainer Lucio Mazzotta, and Team Manager Nancy Pannia, played a crucial role in guiding the team to victory. Their leadership, combined with the exceptional teamwork of the players, contributed to the King Rebellion U18BB's outstanding performance.

The team roster, featuring talents of Adam Larizza, Adrian De Melis, Christian Lauriola, Cohen D'Ulisse, Daniel Niro, David Papajani, Finn Walter, Gianluca Nicolini, Gianluca Aloia, Gianmichael Niro, Jack Carravaggio, Jack Marchese, Julian Decina, Luca Mazzotta, Luca Veri, Luca Bevilacqua,



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Marcus Rose, Michael De Angelis, and Noah Di Giovanni, showcased a collective effort that propelled them to success.

The entire King Rebellion U18BB community, including players, coaching staff, and supporters, can bask in

the glory of a remarkable season that culminated in a well-deserved tournament sweep.

Congratulations to the team for their outstanding achievements on the ice, and best wishes for their continued success in future endeavors.

Cougars dump Midland 3-1

By Jim Stewart

Jordyn Palazzo opened the scoring, Matthew Lychek fired the game-winning goal, and Joey Furlano added an insurance marker as the Schomberg Cougars edged the Midland Flyers 3-1 on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre. Thursday's narrow win was a stark contrast to the Cougars' 15-1 romp over the Flyers in Midland Jan. 21.

Although Schomberg outshot Midland 52-13 and carried the play most of the evening, the difference this time was the stellar play of Flyers' goaltender Owen Moreau. Veteran Cougar forward Matthew Lychek, who scored the decisive goal while killing a second period penalty, applauded Moreau's 49-save effort between the pipes and critiqued his teammates' inability to finish: "He was stopping a lot of really good chances tonight, but we should have taken better shots and cashed in our opportunities."

Lychek described his game-winning goal as a product of short-handed aggression: "I was looking for Luke (Szabo), but the defense opened a lane for me and I was able to take a good shot from the left wing. Our goal is to try to score when we're killing penalties and keep the puck in their zone. Luke and I were able to pressure their puck carriers and it resulted in a goal tonight."

The Cougars needed every one of their goals against the valiant last-place Flyers (2-32-2-0). Midland is ranked 60th of the 61 teams in the PJHL. Furlano's insurance marker at 10:48 of the third period put Schomberg up 3-1.

The Cougars outshot the Flyers 21-5 in the opening frame as they attempted to get out to their patented quick start synonymous with Schomberg victories this season. Moreau was by far the busiest player in the building as the lefty goalie was peppered with pucks from the outset. He repelled the Cougars' numerous scoring opportunities for twelve minutes until Palazzo banged in a rebound from a sharp angle at 8:13.

The veteran Cougar's deft redirection of a backboard ricochet, created by a Andrew Hrinco blast from the blue-line, put Schomberg up 1-0. Hrinco and Zach Gallow earned assists on Palazzo's 7th of the season. Palazzo played a strong two-way game against the Flyers and was named First Star of the Game by PJHL staff.

In the second period, the Cougars missed more scoring opportunities than an incapacitated frat boy at a Toga Party. Open shots were fired wide or breakaways were stopped by the athletic Moreau. With 28 seconds left

and Carter Longland serving a minor penalty for tripping, Lychek's burst of speed off the left wing created a break-away. As the Flyers' d-men became preoccupied with the dangerous Luke Szabo driving toward the net, the proficient penalty killer's wrist shot beat Moreau to send the Cougars into the dressing room with a 2-0 lead. Szabo and Thomas Cecutti earned assists on Lychek's 12th goal of the season.

Four minutes into the third period, Midland narrowed Schomberg's lead when Connor Varley redirected a pass from Mackenzie Selbie past Cougars' netminder Christopher Thompson in a goalmouth scramble on only their eighth shot of the game.

After Varley's marker, Moreau spent most of the period frustrating the living daylights out of Cougars shooters as he stymied Palazzo, Szabo, and Furlano in rapid succession. Anthony Nascimbeno beat Moreau, but not the crossbar. Finally, nine minutes into the period, Hrinco fired a puck off the post that Furlano banged in behind Moreau to end a set of stunning near-misses by the home side. Michael Termini earned the helper on Furlano's 10th of the season while Hrinco picked up his 17th assist.

Cougars edge Otters 3-2

On Sunday afternoon, the Cougars travelled to Huntsville to take on the Otters in a battle of the two most penalized teams in Junior C hockey. Huntsville leads the 61-team PJHL with 1,043 PIM while Schomberg holds down second spot with 983 PIM. However, cooler heads prevailed for most of Sunday's matinee as only twelve minutes in penalties were called in the first 40 minutes of play; six served by each side.

Joey Furlano's unassisted goal opened the scoring for the visitors four minutes into the game, but Huntsville evened the score when Hunter Crawford's power play marker beat AP Cougar netminder Nicholas Morvan at 15:14 of the opening period.

Wesley O'Hara jumped back into the Cougars' goal scoring lead when he tallied his 16th of the season – assisted by Cecutti – with four minutes left in the middle frame. Schomberg held a 2-1 lead until Otter forward Sam Litt lit the lamp to pull the home side into a 2-2 tie at 2:20 of the third period much to the delight of the 258 fans at the Canada Summit Centre.

However, Luke Szabo notched the game winner, on a pass from Hrinco, and deflated the big crowd when he beat Darian Willis with 3:42 left in a penalty-filled final frame.



Veronica Wilson and Andrew Kolody as well as Katelyn and father Peter Wasylikiw both of the King Curling Club participated in the Mixed Doubles Provincial Qualifiers. Wilson/Kolody made it to the C-SIDE Quarter-Finals and Team Wasylikiw made it to the C-side Semi-finals in their first quest for Provincials.



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Curlers sweep hard in provincial qualifier

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

Two teams from King Curling participated in the Mixed Doubles Provincial Qualifiers this past weekend held at the York Curling Club in Newmarket.

The Triple-Knockout qualifier included 14 teams from Newmarket, Unionville, Burlington, High Park, Dixie, Tecumseh as well as King. Team Andrew Kolody and Veronica Wilson along with Peter Wasylikiw and his daughter Katelyn both entered as first time contestants. Fast and very keen ice was the first opponent for both teams to conquer and adjust to.

Kolody/Wilson played very strong in their first game losing in the final ends dropping to the B side. Wasylikiw also lost their game opener only would meet up against King for game 2. All players were generous with compliments and encouragement but it would be Wasylikiw that would claim victory.

Wilson/Kolody came back with a win against York (Newmarket) in the C-side while Wasylikiw found victory against another team from York in the B-side. Wasylikiw lost to Dixie and dropped to C division but won against York to advance to the semi-finals. A tough loss against a Toronto team ended Team Wasylikiw's quest to the Provincials but had a very strong performance for their first time in the OCA Mixed Doubles Event.

Peter Wasylikiw commented afterwards "it was a great and memorable event to play with my daughter Katelyn. The club congratulates both King

Teams and wish them continued success.

Club Highlights

We play, watch, and analyze our curling games whether it's within our weekly club leagues or a special event spiel. And some of the best way to sum up curlers accomplishments is through selected highlights. As with any sport teams and their players can have a great game or "one of those games" where nothing goes right.

Skip David Livingstone of the Men's League along with his squad of Robert Pizzicarola, Thomas Muller and Jim Millette were down by 5 against Team Wright. Livingstone who played with total team unity and a "never give-up" attitude found their brooms and swept from behind for a 6-5 victory.

Sandy Sisson and Debbie Holmes who both play on Team Morris in the Thursday mixed league found their draw weight during their match up this week. Holmes at Lead and Sisson at Vice delivered their rocks consistently to the button and behind cover. They're perfect weight deliveries were the key component in assisting their team towards victory.

Shellee Morning, who spared in the Wednesday evening social league, was facing 4 counting stones in the 5th end of a close game. Her last shot was to try and cut them back as her opponent having last shot had multiple tap-ups for a possible 5 point end. Morning delivered a draw through a pile of granite to sit second count holding the end to a score of one.

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, "What Prevents You?" is from Acts 8.5-40.

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.

Did someone say Road trip? Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens journeying from Toronto to Steubenville, Ohio, for the Illuminate Conference from June 28-30 to be illuminated in the light of Christ. There will be Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, excellent speakers, praise and worship music, and delicious food. Non-refundable deposits of \$60/participant are due this week-

end. The total cost per teen is \$440 Canadian, however, we will be doing significant fundraising to offset costs. If you are interested in joining us, please email zgangl@archtoronto.org to reserve your spot. It will be a truly memorable, faith enriching experience for all of us!

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrikssc.archtoronto.org/>
St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/>

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).

Our current schedule is as follows:
Mobility Matters classes Monday and Friday - 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Educational Thursdays - from 10 a.m. to noon unless otherwise indicated.

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 Book Club

Our schedule for meetings is the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton Program room.

Come by and check out these interesting, lively and varied group discussions. It does not matter if you are able to come every month, but rather, come when you are able. Whether you have read the book or not, you will enjoy an entertaining evening discussion - with so many different points of view! The next meeting is Tuesday, February 13: The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff.

Nobleton Lions

Tickets are selling fast for the annual Fundraiser Poker Tournament which will be held at the Nobleton Arena on Friday, Feb. 23. To obtain your ticket, which must be bought in advance, please call Lion Gunther Vetter at 905-859-8958. Note, tickets will not be available at the door.

Then, on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m. your kids can look forward to the free township-wide Easter Egg Hunt at the Nobleton Sports Park, sponsored by the three Lions Clubs in King.

Later this spring the Nobleton Lions, along with other community groups, will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities. On Sunday, May 26, you and your pets are invited to be part of the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. For more information about the walk and how you can participate and donate, please visit <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

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

England, 1224 and on the morning of Feb. 2, a holy day, Edred, the smithy was up earlier than usual as was his good wife Elgiva was checking the state of their food supplies, while he roused his 2 young sons Edgar and Edwy from their sound sleep. Work waiting the shed housing the forge next to their 3 roomed thatched roof cottage would hold until the morrow. Soon, under a grey sky, the family, bundled up against the raw cold of a winter's day, were on their way to the Candlemas service in the old Saxon church, the only stone building in the village. Meeting up with other parishioners they exchanged greetings and all commented happily on not seeing their shadows.

Everyone of these churchgoers would be well acquainted with the ancient legend that if on Candlemas they saw their shadows wintry weather could be expected to last another 6 weeks or more but seeing no shadow suggested an early spring in which fields could be ploughed and seeds scattered then reaped replenishing food supplies and preventing hunger.

"If the day be bright and clear there'll be 2 winters in the year but if the day be dull with rain winter will not come again" runs the old rhyme. Shadowless Candlemas at least gave all a much needed midwinter psychological boost.

The folks of the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton note that candles have for centuries played an important role in our history as they were often the only after dark source of light. Thus candles, including those still used in churches, are seen worthy of a special blessing at the Candlemas service.

A new weather prognosticator was needed. The badger, who had probably held the original job in pre-Christian Europe, once again became the foreteller of weather. However, when colonists from northern Europe arrived in Canada and the USA with their dependence on the badger for weather predictions, they found this little ferocious burrowing animal in scarce supply. Luckily groundhogs or woodchucks were abundant and so the task of weather predicting became theirs.

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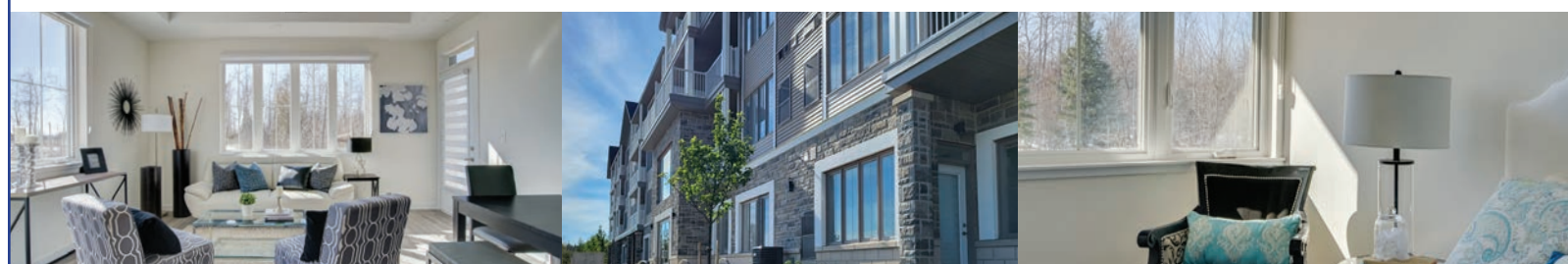


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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, Feb. 11 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev. Andrew Lee leading our worship.

We are encouraging all those coming on Sunday to bring cans of soup for the Food Bank in a special "Souperbowl challenge." Any soups or stews are acceptable so let's help the Foodbank restock their pantries after the holidays.

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.

Art class takes place tomorrow, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. New artists are welcome to join the class.

Our first potluck lunch of the year will be held on Friday, Feb. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a

main course or dessert item to share on the buffet table.

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

Friday, March 1 at 10 a.m., Chantal from York Region Police will discuss their Project Lifesaver program which combines radio technology with co-ordinated police response to locate wandering and disoriented loved ones. In addition, there will be a discussion on Crime Prevention.

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 1 p.m.

The following activities are available at the King City Seniors' Centre. If you see something that is of interest, please come out and join the group. All are welcome.

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; 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

Kingcrafts Studio workshops

One-of-a-Kind Felted Bracelet Workshop for Adults. Learn how to create unique wearable art using this wet-felting technique. It is fun and easy, incorporating merino wool, soap, water and embellishments. You will soon be inspired to make many other felted items. Instructors are Maureen Mewett and Debbie Hanks and all material is included for this March 3 workshop.

Working With Enamel (Adult Workshop). Come and learn to enamel! We

will create one blue or one green flower from start to finish. The flower is approximately 2" in diameter with an 8" stem. You can keep it for yourself or give as a gift. Mother's Day is just around the corner! Workshop includes full instruction, tools and supplies.

All material included for this April 20 workshop. It's limited to 8, so register early! The last day for registration is midnight on Monday, April 8.

Small Wire Bird (Adult Workshop). Come out and create your own whimsical wire bird. Your sculpture is approximately 8" to 10" tall and waiting to be named. It runs May 4.

For further information and registration go to our website at www.kingcrafts.ca

Sacred Heart Church

Ash Wednesday, is the first day of the Liturgical Season of Lent (40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Ashes placed on your forehead symbolize penance, and remind us of our own mortality. During the Mass, as the Priest applies the ashes, and he says: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Holy Mass for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

This Feb. 9 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.

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome to attend. See www.archtoronto.org/marriage for important information.

Bring your favourite dish to the Pot-Luck and presentation on Biblical direction for a Healthy and Happy Life after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Another terrific get together last Saturday, for our Family Dinner and Dance. It was wonderful to see old and young mingling, enjoying heart warming food and dancing in community. Thank you to the Knights and student volunteers. Thank you to John Bianchi 'Colours Painting & Decorating' for cleaning the wall chandeliers and painting the hall giving a truly a fresh look.

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

Contact the Rectory or Joe Cartagi-

nese at 416-804-7272.

Thanks also to those who have contributed to the Giving Tree located in the Narthex. Those who wish to have their family or company name on the leaf may contact the Rectory.

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 10:00 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, Rick McKinley returns to lead the service. It is also Hungry Sunday when donations to the King Township Food Bank are appreciated. York Pines is a distribution site. Feel free to join us for coffee and treats at noon after the service.

York Pines is hosting an Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14th, 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

St. Andrew's welcomes everyone! Our morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. led by Alison Agnew who announced that next Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Feb. 13) we're all invited to the manse for pancakes!

The sermon last Sunday talked about the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16 & 17 and what being a disciple means. Alison reminded us that this is St. Andrew's mission – to be a follower of Christ, an apprentice as John Bowen describes it in his book, *The Unfolding Gospel*. Alison pointed out that even some of the disciples doubted, but Jesus told them: "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me" and in faith we are to go, living each day for Him and He will be with us always.

This Tuesday is prayer time at 2 to 3 p.m. in the church office and all are welcome to come. Philippians 4:6,7. This Wednesday will be the last Book Study at 7 p.m.

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King's Corners

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The last chapter and the conclusion of "The Unfolding Gospel" by John Bowen will be discussed. It will be at Jim and Corky Agnew's. Call the office to find out more details, 905-833-2325.

February 25 is our Annual Congregational Meeting following a light lunch after the morning worship service. We will receive the Annual Report, discuss the 2024 budget and look forward to going into 2024 with God's guidance.

The virtual Q and A is resuming on Tuesday evenings, led by Anne Campbell. Call Alison to be included in the ZOOM link. There will also be an in-person Q and A on Wednesday evening which Alison will lead at a residence. More info to follow next week.

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

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Pancake Tuesday, Feb. 13. Drive by pickup pancake supper at church 5 to 6 p.m. Please order ahead of time: 905-833-5432. Special services to mark the beginning of lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the chapel at noon and 7 p.m. Eucharist. Optional Imposition of ashes.

Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Mark 1 - Jesus's fame spreads with his healing:

"Healing was always a central part of Jesus's ministry. Time and time again Jesus brought wholeness to people's lives. In the Gospel story, Jesus went to Simon's house and found that Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Jesus took her hand and raised her up. She was immediately healed, and it was more than physical because the fever affected her entire life. At that time, illness bore a heavy social cost: not only would a person be unable to earn a living but their ability to take their proper role in society would be taken from them. Simon's mother-in-law got up from her bed and began to feed and nourish people. The Greek word used to describe her serving is the same verb Jesus used to describe the essence of his own ministry and that

of the disciples. The image of Jesus's hands reaching out in love and healing is a really powerful image for me. I try to imagine my hands as an extension of God's hands, reaching out to the sick, the marginalized and the friendless in this world.

"When I was being ordained to the priesthood I asked the Archbishop if he would anoint my hands, marking them with the sign of the cross to sanctify them for holy use. He agreed. I couldn't stop looking at my hands after. They felt different and it was as though I'd finally recognized their importance. I pray all the time that God will use me to reach out to all who need healing, love, and mercy.

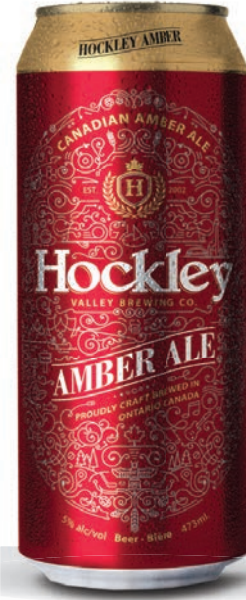
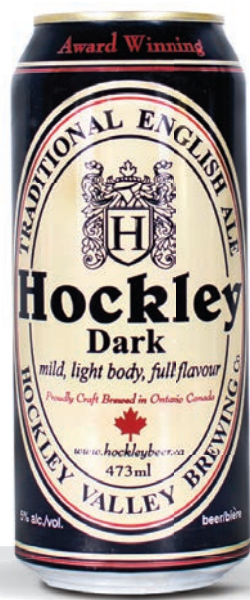
"I had an amazing experience when I was a chaplain at the Credit Valley Hospital during the SARS outbreak. I was called to visit with a patient in the ICU who was suspected of SARS. She was in complete isolation and was really suffering. She was in a great deal of pain, her entire body was swollen. When I finally went into the woman's room I saw that she'd been intubated - a tube had been put in her throat, and she couldn't talk to me. When she saw me she started crying. I did the only thing I could think of and I took her hand in mine, very gently, and said, 'My name is Erin,

I'm not going to hurt you, I'm just going to stay here and hold your hand for a little while.' I began to gently stroke her hand and after a few moments, her crying stopped and, she fell asleep holding my hand. When a nurse came, she remarked at how peaceful the woman seemed to be. It became clear that it isn't about the words we say necessarily, but about the connections we make and the efforts at offering love, safety, and healing in any way we can.

"Jesus used his hands to extend God's love and healing to a world in pain and trouble. He transformed the people he touched who likewise extended that touch to the people. We have all been touched by God. We've been healed, loved, restored, forgiven and cared for throughout our lives and now, we are asked to reach out and do the same. You can use your hands to connect with a friend or loved one. Use this prayer:

"O God, your loving hand has made us in your own image, reach out your hand again and heal us, that we may respond in kind, offering your hope and healing to all who are broken in body or spirit, that together we may be your whole and healed and holy Body on this earth. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Welcome to February, the month of love, and more sunshine apparently. We'll be happy to take more of both. January was the month of dull days with very little sunshine.

Valentine's day is coming up next week, so if you're looking for the perfect gift for your valentine, look no further than our own Main Street. We have some wonderful gift stores, a jewelry store "Blue Point Jewelry and Findings" and two amazing florists, "Seasons Floral Studio" in Brownsville Junction Plaza and "De Rose Designs & Floral" on Main Street. Many of our wonderful local restaurants are offering a Valentine's Day Menu with a set menu, so you can treat your Valentine to a wonderful meal as well and as a bonus you don't have to leave Schomberg. What's not to love?

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 pine cone 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 at Dr. Kay Dr. in Schomberg.

Please join the Schomberg Horticultural Society on Feb. 27, for this timely presentation of "Jumping Worms" by Kathleen Gorsline, Master Gardener.

Enjoy this talk from the comfort of your living room by Zoom. Virtual doors open at 7 with the session beginning at 7:30. Free event for Society members and members of the community.

Contact schomberghortsociety@gmail.com for link to access meeting and presentation.

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+): We have 74 members now and we still have room for more, so if you're over 55 and want to learn a few new skills and make a new friend or two, please come out and join us. This past Monday we were all educated on our Canada's "World Heritage Sights." We had a wonderful presentation by Lynn Holden, who over the course of the last 40 years, has travelled Canada with camera in hand to photograph all our country's world heritage sites. Lynn is not afraid of a little adventure and has gone to great lengths to be able to get into some of these remote sites in order to take her photos. We sure did learn a lot and found out about some of the wonderful sights to see in our very own country that many of us had no idea existed. Lynn published

a book on all her adventures and her photographs are amazing. Thank you, Lynn, for teaching us, you're never too old to learn something new.

We have two tickets available for the sold-out show "Doris and Ivy in the home" at the group rate of \$36 each for 2 p.m. performance this Sunday, Feb. 11, if you're interested, please email Lynn Bird, klbird@hotmail.com.

Next up, Monday, Feb. 19 - 10am - Speaker "All things Racing Pigeons" with Mario Rea.

Saturday, Feb. 24 - 8 p.m. - Concert: York Symphony Orchestra, "Night at the Opera." Trinity Anglican Church, 70 Victoria Street, Aurora. Senior tickets \$25

Monday, Feb. 26 - 10 a.m. - Program - Trivia at its Best.

Monday, March 4 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Frank Smith - Ukulele sing along.

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

If there is something that catches your eye and you would like to attend any of the Theatre or workshops please reach out to Lynn Bird, klbird@hotmail.com or Margaret Crowe maggie.crowe@hotmail.com.

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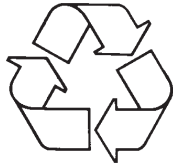
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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

This 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 at 905-859-0761 and I will arrange to get your donation.

The pandemic has really affected all of us. Many restaurants have closed and those that are still open seem to have fewer people going out for a meal. The same applies to churches. Certainly there are fewer people at Sunday services. If you would like to come to church, but are worried that you might not know anyone, or feel welcomed, let me tell you that you would definitely be welcomed. Stay afterwards for tea or coffee and enjoy a cookie or three and get to know people!

Would you prefer to come to an ear-

lier service? Schomberg United meets at 9:30 a.m. Would you prefer to sleep in and have a leisurely start to your Sunday? Nobleton United meets at 11:15 a.m. Rides can be arranged, just phone me at 905-859-0761.

During service, we sing a lot. One visitor from the Ahmadiyyan Mosque in Maple commented after our covenanting service for student minister Richard Gardner, that we Christians really like to sing! Research has shown that singing releases endorphins. Endorphins are good for you and not only make you feel happier, your brain is more flexible. So come and sing with us!

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 and sing along. But it is all better in person!

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.

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.

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.

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.

This quote spoke to me this week: "Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile" ~ Franklin P. Jones

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

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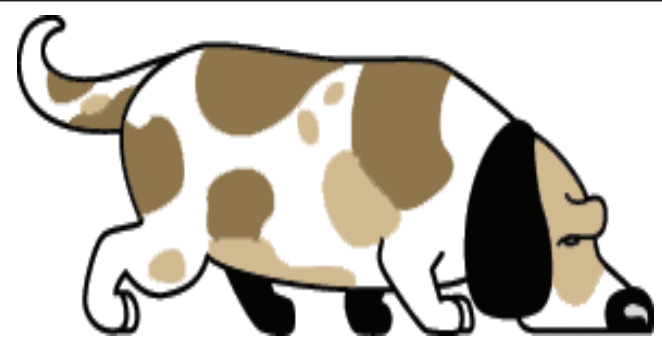
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