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King honoured 10 volunteers for their efforts during the annual Volunteer Appreciation night last week.

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Ivan Rapa is named Citizen of the Year

In what's called the finest night of the year in King, local volunteers were in the spotlight, being recognized for their selfless dedication.

King's Volunteer Appreciation event awards local volunteers, who have made their community a better place.

"On behalf of King Township Council and its residents, I want to extend sincere appreciation to all our volunteers. Their altruism and commitment to enhancing our community are truly admirable. Whether they're lending a hand at schools, hospitals, non-profits, shelters or other community endeavors, their contributions have profoundly touched countless lives. King Township owes much of its character to their invaluable efforts," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our Township, selflessly dedicating their time, skills and passion to make King a better place for all. Their efforts, often behind the scenes, touch countless lives and help build a stronger, more vibrant community.

"Each of these individuals embodies the values of com-

passion, generosity and selflessness that define our community. They are a testament to the power of volunteerism and the difference that one person can make in the lives of others."

Councillor David Boyd praised the volunteers for their selfless efforts, and dedication.

"Tonight's recipients are inspirational example's of giving - your admirable stories and accomplishments, demonstrate admirable that every day provides us the opportunity to affect somebody's life."

Citizen of the Year

Ivan Rapa was named Citizen of the Year. Nominated by Anthony Bisogno on behalf of the King United Soccer Club (KUSC), Rapa's contributions to the community and the club have left a lasting impact.

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Upcoming Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS
Monday, May 13
5 p.m. - Council Working Session
 (By-law Enforcement Service Review)
6 p.m. - Council

Monday, May 27
5 p.m. - Council Working Session
 (Draft - 2023 Audited Financial Statements)
6 p.m. - Council

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Tuesday, May 14
6 p.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee
 Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
 Visit: king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

View full Council and Committee agendas at king.civicweb.net

Notice to Property Owners Destroy Weeds

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16 and 23 THAT unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of the Township of King are destroyed by date of 1st June, 2024, and throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging costs against the land, as set out in the Weed Control Act.

All properties ten (10) acres or less may have noxious weeds destroyed without notice to the owner. The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Kettleby Road Closure Notice

Kettleby Road will be closed from **May 6 to May 31** to facilitate the replacement of **Culvert 336**. All businesses located on Kettleby Road remain open during the closure and can be accessed via Keele Street. Replacement of the ageing infrastructure is being completed as part of King Township's 2024 Capital Services delivery.

For project updates, visit king.ca/MajorProjects

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king.ca/NobletonVictoriaDay



Community Yard Sale & e-Waste Recycling Event
 May 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trisan Centre

Looking for a unique item or a special find?
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Do you have old electronics collecting dust at home?
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king.ca/CommunityYardSale

Meet the Mayor & Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek

Tuesday, May 7
Ansorveldt Park picnic shelter
 18997 Dufferin Street, Newmarket
 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Learn more about your Mayor and Council and view the Ward Map at king.ca/council.

Traffic Disruption Notice Hwy 27 and King Road

Please be advised that Hwy 27 (between Sheardown Drive and Hill Farm Road), Hill Farm Rd, Wellar Ave and King Road (between Wellar Ave and Old King Road) will experience periodic traffic disruptions for the

Nobleton Victoria Day Parade
Monday, May 20, 2024
Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

This portion of the road will be accessible to residents in the affected area to allow for entry into their properties. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

For more information contact Angela Webster events@king.ca or 905.833.5321.

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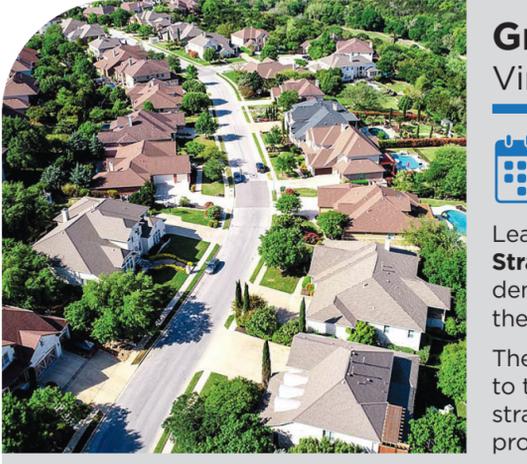
Gin Joint & Jazz Event

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Growth Management Strategy Virtual Public Open House

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
5 - 7 p.m.

Learn about King Township's **Growth Management Strategy**, which assesses future residential growth, density patterns, housing types and land needs to the year 2051.

The Strategy will be a foundational document to the Township's Official Plan and provides strategic planning policy direction within the provincial planning framework.

To register and receive a meeting link, email policyplanning@king.ca
 For more information, visit speaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review

Volunteers recognized for their selfless dedication

From Front Page

Rapa's journey with KUSC began nearly 13 years ago when he joined as the equipment manager. His dedication to making soccer accessible to all soon propelled him into the role of vice-president of operations and, later, president. Known affectionately as "Coach Ivan," he became a familiar face on the field, ensuring that every child's experience with the sport was meaningful and aligned with the club's ethos of "Soccer for Life."

As president, Rapa worked tirelessly to enhance KUSC's facilities, collaborating with the Township and private stakeholders. He also represented the club at regional and provincial soccer levels, advocating for the sustainability of community clubs like KUSC against for-profit academies. Rapa's leadership has inspired many to return to coach and volunteer, creating a ripple effect of positive change in King Township.

He thanked his family for their support and also thanked the families of all the other volunteers for their support as volunteering can take time away from families. He said he gets satisfaction from seeing the smiles on the faces of the kids he's coached over the years. He also congratulated all the other volunteers.

Special Recognition Award

This award is given to one or more citizens or an organization for a special contribution made to the community. This year's recipients are:

Nancy Boyd: Boyd was recognized for her support of the King Township Food Bank and community, her creation of the Love Bags program and her dedication to serving the less fortunate in a profound way.

Karen Marshall: Marshall was recognized for her dedication and service

with the King Township Food Bank as well as Christmas in King and significantly enhancing the organization's fundraising efforts with her remarkable organizational skills.

Patti Strypek: Strypek was recognized for her dedication and service to Arts Society King, the King Township Public Library's King City branch and for the various charity events she has helped to run, such as Comedy in King and the King Holiday Lights Tour.

Non-Resident Award

This award is given to one or more individuals for a special contribution made to the community who reside outside of King. This year's recipients are:

Karlene MacDonald: MacDonald was recognized for her dedication and service with the Nobleton Skating Club. She was recognized for her compassion and professionalism alongside her countless volunteer hours, ensuring families and skaters enjoy the sport.

Ken Orr: Orr was recognized for his contributions to the community by way of coaching and donating to youth sports teams, along with his giving more than 40 years of service to work with and help fundraise for the Lions Club.

Senior Citizen Award of Merit

This award is given to a senior citizen of King to recognize and honour special contributions to the senior population of King. This year's recipient is:

Earl Groombridge: Groombridge was recognized for his coordination of initiatives to uplift the underprivileged, his involvement with the King Township Food Bank and support of those facing transportation challenges, offering his time and vehicle to those most in need.



King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts (right) was on hand to congratulate King's volunteers.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes outstanding citizenship within the community, with many years of dedicated service and devotion to the residents of King. This year's recipient is:

Carol Ann Trabert: Trabert was recognized for her creation and development of the King Township Food Bank, her "proclivity for saying yes" when it comes to serving her community and her exemplary dedication to her community's well-being. She has also been a strong leader in the Kettleby Fair, Carrying Place Property Owners' Association, and Schomberg Country Run.

Services department. She first started volunteering to obtain her high school volunteer service hours. However, she has far surpassed her 40 hours and continues to volunteer with King. She tackles every volunteering opportunity with enthusiasm and a sense of fun.

Layla Giambattista: Giambattista was recognized for her willingness to support her community through the act of volunteering with the King Township Public Library, providing valuable support as a Reading Buddy to younger children as they develop and improve their literacy skills. Parents of the children she volunteers with speak highly of her.

This year's theme was "Thanks for helping us grow." Special thank you to Pots and Plants for providing the décor and photo wall, LA Cantina Catering for the refreshments and Gatto Flowers for the beautiful blooming flowers.

For more information on how each of the award recipients volunteers their time to make King a better place, visit king.ca/awardrecipients.

Youth Award of Merit

This award is given to a younger citizen of King to recognize special contributions to the Township. This year's recipients are:

Isabella Iacolino: Iacolino was recognized for her volunteer work over the last two years with King's Community



Ivan Rapa (left) was honoured as the Citizen of the Year, at the annual Volunteer Appreciation evening. He's joined by Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

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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

Democracy impeded by unrest, conflict & politics

Our love-hate relationship with democracy is unique to the western world.

While we find ourselves constantly at odds with government policies and decision-makers at all levels, we forget just how lucky and blessed we are.

We've enjoyed ever-expanding human rights under our Charter since 1982. The anniversary was April 17 and every year we quietly (very Canadian) celebrate its anniversary. It solidifies the very essence of democratic rights - religion, speech, media, assembly and more.

We get stuck on minor hurdles in our evolution to become truly "woke." But that's okay. And we constantly ask for more. And that's okay, too because we are allowed to.

Essential elements of a democracy include pluralistic political parties, fair elections, transparent governance, politically engaged citizens, civil liberties, and free media.

We have those in spades, but many, many countries do not.

According to the Democracy Index, the Scandinavian countries all rank as the most democratic nations on the globe. Canada, in 2021, was ranked 5th. That's impressive. The U.S. has the title of a "flawed democracy."

Believe it or not the least democratic country in the world is oil-rich Saudi Arabia.

Just recently, the African nation of Mali banned the media from reporting on political parties and associations, and also suspended all political activities.

How's that for a kick in the proverbial pants? It couldn't get more anti-democratic.

But this country is not alone.

A Freedom House report in 2019 says some 57 countries are not free because they fail to hold valid elections, don't have active independent media, and do not endow their citizens with basic civil rights.

North Korea is controlled by a dynastic totalitarian dictatorship, which maintains its harsh control with ex-



Mark Pavilons

tensive surveillance, arrests and brutal punishment for those suspected of political offenses. The report adds that camps for political prisoners often implement "torture, forced labor, starvation, and other atrocities."

The ruling Communist Party in China has grown more restrictive with state agencies, the internet, religious groups, universities, and businesses.

Under Cuba's one-party communist rule, dissent is stifled and citizens lack basic civil liberties.

Thailand is ruled by a unit of military leaders that has suppressed political opposition and exercised "unchecked powers" secured in the constitution that restrict citizens' civil and political rights.

In Qatar, other political parties are not permitted, and elections don't affect the highest levels of government. The report notes that Qatari citizens are among the wealthiest in the world, but the vast majority of the population are non-citizens with no political rights, few civil liberties, and limited access to economic opportunity.

Political parties are banned within

the seven Emirates and hereditary rulers hold all power, with which they restrict civil liberties of citizens and visitors alike.

The Communist Party's control over Vietnam has created a dangerous environment for human rights, as citizens and activists alike face restricted freedoms in speech, press, work, and religion.

Many of these are not developing (Third World) nations and they do have modern technology, decent economies and resources.

They just look at things differently. Yes, I realize that's a massive, somewhat facetious understatement.

Most of these are rampant with corruption. It seems humankind's hunger for power and greed are alive and well, and reducing citizens to serfs.

Some of these countries are also popular among western tourists, for various reasons. We seldom look for, or care about, such things when booking a vacation. Oh, what evil lurks in the hearts of men.

According to the World Bank, roughly one-third of the world's population - 2.6 billion - are not connected to the internet. The top countries with people offline include India (684 million), China (336 million) and Pakistan (131 million).

Many of these are not what we consider developing nations by any means and all have the resources to increase their country's digital literacy.

Government regulations and censorship of course impede internet access and freedom of expression in certain countries. For those with access, it amplifies marginalized voices, facilitates grassroots organizing, and fosters global solidarity around important issues. The vast source of knowledge can empower individuals with democratic goals.

By censoring the internet or barring access, authoritarian governments and dictators can more effectively keep their citizens oppressed, and people in these countries lose a vital tool that would help them set up fairer, more democratic institutions.

We see the problems; have identified the countries and leaders with poor track records. And yet, world trade, political dinners and pats on the back still take place among world leaders.

If we truly believe in furthering democratic principles around the globe, I say we take stronger actions.

I believe we should decrease ties, implement sanctions and shame those who routinely suppress human rights, imprison and harm their citizens.

I know the United Nations and its member countries have called out "offenders." And yet, we still happily trade in arms, oil and goods to anyone with a cheque book.

Enjoy our freedoms and embrace them in your very soul. And, at every possibly opportunity, thank those who helped make it happen.

Education

Ontario curricula for Grades 1 to 12 lacking in Canadian history

The curriculum guides for Ontario elementary and high school students are lacking in specific Canadian history content, and are not organized chronologically to give students a solid foundational knowledge of the nation's past, finds a new study released today by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

The study analyzes the Canadian history content in both the Ontario and B.C. curriculum guides for Grades 1 to 12, and finds that the amount of specific Canadian history - important dates, specific events and specific historical figures - required to be taught to students is limited, and it isn't presented in a logical, chronological order.

For example, students only start learning Canadian history (from 1780 to 1850) in Grade 3, with no requirement that students learn about any specific people or events. In Grade 4, students then jump back in time to learn about early civilizations from 3,000 BCE to 1,500 CE. In Grade 5, students leap forward to the 17th and 18th centuries to learn about First Nations and European settler communities in New France. The grades 7 and 8 curriculum guides are chronological, but specific content, again, is not required leaving it up to individual teachers what their students will learn.

There is only one required course in all of Ontario's high school curriculum guide that teaches Canadian history - Canadian History Since World War I - in Grade 10.



Quote of the Week

"The cornerstone of democracy rests on the foundation of an educated electorate."

- Thomas Jefferson

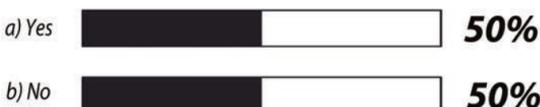
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The oldest surviving basketball court (1893) in the world is in New Brunswick.

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Will the Leafs advance past the first round of playoffs?



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you support the Province's decision to build Hwy 413?

- a) Yes
- b) No

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Canadian small businesses are bleeding

By Frank Stronach

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Everyone knows you don't kick someone when they're down.

But that's what the federal government's recent budget did to many small business owners who are struggling to stay afloat or striving to take their new ventures to the next level of growth.

While the budget did include some small business relief measures, it also increased the capital gains inclusion rate.

The capital gains hike generated blowback from groups such as the Council of Canadian Innovators (CCI), who claimed the new taxes will stifle tech entrepreneurs trying to grow their businesses and cause "irreparable

harm" to Canada's entrepreneur-based economy.

Other groups worried the tax increase was another nail in the coffin for Canada's small business sector: Dan Kelly, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), said he was concerned that the budget measures had the "potential to demotivate Canadians from getting into business in the first place."

It's not just crushing taxes that are hurting small businesses. It's also

job-killing regulations. Earlier this month, the CFIB published a blog by Simon Gaudreault, Chief Economist and Vice-President of Research at the organization.

Gaudreault argued that we could dramatically increase Canada's productivity by reducing unnecessary red tape and regulation. According to Gaudreault, we could free up 205 million hours of time, or approximately \$11 billion of squandered money, which could have otherwise gone toward more productive tasks.

The CFIB's most recent "Canada's Red Tape Report," published in 2021, had a revealing finding: although red tape ties up many businesses, it chokes the life out of small business. According to the report, the 2020 cost of regulation per employee for small businesses with fewer than five employees was an incredible five times more than for businesses with over 100 employees.

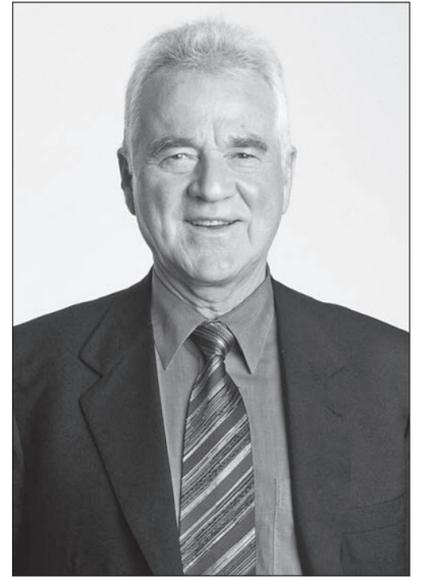
Canada's small business owners tell me all the time how they're being stifled. An entrepreneur shared the following with me a few months ago: "The barriers to entry, compounded by the burden of taxation and the absence of incentives, have increasingly cast a shadow over the once-thriving entrepreneurial spirit. Like many of my peers, I find myself at a crossroads where the perceived risks outweigh the potential rewards, a realization that saddens me deeply. It is disheartening to witness the erosion of confidence in the entrepreneurial journey, particularly when confronted with the stark reality that the risk-reward balance no longer tips in our favour."

One small business owner and founder bemoaned the current state of affairs by saying that "entrepreneurs are swimming upstream in Canada today." And yet another said: "I will certainly not be endorsing any young person to start a business in this country until things change drastically."

These heart-felt sentiments are a devastating indictment of a system that is crushing the life out of Canada's once-proud entrepreneurial spirit.

Canada's small businesses are bleeding, and if we don't stop the hemorrhaging by reducing taxes and slashing red tape, a growing number of them are going to go under or simply close up shop.

The National Economic Charter of



Rights and Responsibilities I've proposed would require government to remove excessive regulations that stifle economic growth and unshackle small businesses by eliminating business tax on any small business with fewer than 300 employees.

If we reduced regulations and lower taxes, small businesses could grow like wildfire. It's one of the key principles in the economic charter of rights I've proposed. And it's the badly needed shot in the arm that Canada's economy needs right now.

To learn more about how the charter could help revitalize Canada's small business sector, contact info@economiccharter.ca.

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and the Stronach Foundation for Economic Rights (www.economiccharter.ca)



YRDSB develops resource guide addressing hate, fostering equity

At its annual Parent Engagement Advisory Committee Regional Parent Symposium, York Region District School Board announced their plan to create a strategic resource guide entitled Empathetic Education: Addressing Hate and Fostering Equity.

The board will create a steering committee that will include community members, organizations and staff members. Working groups and liaison opportunities will also be created to leverage the existing knowledge and skills of staff, including through existing board affinity groups. The strategic resource guide will include an accountability framework with regular reporting on incidents and actions being undertaken to address hate and oppression.

The Empathetic Education: Addressing Hate and Fostering Equity strategic resource guide will focus on the following key areas: Leadership and Commitment; Reporting Mechanism; Education and Professional Development; Inclusive Curriculum; Safe and Inclusive Environment; Student Engagement; Parent and Community Engagement; Data Collection and Analysis; Diversity in Staffing; Procedure Review; Evaluation and Accountability.

"As educators, it is important for us to ensure that all our schools and workplaces are safe, inclusive and

welcoming environments," said Bill Cober, Director of Education. "We remain committed to continuous improvement as a board of education and addressing all forms of hate and discrimination to ensure equity and inclusivity for all."

The strategic resource guide will be informed by the calls to action outlined in the recently received Dismantling Hate and Oppression Framework: Closing the Gaps Eliminating Inequities. The work will also take into consideration existing strategies and documents to ensure the Strategic Resource Guide is reflective of the full context of the Board's richly diverse student and staff population, including:

Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, Anti-Asian Racism Report, Indigenous Education and Equity Strategy, YRDSB Leadership Framework, Mathematics Strategy, Mental Health and Addition Strategy, Modern Learning Strategy, Staff Well-Being and Mental Health Strategy, Dismantling Hate and Oppression Framework, and an Every Student Counts Survey.

York Region District School Board is committed to addressing hate, racism and all forms of oppression in schools and workplaces. We continue to work towards our goal of creating inclusive, equitable, and identity-affirming learning and working spaces for students and staff to learn and work.



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Crack down on cell phone use; vaping banned in schools

Ontario is introducing the most comprehensive plan in Canada to reduce distractions in classrooms and improve the health of children by standardizing and strengthening province-wide measures and mandatory learning to directly counter the alarming rise of vaping and cell phone distractions within classrooms.

As students benefit from three more years of uninterrupted learning as a result of the government's historic signing of deals with all teachers' unions, the government is taking further ac-

tion to go back-to-basics by combating the negative impact mobile devices, social media and vaping are having on in-class learning.

"We have heard loud and clear from parents and teachers alike that cell phones in classrooms are distracting kids from learning," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "Our government is introducing the toughest policy in Canada to tackle this issue by cracking down on cell phone usage during class time, as well as banning vaping in all schools. When it comes to

cell phones, our policy is 'out of sight and out of mind,' as we get students back to the basics by restoring focus, safety and common sense back in Ontario schools."

Students in kindergarten to Grade 6 will be required to keep phones on silent and out of sight for the entire school day, unless explicitly permitted by an educator. For students in Grades 7 to 12, cell phones will not be permitted during class time unless explicitly directed by the educator. Moreover, social media websites will be removed from all school networks and devices, and report cards will include comment on students' distraction levels in class. The government will provide mandatory training for teachers and new supports for students and parents.

The government is also strengthening the rules around students caught using or carrying vapes or cigarettes. Students will be required to surrender these products, along with parents being notified immediately of the situation. The government also officially announced \$30 million in the 2024 Budget to install vape detectors and other security upgrades in schools.

To support these initiatives, the government is investing \$17.5 million in new wrap-around supports for student mental health and parent engagement. This will include:

- \$15 million to provide supports for students at risk of addictive behaviours.
- \$1 million to partner with School Mental Health Ontario to develop webinars and resources targeted to parents and students across the province to learn how to talk about the adverse effects of vaping and excessive cell phone usage.
- \$1.5 million to Parent Involvement Committees and students to run local prevention campaigns to help deter vaping and cell phone distractions.

These changes and investments are part of the government's plan to get students back to basics. By removing distractions in the classroom, students can focus on learning the skills they need to succeed after graduation. A 2023 UNESCO report found a negative link between excessive cell phone use and student academic performance and that students can take up to 20 minutes to refocus on what they were learning after focusing on a distraction.

A CAMH study on youth, smartphones and social media use showed that over a third (35%) of Ontario's secondary school students spend five

hours or more daily on electronic devices (smartphones, tablets, laptops, computers, gaming consoles) in their free time.

A 2022 Statistics Canada report found that vaping is more prevalent among younger rather than older Canadians, with more than one-fifth of adolescents aged 15 to 17 years reporting vaping in the previous 30 days.

Ontario is the first province in Canada to have a province-wide social media ban on school networks and devices, and the new cell phone restrictions go further than any other jurisdiction in Canada.

As part of an ongoing commitment to student mental health and well-being, for 2024-25, funding to support student mental health, including initiatives focused on student safety and physical activity, has reached \$135.15 million, an increase of \$117.76 million since 2017-18.

In addition to explicitly banning e-cigarettes in schools and school-related settings, Ontario is responding to the popularity of vaping among students by:

- Investing \$30 million over three years (2024-25 to 2026-27) to help equip schools with security cameras, lighting and other security upgrades, including vape detectors.
- Strengthening existing mandatory learning on cannabis and vaping and digital citizenship, with emphasis on the elementary curriculum.

"Our government is taking action to protect children and youth from the harmful risks of vaping and build healthier communities across the province. We are building on the changes we have already made to restrict the sale of flavoured vapour products by taking this next step to make students surrender vape, tobacco and nicotine products in student possession to ensure our children receive their education in a safe and healthy learning environment," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

"Ontario is seeing a growing number of youth in Grades 7 through 12 report using vaping products that contain and emit many toxic substances. These products can affect the respiratory, immune and cardiovascular systems, and nicotine in these products is particularly harmful to youth brain development. Removing vaping products from Ontario schools will help protect our students from these preventable threats," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health.



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King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and MP Anna Roberts supported the Kleinburg BIA at its annual community cleanup, as part of the city's 20-minute makeover initiative.

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OPP warns of unregistered online casinos

The Ontario Provincial Police, Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB), in partnership with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), is reminding the public to use caution when choosing to access online casino gaming sites found through social media advertisements.

On April 11, the OPP's Investigation and Enforcement Bureau was notified of a suspected fraudulent gaming advertisement depicting an online gaming platform hosted by Casino RAMA. When clicked, the fraudulent advertisement redirects the user to a false application download page. This webpage is associated to WinSpirit Casino, which is an unregistered gaming website. Casino RAMA is not associated with WinSpirit Casino or any other unregistered online casinos.

In Ontario, regulated gaming sites are held to high standards of game integrity, data security and player protections. Ontario residents who choose to gamble online are being reminded to be aware of such advertisements and to always ensure the gaming site they are playing on is registered with the AGCO. A full list of Ontario's regulated casino and internet gaming sites can be found on the OLG and iGaming Ontario websites.

The IEB is a division of the OPP, embedded within the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, and is responsible for conducting criminal, provincial and regulatory eligibility investigations to ensure integrity and public safety within the AGCO-regulated industries.

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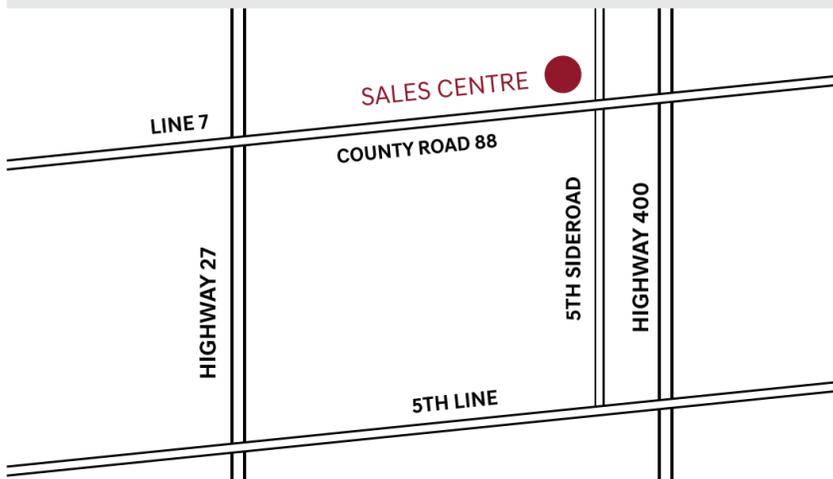
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Strong turnout at open houses in King City, Nobleton

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township facilitates community engagement.

And residents have responded in kind.

Many citizens turned out for back-to-back open houses, led by focus groups looking into the future of both King City and Nobleton.

This Township initiative aims to establish a vision, plan and implementing land-use framework for the Study Areas centered around Doctors Lane in King City and Old King Road in Nobleton, to support community growth in a vibrant and sustainable matter.

These core areas are integral to the community, offering essential amenities that enhance King's quality of life. The Township recognizes the value of community involvement and invites residents to help define the vision for these areas. The lands include a number of prominent buildings, including cultural heritage resources and lands that may be considered for redevelopment in both the long- and short-term.

A Neighbourhood Plan helps to shape new and existing neighbourhoods, considering existing and potential future land use, open space, design elements, transportation and active transportation networks and municipal servicing. The plan consists of graphics, images and maps that identify an approach to the development or re-development of an area.

Both Nobleton and King City events were well attended by the public, public servants and consultants.

"It is a testament to both the good heralding by the Township and the level of interest held by the constituency," said Gus Kokkoros, vice-president of the King Chamber of Commerce.

These "vision" events clearly invited input from stakeholders looking to participate in shaping King's vision, but also provided ample information for those curious attendees wishing to peruse alone.

While it's still in the early stages, Kokkoros said the King Chamber is happy to be a stakeholder.

He thought the "Vision Boards" at the open houses were perfect as they guided residents and also allowed for feedback.

Kokkoros noted the "Post-it note" informality is exactly what encourages participation at all levels of interest. The walkabout was a great addition to the agenda and the format was just incredibly productive.

"It was also an opportunity for constituents to connect with the mayor and ward councillors. Further, attendance and other input was well recorded by Township staff."

There will be many opportunities to get involved in developing the vision for these key locations. To get involved and stay informed, sign up for updates on the SpeaKING project page, or contact the project team at policyplanning@king.ca.



Residents were engaged at the open houses in both Nobleton (below) and King City (above) to plan for the future of growth areas.

Construction of Highway 413 set to begin in 2025, creating thousands of jobs

The Ontario government is moving ahead to get shovels in the ground on Highway 413 after having reached an agreement with the federal government for the project to proceed with strong environmental protections in place.

"We are delivering on our promise to build Highway 413 with a plan to fix gridlock and get drivers across Halton, Peel and York regions where they need to go faster," said Premier Doug Ford at the announcement in Caledon Tuesday morning. "Highway 413 will help meet the needs of our growing province as a prosperity corridor that will create thousands of good-paying union jobs during the construction phase and make life easier and more convenient for millions of drivers in the GTA and across Ontario. We're getting it done."

The province is currently undertaking fieldwork, including borehole drilling and engineering, to evaluate soil composition and bedrock depth. By mid-May, the province will be hosting a market sounding event with key private sector experts to discuss ways to move construction forward quickly and efficiently, taking advantage of new technologies and project acceleration strategies while maximizing opportunities for economic development.

The province will be meeting with property owners to acquire land at fair market value and following the coming into force of the Get it Done Act, if passed, will begin expediting land acquisitions in the fall. In addition, the province is planning for the release of the first early works construction contracts to begin building Highway 413 in 2025, subject to all necessary approvals.

"We have a responsibility to ensure Ontario drivers have more time to spend on the moments that really matter in life, not stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Highway 413 will bring much-needed relief to drivers across the GTA and our government is proud to be getting it done."

As Ontario makes significant progress on Highway 413, the province is also working with union and industry partners to create high-paying jobs for Ontario workers. During construction, Highway 413 is expected to contribute \$350 million to the province's real GDP and support 3,500 jobs each year, such as heavy equipment operators, drilling and coring contractors, concrete and steel workers, utility contractors, environmental specialists, laboratory technologists and safety inspectors.

Highway 413 is a central component of the government's transportation plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, designed to improve travel options and drive economic growth throughout the region. In addition to reducing commute times and improving connections to housing and jobs, Highway 413 will help spur investment in the province's auto manufacturing and other industries.

Highway 413 is a proposed 52-kilometre highway and transitway that will include extensions to Highways 410 and 427.

Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass are part of Ontario's \$70 billion plan to build, repair and upgrade roads, highways and bridges across the province.



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EXECUTIVE HOME WITH LUXURY UPGRADES

Builder's model home in Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates. This brand-new executive property boasts a 3-car garage, luxury upgrades, and exceptional craftsmanship. Highlights include a marble foyer, white oak floors, a gourmet kitchen, and spacious bedrooms with private bathrooms. Offered at \$3,999,000.



CUSTOMIZE YOUR DREAM LAKE WILCOX HOME

Introducing an opportunity to customize your dream executive home in Lake Wilcox. This to-be-built residence is designed with 4+1 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, and a chef's kitchen outfitted with high-end JennAir appliances. Envision luxurious finishes throughout, with the chance to select your preferences to truly make it your own. \$3,200,000.



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Arts & Entertainment

Gin joint speakeasy and swinging jazz come to King for one night

Come on out to a charming evening as the King Heritage and Cultural Centre is transformed into a speakeasy gin joint for a night.

Arts Society King enriches the Township by bringing arts and culture to all, and has teamed up with the King Heritage & Cultural Centre to bring the fabulous Diva In The Rough, Catherine Hughes, as well as Reid Distillery's master distiller to the Centre on Saturday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will include a curated gin tasting, dancing and a show of sultry jazz tunes from King's own Catherine Hughes and her Diva In the Rough Trio featuring the inimitable Don Guinn on piano and Geoff Bournes on saxophone.

So, forget these troublesome 2020s for a night, get yourself gussied up and transport yourself back to the glamour and atmosphere of the Roaring Twenties – the 1920s, that is. Dapper gents and Flappers, this evening is for you!

Proceedings start with the gin tasting, which begins at 6:30 with Reid's connoisseur guiding attendees through a selection of delicious gins. After that, the evening ramps up even further with entertainment by the fabulous Diva in the Rough Trio led by chanteuse Catherine Hughes at 7:30 or so, gin permitting!

Tickets are \$70+HST for the tasting and show, or \$35+HST if you'd rather just come for the jazz and dancing, including a lesson in The Charleston. Space is limited to just 30 tickets for the gin tasting with an additional 20 spots for the show, so book now! As anyone who's seen Hughes on stage can attest, it'll be a night to remember.

It all takes place at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, King City. It runs 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

There are two ticket options: gin tasting, jazz music and dance tickets

are \$70, while jazz music and dance only tickets cost \$35. Tickets are available at artsocietyking.ca/events/gin-jointandjazz.

For more, email info@artsocietyking.ca

The temperance movement in Canada emerged in the 19th century, advocating for the moderation or abstention from alcohol consumption. Influenced by similar movements in the United States and Europe, the movement eventually led to the implementation of prohibition in various provinces, starting with Prince Edward Island in 1901.

However, enforcement varied widely and the federal government ultimately repealed national prohibition laws in 1920. The prohibition era in Canada was characterized by illicit alcohol production and smuggling – also known as bootlegging – leading to the eventual abandonment of prohibition by most provinces by the late 1920s and early 1930s.

This event kicks off Museum Month and, as a member of the Ontario Museum Association, KHCC has a jam-packed month of activities to celebrate. This includes heritage rug hooking and printing workshops for adults and kids, a comic book program for kids and an artifact roadshow and workshop to teach people how to care for their collections at home.

These workshops will run throughout May and residents can register for them at townshipofking.perfectmind.com.

"The Prohibition Era was a fascinating time in Canadian history, marked by underground speakeasies and a flourishing jazz scene. We're excited to bring a taste of that era to the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, allowing guests to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and tastes of the roaring twenties," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.



Schomberg Community Hall blossoms with art and greenery: A Fusion of Creativity and Nature

Schomberg will witness a delightful convergence of artistry and horticulture at the historic Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street.

The hall, steeped in the rich tapestry of the town's history, will serve as the charming backdrop for a vibrant event that will bring together two local organizations: the esteemed not-for-profit Arts Society King and

the green-thumbed Schomberg Horticultural Society. The collaboration between these two community pillars will culminate in a spectacular Plant Sale and Pop-Up Art Show and Sale, captivating the senses of all who will attend.

Complementing the verdant splendor of the plant sale will be an exhibition of artistic treasures created by the artist members of Arts Society King. Local artists will showcase their talents through an eclectic mix of paintings, sculptures, and crafts, transforming the hall into a gallery of creativity. Attendees will marvel at the diversity of artistic expression on display, with each piece telling a unique story of inspiration and passion.

The collaborative efforts of Arts Society King and the Schomberg Horticultural Society continues in June, with Schomberg Horticultural Society's Garden Tour featuring Artists in the Garden on June 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 pm.. For details sign up to Arts Society King's eNewsletter, The eBlast, by emailing info@artsocietyking.ca

Plenty to see at Caledon ComiCon May 5

By Mark Pavilons

You're in for a treat at Caledon's ComiCon coming May 5. The event runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East.

A variety of vendors will be selling comic books, new and vintage toys, jewelry, DVDs, anime, manga, prints, and a variety of other awesome geek stuff. Some artists and authors will be on hand with their own art, books and comics. Visit their booths and get some unique items and even some free autographs.

Some vendors are also willing to purchase so bring your unwanted comic books, toys, video games and anything else you are looking to clear out and go home with some extra cash.

Cosplay is encouraged, but organizers are asking to check their website for rules and regulations (<https://www.popculturecanada.ca/>)

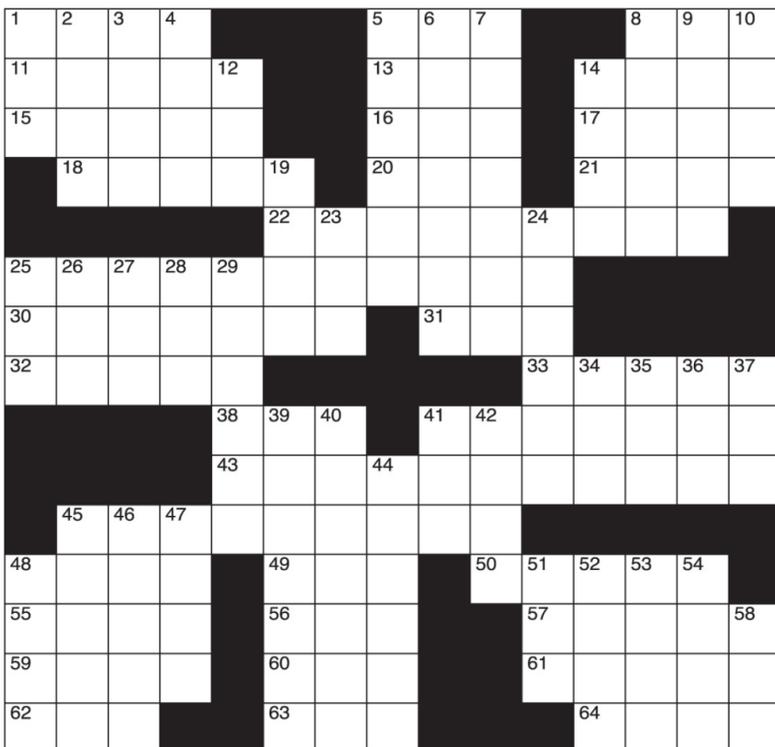
Tickets are available online through Eventbrite, and at the door. If you purchase your ticket online you will get a free comic book at the door.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caledon-comicon-may-5th-2024-comic-con-tickets-807241078797>

Organizers are also encouraging visitors to bring non-perishable food items for the local community food bank and get entered to win some fun prizes. One raffle ticket will be given for each item. Items in demand include kids snacks, juice boxes, canned veggies, canned pasta, cereal, pet food, toothpaste, soap, diapers and baby supplies. The event is organized by Pop Culture Canada.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Lions do it
5. In favor of
8. Rest here please (abbr.)
11. Pulpits
13. Leisure activity
14. Fertility god
15. Financial obligations
16. When you anticipate getting somewhere
17. Spanish river
18. Sporting events
20. Type of tree
21. Ceased to be
22. Persons
25. Synthetic resin
30. Relates to photochemical reactions
31. Father
32. Former Cowboys coach
33. City in Finland

CLUES DOWN

38. Run batted in
41. Got through
43. They darken skin
45. In a harmful way
48. Form of weaving
49. City of Angels
- hoopster
50. Caucasian language
55. Syngman __
- Korean president
56. Sun up in New York
57. Paddled
59. Fishes
60. Affirmative
61. Nimble
62. Doctor of Education
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. A small island
3. Swedish rock group
4. College army
5. Favor over another
6. Called it a career
7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
8. Israeli statesman
9. Hurries
10. Slog
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Benedictine monk
19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
23. Family of regulator genes
24. Surrendering
25. Political action committee
26. S. American plant
27. Long-term memory
28. Bark
29. Breathes in
34. Take hold of
35. Everyone has one
36. Valentine's Day color
37. Drivers' licenses and passports
39. Outer walls of castles
40. Enters with force
41. One thousandth of an inch
42. Deceased Chinese politician
44. Sugary secretion of plants
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Shelter
47. Utilizes
48. Forest resident
51. Fashion accessory
52. A sharply directional antenna
53. __ Kristofferson, actor
54. A bad place to end up
58. MLBer Gordon

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St. Anne's, Town, Shining Hill reach deal on new turf field

By Brock Weir

A new artificial turf field will increase sports and recreation opportunities in Aurora.

Last week, a deal was reached between the Town of Aurora, St. Anne's School (SAS), and Shining Hill Group to construct a state-of-the-art \$7 million turf field and park for the Aurora community.

The facilities will be located near St. Anne's, which is located on the north side of St. John's Sideroad, just west of Yonge Street, and will be part of Shining Hill's Gates of St. Anne's community, currently being constructed at the intersection's northwest corner.

"In partnership with St. Anne's School and Shining Hill Group, the Town of Aurora is proud to support the development of this state-of-the-art neighbourhood park inclusive of an artificial turf, splash pad, playground, and pickleball courts," said Mayor Tom Mrakas in a statement. "Partnership plays an important role in fostering a strong sense of community and has proven successful in Aurora. The addition of the turf field and park will not only benefit the students of St. Anne's but will enhance the overall quality of life for all residents. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this project will have on our Town for years to come."

The new turf field and park will include the field itself, which will be branded appropriately for St. Anne's

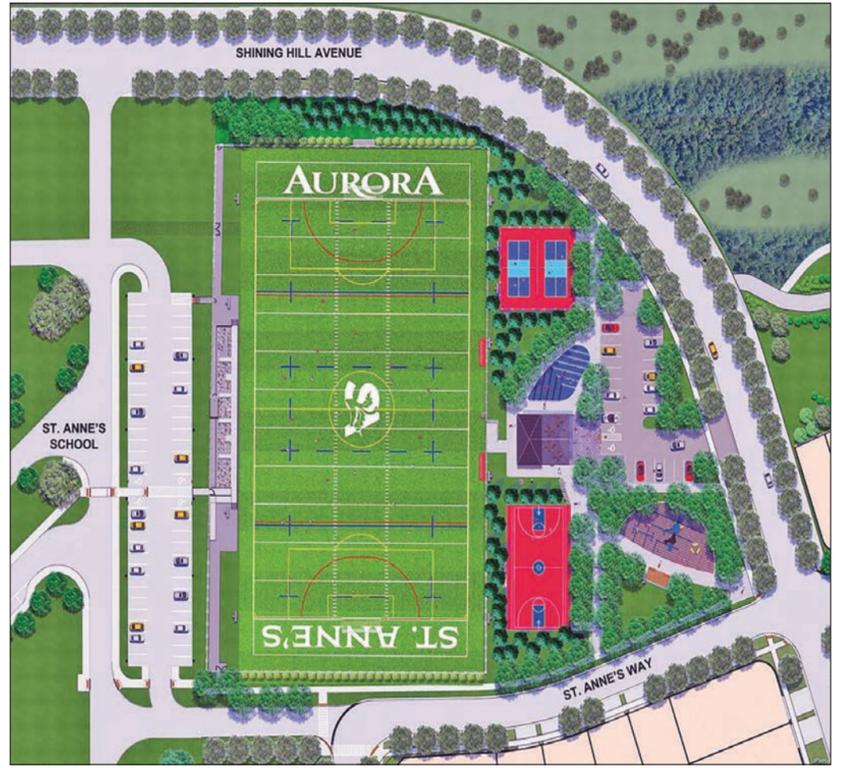
and the Town, 500-seat stadium-style bleachers, lighting for evening games, facilities suitable for flag football, rugby, field hockey and soccer, pickleball courts, multi-use courts for basketball and like sports, a splash pad, parking, and washroom facilities.

St. Anne's Head of School Sabrina D'Angelo says the new field and facilities will help the school "move into next-level programming, which is really exciting."

"It is a unique situation in that we have partnered with the Town and Shining Hill group. We have been conversing about it since Shining Hill Group purchased all of this property."

As St. Anne's is partnered with the nearby St. Andrew's College, which lies on 126 acres, there has been "no shortage of field facilities" for SAS students, but this new deal was a missing piece that will enable St. Anne's to serve the needs of its growing population and develop a "comprehensive athletics program" that will parallel SAC's offering.

"It's important that we invest in our student-athletes," says D'Angelo. "Because of the unique connection and partnership we have with the Town of Aurora and Shining Hill Group, we started to devise a plan around the various opportunities that could be afforded to the school, that would complement and strengthen the relationship. For us, it was important to be able to leverage some of the Town land for the school, and we are also very big believ-



ers in having strong connections with the community, so it was a win-win-win – a win for St. Anne's, a win for the Town of Aurora and the local community, and a win for Shining Hill Group," says D'Angelo.

"One of the really great features, particularly with the two-acre turf field, is that it is outfitted for field hockey, flag football, soccer, and rugby, but we are also really excited about it being lit, which we don't have at St. Andrew's. Currently at SAC, games can't be played post-dusk, but now we have

an opportunity to leverage the facility and host different events. St. Andrew's is very eager to see this introduction as well as it adds a dimensionality to their offerings.

Under the shared user agreement, St. Anne's will have the opportunity to use the turf field for academic and co-curricular purposes throughout the academic calendar.

Construction of the field is under way, and it is hoped to be operational and open to the public by the start of the 2024-2025 school year this fall.



'Jane's Walk' to feature Schomberg's hidden histories this Saturday, May 4

Learning local history is the theme behind the second annual Jane's Walk in Schomberg this weekend.

Katie Konstantopoulos, Jane's Walk chapter lead, is presenting a festival of free, community-led walking conversations.

On the first weekend of May every year, people around the world gather to celebrate the legacy of the late Toronto urbanist and community-champion Jane Jacobs (1916-2006) by getting involved in their community. Jane's Walk started in Toronto to include diverse voices and ideas into discussions about cities, neighbourhoods and communities. There are currently over 500 Jane's Walk chapters across the world, and King Township is now one of them!

Konstantopoulos said Jane's Walk is an incredible opportunity to encourage people to share stories about their neighborhoods, discover unseen aspects of their communities, and use walking as a way to connect with their neighbors. While many Jane's Walks are held in cities, rural communities have a lot to say about our main streets, our local buildings, parks, and the broader environment.

This year, Jane's Walk falls on the weekend of May 3-5, and Konstantopoulos is excited to be bringing back Part 2 of the highly successful inaugural walk, "Hidden Histories of Schomberg Main Street," in collaboration with Councillor Mary Asselstine. This May 4, spend your afternoon talking about floods, fire, facades, and folklore along Schomberg's Main Street alongside a group of local history buffs and citizen historians. This Walk begins at the Schomberg Library at 1 p.m. and ends at the Community Hall at 3 p.m. Following the Walk, join them at the Community Hall for refreshments and an exhibit of local artists featuring Main Street old and new. The gallery will be curated by King's Heritage and Culture staff.

Jane's Walk King is also looking to expand. Konstantopoulos said they opening the opportunity to feature a different set of perspectives from community members, including those who might be underrepresented in conversations about community planning, place making, and other topics of interest. The best part about Jane's Walk is that anyone can lead one! Everyone is an expert on the places they live, work, learn and play in.

Jane's Walks are typically walking tours, but they can also be bike rides, poetry readings, performance art, games, and more. If you've ever discussed local stories and issues in King Township with friends or family, why not bring your ideas to your neighbours during a Jane's Walk?

Ready to get walking? For more information about Jane's Walk, the schedule of events, and to RSVP, visit JanesWalk-King.ca or email JanesWalk.King@gmail.com

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Smile Cookie campaign kicks off at Tim Hortons in King City to Support Hope House Hospice

By Jim Stewart

Restaurant owners and local philanthropists Rita and Len Mizzoni have chosen Hope House Community Hospice to be the recipient of the 2024 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie charity fundraising campaign.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini joined Hope House representatives Heidi Bonner and Rhonda Flanagan, as well as Tim Hortons' King City Manager Henrietta Marfoh and Supervisor Rachel Kearnz, to sample this year's inaugural batch of cookies and kick off the annual charity fundraiser that benefits residents in the communities of King City and Aurora beset with the challenges of terminal illness.

Mayor Pellegrini praised the work of Hope House Hospice representatives for bringing comfort to the afflicted and suffering: "Their work is immensely important and it shows the caring character of the community. Hope House provides a very much-needed service that, unfortunately, so many people need at the end of life. It's a way to die with dignity and Hope House has been providing this high level of compassionate and caring service for 41 years."

Director of Development Rhonda Flanagan noted that "Hope House is the only hospice in King" and she

noted that the charitable organization is always in need of local volunteers. Flanagan also made a pitch for new local Board members to round out its staff and community representation.

Heidi Bonner, Executive Director of Hope House, expressed her gratitude to the Mizzoni family's community leadership: "One of the objectives of the campaign is to support the Mizzoni Family and their Tim Hortons businesses in King City and Nobleton. They are such a big part of both communities and we appreciate their support of the Hospice through the annual Smile Cookie Campaign."

Bonner added that one of the principal objectives of the Smile Cookie Campaign is to "raise awareness of the supportive services provided to residents in Aurora and King by the Hope House Community Hospice. The Hospice has been King-based for decades and builds community. The bottom line of the campaign is that it is a fundraiser to help serve residents and their families with their difficult end-of-life challenges. One of the most satisfying parts of the annual campaign is The Tim Hortons team who are amazing to work with here in King City and in Nobleton."

This year's Smile Cookie Campaign runs through May 5.



Tim Hortons Supervisor Rachel Kearnz, Store Manager Henrietta Marfoh, Hope House Executive Director Heidi Bonner, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, and Hope House Director of Development Rhonda Flanagan kicked off the annual Smile Cookie fundraising campaign last week in King City.

With roots in King, Hope House continues to serve the community

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Supporting residents and their families, Hope House Community Hospice serves the needs of the of those with a life-threatening illness.

Heidi Bonner, executive director and Rhonda Flanagan, director of development, outlined the group's efforts at a recent King council meeting.

Caring for an ill family member is difficult, especially if they're nearing the end of their lives.

Hope House offers individual and group support by staff and volunteers. Services are provided in the community, at Hope House and in the clients' homes.

Hope House began as Hospice King in 1983 and through two iterations, became Hope House in 2017.

Currently, King represents 9% of their service area, with 9% of the clients living in King. But 12% of their volunteers hail from King.

Their professional staff and dedicated volunteers provide innovative, personalized, compassionate support, all at no cost. They help people diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, along with their families and caregivers.

The organization believes that no one journeys along through illness or loss.

The group relies on only four full-time and four part-time staff. Students and more than 100 volunteers help it carry out its mandate.

In the 2022/23 fiscal year, Hope House supported 494 clients, through 11,130 interactions. That translated to more than 8,200 hours.

They also held 175 wellness group sessions, 111 bereavement group sessions and 388 counselling sessions. Hope House staff also made some 542

meal deliveries and wellness checks.

Roughly 35% of the group's funding comes from the Ministry of Health, meaning 65% of their budget is made up from fundraising, grants, etc. The group shared in proceeds from several known community events, such as the Tim Hortons Smile Cookies, Hike for Hospice and annual golf tournament.

Their clients are not only those suffering an illness, but family caregivers who may need help and support.

Staff provide client assessment, referral, counselling, care coordination. They also conduct volunteer screening, orientation, training, supervision and support. Hope House works closely with the community multidisciplinary team (nurses, doctors, home and community care coordinators, etc.). In-home volunteer visiting provides psychosocial support, practical assistance and caregiver relief.

The Hope House Hub in Aurora is a place where you can connect, share and learn.

Hope House helps people through the entire journey, from diagnosis through bereavement.

The representative asked council to help spread the word about their services.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini offered the Township's support in spreading the word via its online platforms.

"It's nice to see this King-born group has evolved like this," he said.

For more, visit <https://www.hope-househospice.com/>



Kathryn McLellan, King's Environmental Stewardship & Outreach Coordinator, posed with the roughly 2,000 pounds of electronics collected at the March event at Cold Creek.

King hosts Community Yard Sale and e-Waste Recycling event Saturday

In its commitment to environmental sustainability and efforts to divert waste from the landfill, King Township is hosting its annual Community Yard Sale and Electronic Waste Recycling event on Saturday, May 4 at the Trisan Centre, located at 25 Dillane Dr. in Schomberg.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., bargain hunters can shop for hidden treasures and give them a new life at the indoor yard sale, located inside the gymnasium of the recreation facility. Unique finds range from small appliances to sports equipment and everything in between. The Schomberg Lions Club will be on-site selling shoppers a variety of refreshments including coffee, muffins, butter tarts, donuts and more. Entry is free.

The Electronic Waste Recycling event will happen concurrently outdoors in the parking lot, where residents can responsibly dispose of old electronics in a large receptacle bin. Electronic waste (e-waste) items such as televisions, computers, cameras, video game consoles, printers and DVD players are not collected through regular curbside pick-up and do not belong in the garbage or blue box. Electronic waste items can contain valuable resources and hazardous materials that need to be recycled, reused or disposed of responsibly.

Residents are required to unload their items and there is no cost for patrons to dispose of their electronics. Residents are reminded to protect their privacy by cleaning personal data and removing batteries from e-waste items before dropping them off.

The Township partners with Recycle My Electronics to run a series of e-waste recycling events at recreation facilities across King. The EPRA ensures collected materials are handled and recycled in a safe, secure and environmentally sound manner. In 2023, a total of 3,934 kilograms of electronic waste was collected as part of this program.

For more information about the event, visit king.ca/CommunityYardSale or email environmentalstewardship@king.ca.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Schomberg Agricultural Fair update

There will be something for everyone going on at Schomberg's 174th Fair – great food, entertainment, midway rides, demolition derby, cattle show, rabbit & Cavy shows, baby show, family fun events, mutt show, agricultural events and displays, and a parade. In the Community Hall, you will find Homecraft displays featuring beautiful

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, May 5 is Rural Life Sunday. Come and join us! Services are at 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United Church, and at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Both churches enjoy a social time afterwards with tea/coffee and cookies.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, May 14. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. so that the entertainment can start at 11:30. Guest speaker, Lianne Harris, is back by popular request. Her topic this time is Royal Scandals, "Gossip, intrigue, love affairs, clandestine meetings, mystery children, secrets shared and confidences broken – it's all in a day's work for the Royals! Some royal scandals were nothing more than juicy tittle-tattling or passing fancies, but some were real game changers. This lady dresses up to suit the topic.

The meal is quiche and leaf lettuce salad with Bonnie Stern's Israeli dressing, peameal bacon, fruit salad and cookies. 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. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. This is a fun family time with crafts, story and a meal. All is free. Please contact me (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to say that you intend to come so that we have enough crafts and food for everyone.

Sunday, May 26, there is a Joint Service at Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m., as that is the weekend of the Schomberg Fair.

Sunday, June 2 is Schomberg United's Anniversary. This will be a Joint Service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a light lunch. They are celebrating 176 years as a congregation and 8 years in their new home. Since Schomberg UC has been a long-term supporter of the Canadian Food Grains Bank, the guest speaker is the Ontario Regional Rep: Henry Reinders. Here is a little bit about him <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/new-ontario-rep-appointed/>

On Wednesday, June 26, we will be celebrating Richard Gardner's Ordination. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton United and have a pot-luck meal together.

For the summer, we will not have regular Sunday services. Instead, we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and have a hymn sing for half an hour, followed by a pot-luck dinner. The location will alternate, between Schomberg United (July 3) and Nobleton United (July 10). On July 17, there will be a picnic at Jack and Kim Campbell's starting at 4:30 p.m.

Al-Anon, a support group for family and friends of alcoholics, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Nobleton United.

Nobleton United Church Quilters continue to meet and sew every Wednesday. They have baby quilts (perfect shower gift) for sale. They also do custom quilting for anyone interested. Those of us who attended the recent Pasta Dinner admired the lap quilt that lucky draw winner, Elizabeth, won. Lap quilts are perfect for those evenings that are a bit chilly. For more info, contact Fran Bones 416-573-3819.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a huge variety of topics. You are welcome to join us. Just send me a message nancykhopkinson@gmail.com and I will provide the link.

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6476 King Rd., Nobleton. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary. Some pews have been removed from the Nobleton sanctuary to make a special place with a long table and chairs for children to colour or draw during the service.

prize-winning quilts and exhibits in Amateur Art, Antiques, Crafts & Hobbies, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Needlework, Photography, Juniors.

We encourage you to take a look at the Schomberg Fair Prize book online at schombergfair.com and enter the competitions. Or join the family fun events on the grounds, that adorable pooch just might turn out to be top dog! While you're at the Community Hall, be sure to take a break & enjoy a slice of homemade pie.

Entries for Homecraft, Juniors and the Beef Cattle Show (including Junior Beef Cattle Show) will occur online using Assist Expo. Questions about the classes can be sent to Homecraft@schombergfair.com or Beefshow@schombergfair.com. If you aren't comfortable registering online, that's ok – bring your items into the Community Hall on Thursday, May 23 from 7 to 9 p.m., or Friday, May 24 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and we will help you.

Cattle Show entries will only be accepted online. Check the website www.schombergfair.com/Competitions for the Prize book.

The link for fair entries is here: <https://www.assistexpo.ca/schomberg-agricultural-society>

A note from the President the Schomberg Agricultural Society:

The Homecraft Committee for the Schomberg Fair has been working hard over the past few months learning and implementing a computerized system for the exhibitor's registration for Homecraft and Beef Cattle.

While the new system will have some growing pains, I am sure once it is in place, and people get used to it, it will make entries, judging results, and the handing out of awards and prizes all that much better and smoother for all involved.

Frog Night Out

"Schomberg Frog Night Out" is a guided walk given by The Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection to hear the frogs. It's such a soothing sound if you've never heard it. Meet at the shelter in the Marsh on Tuesday, May 7 at 8 p.m.



Schomberg Euchre Club

Monday, May 20 – No meeting (Victoria Day).

Euchre is now on Thursday 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 how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously. Last Thursday we had our end of season party and celebrated 2 years since Caroline Campoli posted about starting a club. Little did she know what she was creating, thank you to Caroline and Karen who managed it so well and all those that come out regularly and make it such a fun night.

Schomberg Seniors (55+)

This past Monday we had a very informative presentation from Beverley Flanagan, from the King Township Historical Society. We learned that King township consists of over 129 square miles of farmland, rolling hills, which hold a lot of rich history. Thank you to Beverly and Sharon Bently, for taking the time out today to come and give us a crash course in King Township history.

Calling all Bridge players, or Bridge wannabees! Are you 55 or over? If so, we welcome you to join us on any Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. for a couple of hours of playing or learning to play Bridge.

Coffee, tea and treats available. Luga-mug and help save the environment by not contributing to the five hundred billion disposable coffee cups that end up in landfill each year. Costs to play are \$1 for members of Schomberg seniors 55+ club and \$2 for non-members.

Monday, May 13 – 2 p.m. – Ice Cream Social – Make your own sundae. Brian Wright entertains. \$5 RSVP by May 6 to Lynn at klbird@hotmail.com

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Honour Roll hockey player Andrew Castiglione leads Villanova College Knights to CISAA final four

By Jim Stewart

It's evident that Grade 11 Honour Roll Student Andrew Castiglione – who led the Villanova College Knights to a CISAA Final Four finish – has had a positive impact on his King City high school both athletically and academically.

He's also had a terrific season skating for the Vaughan Kings, an 18U squad that fought their way to a second place regular season finish then captured the GTHL championship in April. It is this combination of accomplishments by Castiglione that caught the eye of Knights' hockey coaches Sergio Blasi and Jordan Kybartas.

Coaches Blasi and Kybartas nominated their top player for the King Weekly Sentinel's Student-Athlete of the Week because he is an exceptional athlete: "Andrew Castiglione was an integral part of the Villanova College Varsity Hockey team's success the entire year and (he was) our top player in the last 3 games of the season scoring key goals and playing great defense. His mental resilience, discipline, passion, coachability, attention to detail, and competitive spirit are what make him an exceptional athlete in our eyes."

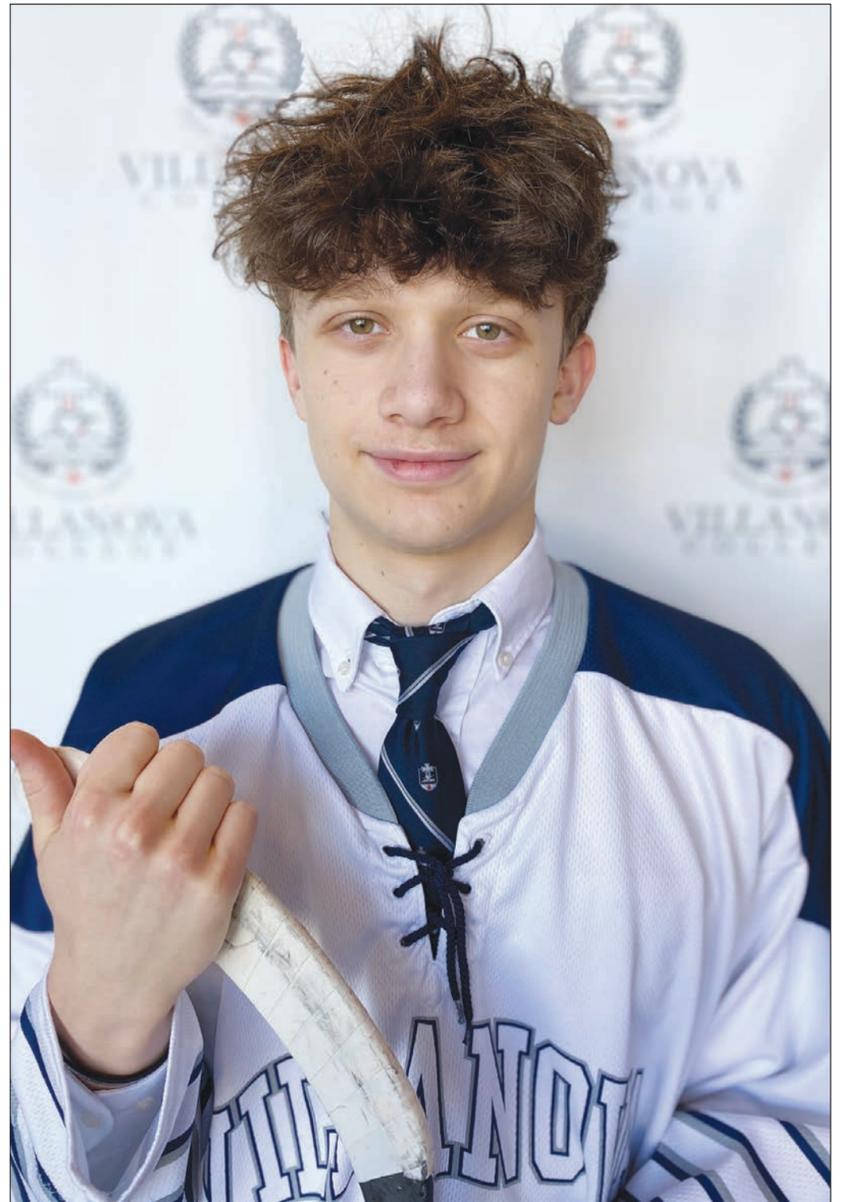
In addition to being their star player down the stretch, Castiglione's coaches also credited him for consistently fine academic work at Villanova: "In the classroom, Andrew is a responsible, highly-motivated, punctual, goal-oriented leader who has consistently sustained an excellent academic average over the last three years."

What impressed Coaches Blasi and Kybartas the most about Castiglione is that he is "a student of the game and his vision of what to do in key situations. Andrew is very coachable which is a key ingredient to improvement and he is a team player who always puts the team first." They both pointed to one key performance moment to highlight Castiglione's value to the Varsity Hockey Knights: "A key performance moment came in our CISAA quarter final game versus Crestwood Preparatory College when Andrew scored 2 goals and 2 assists, leading our team to a 5-2 victory over Crestwood to secure a place in the league's Final Four."

Alas, the 2023-24 hockey season has ended for Castiglione as both the Knights and the Kings have completed very successful campaigns. After a busy fall and winter being committed to two excellent high-performance hockey teams, the Honour Roll student was able to take time from his Third Term studies at Villanova College to respond to our interview questions:

King Weekly Sentinel: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Andrew Castiglione: "Like most athletes, my sports season had many ups and downs; however, I always maintained my focus and worked hard to achieve the results I expect of myself. For example, I strive to consistently perform at a high-level during games, showcasing my skills, talent, respect



for others, and dedication to the sport of hockey. In addition, I prioritize my studies and put forth the same high degree of effort and focus to achieve the academic success I know I am capable of achieving. I am a hard worker, I do not believe in giving up; therefore, I am committed to both athletic and academic pursuits. I make it my mission to maintain a high GPA."

KWS: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season that you are most proud of?

AC: "Honestly, I am most proud of the Villanova hockey team. We were able to make it to the Final Four in the CISAA championships. Although we were not victorious, I was proud to play alongside my peers and achieve this success. The experiences throughout the season were some to remember as I played alongside my fellow classmates."

KWS: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for, and at what level?

AC: "In addition to playing for the Villanova College hockey team, I also play on the Under 18 Vaughan Kings which is a AAA team in the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL). We finished the regular season in second place which itself was a significant accomplishment. We ended up fighting through a lot of adversity and winning the playoffs becoming the champions of the GTHL. This meant that we would be travelling to Sault Ste. Marie to play in the Ontario Hockey Finals (OHF) championship."

KWS: How would you describe yourself as a student at Villanova? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honour Roll?

AC: "I joined Villanova in Grade 7 and I believe my experiences there have helped shape me into the person I am today. Villanova has taught me compassion and patience and allowed me to form many friendships with like-minded people I can call my friends. Most of all, I have learned that success requires hard work; nothing can be taken for granted. Because of this, I work hard at my studies, I spend

time with my friends, and I cherish the memories I make every day. At Villanova, I played on the school hockey team, and have successfully made the honour roll every year."

KWS: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

AC: "My dream has always been to play hockey at some professional level which is why I would like to go to a good college and play in the NCAA for a Division 1 school. Although the competition is fierce, I plan to do my best to make this dream a reality."

KWS: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

AC: "I am grateful to have many people in my life daily who provide me with guidance and serve as role models for the person I want to be, so it would be difficult to identify just one role model. My sister, Lauren, is a very happy and positive person with lots of energy. My other sister, Emma, is very confident and is always by my side no matter what. My mother is filled with love and care, always looking out for those around her. My grandfather, Harry Rosenberg, is a very wise and calm man who has supported me my entire life. Finally, my father is a noble man who has taught me how to act and behave in life, making me the man I am today."

KWS: How do you feel about being nominated as The King Weekly Sentinel's Student-Athlete of the Week?

AC: "I am truly honoured to be nominated as The King Weekly Sentinel's Student-Athlete of the Week. It is very rewarding to be recognized for the hard work I put into my studies and my hockey, and I hope to continue to be successful as my academic and sports journey continues."



Purdy's students excelled at the recent PFCFA tournament Shown are (l to r) Amelia Purdy, Zareena B. Ahmad, Olivia Smith, Daniel Tribuzio, Gabriel Ditri, Francesco Colavecchia, Ben Brown, Matthew Da Re, Noah Brown, John DaRe, Zayba B. Ahmad.

Purdy students bring home medals

On April 20, the Purdy Centre for the Arts participated at the 40th Anniversary CNGK Championships in Elora Ontario. It was a competitive day with over 150 GoJu Ryu martial artists in attendance to test their skills at the tournament.

Sensei Blair Purdy, who is the head instructor at the PCFA, prepared 11 of his students who brought back 11 Gold standings, 6 Silver standings, and 6 Bronze standings for a combined 23 honors for the day. There were many divisions offered for the different ranks and ages including Kata (forms) Kumite (sparring), and Kobudo (weapons).

Amelia Purdy – age 17 from King, Gold – Kumite, Gold – Kobudo, Silver – Kata.

Daniel Tribuzio – age 19 from Schomberg, Gold – Kata, Gold – Kobudo, Bronze – Kumite.

Zayba B. Ahmad – age 12 from King, Gold – Kobudo, Bronze – Kumite, Bronze – Kata.

Ben Brown – age 12 from Aurora, Gold – Kata, Silver - Kumite.

Olivia Smith – age 15 from Schomberg, Gold – Kumite, Silver – Kata.

Francesco Colavecchia - age 18 from Kettleby, Gold – Kumite, Silver – Kata.

Zareena B. Ahmad – age 11 from King, Gold – Kumite, Bronze – Kata.

Gabriel Ditri – age 8 from Schomberg, Gold - Kobudo, Bronze – Kata.

Noah Brown – age 12 from Aurora, Silver – Kata, Bronze – Kumite.

John DaRe – age 23 from King, Gold – Kumite.

Matthew Da Re – age 20 from King, Silver – Kumite.

"I want my students to experience the energy of the moment with spectators and participants," says Purdy, "That alone is worth the cost to participate in the tournament. The preparation that is put into an event like this helps my students to deal with the stress – and it is a very high stress level – but dealing with it can only be useful in better preparing these kids for their adult life."

The Purdy Centre for the Arts just hit its 20th year since opening its doors and being part of the King/Schomberg Community. Although Sensei Blair holds a 4th Degree Black Belt in Goju Ryu Karate, he pushes his curriculum at the PCFA with the influences of Kung Fu, Boxing, and Mixed Martial Arts. For any information regarding classes please call 416-562-2760 or check the website www.purdycenter.com

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message entitled, "A Tripping Hazard" from Acts 15.1-35.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. 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.

At St. Paul's we have Life Connect Groups. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of these groups, please be in touch with us via our online connection card, stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

Kids ages 4 to 12 are invited to this year's Bible Fun Camp. The theme will be "finding our place in God's Kingdom." Each day, Monday to Friday, will run from 9 a.m. to noon. An online fillable Registration Form will be posted on our website shortly. As in past years there is no fee for this event.

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

If you are a high school student or older and feel called to volunteer in the Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry, which takes place on Sundays at St. Patrick's Parish during the 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebration and at St. Mary's Mission Church during the 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebrations, please contact the parish office. Community service hours are available for High School students who volunteer for this program. Training will be provided.

This Friday, May 3 is the First Friday of the Month of May. Please join us for the celebration of the Holy Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's followed by Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's for the celebration of the Holy Mass followed by Holy Hour with praise and worship music. The Sacrament of Confession will be available during Holy Hour-Eucharistic Adoration at both churches.

On Thursday, May 9, join our Life-Teen youth group, parishioners and thousands of students and families from across Canada and the U.S. as we gather on Parliament Hill in Ottawa for the 2024 National March for Life. This year's theme is "I Will Never Forget You." The bus will be leaving from St. David's Church, Maple at 6:30 a.m. and will be leaving Ottawa at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person or a donation. This is a silent, peaceful march as we walk the streets of Ottawa to call for an end to abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide. If you would like to join us to attend this journey to support life, please contact Zephania Gangl - zgangl@archtoronto.org or St. David's Parish - Gerry Sciara to reserve your seat on the coach bus. Both contact numbers can be found in the parish bulletin. Space is limited.

All youth in Grades 5-8 are invited to join us for our Edge Night on Our Lady on Friday, May 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. Join us for a pizza dinner, snacks and drinks followed by games, crafts and a faith-filled discussion on Our Lady. Hope to see you there!

Summer Bible Camp 2024 - July 8 to 12. We are very excited to announce that registration is now live for both campers and summer volunteers for our Summer Bible Camp 2024! The half-day camp will run Monday, July 8

through Friday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities include moments of prayer, praise and worship, fun indoor and outdoor games and crafts. It is an excellent option for kids in Grades 1 to 6! Invite your friends! The cost for the week is \$75 per child. If you are a teen in Grade 9+, this is a great opportunity for you to earn community service hours. Email Zephania to receive the link for the registration form or volunteer application form.

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

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

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

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

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.

May 2 - Computer Workshop - Presented by Job Skills - Day 2.

May 9 - Osteoporosis - How to Prevent Falls.

May 16 - Art with Angela Del Borrello - free-lance artist. Rock Painting for your Garden. Each person will paint 2-3 rocks. Cost is \$15 which includes all materials.

May 23 - Elder Abuse society - Fraud, Scams & Financial Abuse of Family.

May 30 - "IG Wealth Management" - What do Seniors Need to Know.

June 6 - CPR & how to use the Defibrillator - presented by Fire Chief Kevin Ritson.

June 13 - Dental Hygiene for Seniors presented by Dr. Hollander & associates. Regular care & Denture care. New government dental plan.

June 20 - Channeling Energy & Dispelling Stress. Adapt some fun ways to manage stress with your energy. Presented by Joanne Bailey RN.

June 27 - Potluck Party to end the summer. Please bring finger foods for 4-6 people.

All weekly Thursday programs in Nobleton will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated. Please call the Township or myself (Joanne) to sign up for any programs listed.

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

At the Nobleton Library, located on 8 Sheardown Drive, The Nobleton Book Club is hosting an evening with local resident Bev Berger and her guide dog, Jensen. Bev is a spokesperson for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program. Come out and learn about this important project on Wednesday,

May 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a question/answer period following Bev Berger's presentation and a photo opportunity.

Please note that on Wednesday, June 12 the Nobleton Book Club, we will discuss 2 books. Demon Copperfield, our May book has been rescheduled for June 12, along with our June book, Just the Nicest Couple.

Nobleton Tennis Club

Registration for Nobleton Tennis Club is now open. Please visit clubspark.ca/nobletontennisclub.com to register for the summer season. Nobleton tennis club offers junior and adult beginner group lessons, adult clinics, cardio tennis, junior camps, various levels of inter county tennis and several socials and tournaments.

Half-day summer camp dates are July 8-12 and July 22-26. Registration for all programs can be made through the website above. We are excited to offer an 'Intro to tennis' on May 10. No membership is required for this event so swing by. Refreshments will be served after the on court introduction, come prepared to play tennis. Sign up is required for this program again through the website or email nobletontc2@gmail.com.

Nobleton Lions

On Monday, May 20 the Nobleton Lions, along with other community groups, will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities. Then, on the following Sunday, May 26, you and your pets are invited to walk in the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, starting from the Library Gazebo. Registration is at 9 am and the walk begins at 10 a.m. For more information about the walk and how you can participate and donate, please visit <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/nobletonlionsclubwalkfordogguides>

Next, on Sunday, June 9 the annual golf fundraiser will take place at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. For information, entry forms, and sponsor forms, please see the club's website.

As a service to the community we are now pleased to publicize events for other local non-profit organizations such as sports groups, schools, and churches on our website and Facebook page. Details can be found on the Homepage of our website.

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 Bevil 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.

Cream tea on tap at Christ Church

Anglican Parish of Lloydtown

We are open Sundays at two locations:

St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour

Christ Church Kettleby 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by coffee and nibbles

May's services will follow this pattern, as the next combined service will be Sunday, June 2.

The traditional Cream Tea is being held at Christ Church (292 Kettleby Rd) this coming Saturday, May 4, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Enjoy Devon cream on biscuits with homemade jam after you shop the famous Bake Table and select purchases from an array of native plants and seedlings, quilts, wood carvings, candles, jewelry, and Kettleby crafts. Kettleby road closure has been delayed to May 6, so access from the Lloydtown-Aurora Road is open as usual.

Sunday's homily related the story of Phillip and the Ethiopian. The Ethiopian was a man of considerable standing,

having control of the Treasury in the country we now know as Sudan. He was clearly highly educated, and was returning from a trip to worship in Roman-controlled Jerusalem. He was seeking truth and wisdom, and Phillip found him studying a reading from the prophet Isaiah in a scroll of Hebrew Scriptures.

Phillip had experienced an angelic apparition that told him to approach this person, who seemed to him like a random stranger and talk about God. In spite of inward misgivings, Phillip followed God's instructions and began a conversation. The Ethiopian asked Phillip, a veritable stranger, to sit with him and share his knowledge. This led to an understanding of Jesus as the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, and the Ethiopian became a devout Christian, was baptized and continued on his way home to integrate his new faith into daily life. Indeed, it was encounters like this one that fostered the growth of Christianity across countries and cultural divides.

This story is one of many in Acts that encourages followers of Christ to be courageous in their expression of faith.



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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

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King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service! Pastor Mark Nowell will be bringing us the message on The Kingdom Of God. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School registration is open! Kids aged 6-13 can come and enjoy a week of games, snacks, Bible stories, crafts and science experiments. Join us the week of Aug. 12-16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can register through our website!

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

York Region Food Network will be holding demonstrations on Meal Preparation for One. This will be an excellent source of inspiration for those living on their own. Each session can only accommodate 5 participants so if you are interested, you must call the office and sign up quickly. When these dates are filled you will be put on a wait list for any of the sessions in which a space becomes available. The sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and will take place on the following dates: Wednesday May 22; Wednesday June 26; Wednesday, July 24. Registration is now open.

Friday, May 10 at 10 a.m. we will have a presentation by Hearing Canada. (RSVP).

Friday, May 17 at 10 a.m. we will have a presentation on how to make your home safe for aging in place. (RSVP).

On Friday, May 31 at 10 a.m., we will be holding a Trivia Game Day. For this event, members can register as individuals or in teams of 2, 3, or 4 people. Once you have decided how you will participate, call the office at 905-833-6565 and sign up by May 22. This will be fun activity with food and prizes provided by Richview Manor Retirement Home.

Please note further time changes Monday afternoon activities.

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: 12:30 p.m. – Music and Movement; 1:30 p.m. Cribbage; Knitting/Crochet; 2 p.m. knitting.

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

King City Tennis Association

The King City Tennis Association is getting ready for its 2024 season, which runs May through September.

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township. Visit kingcitytennis.com

Markus Ziegler, OTA Certified Head Tennis Coach of several years, is ready to provide tennis programs for all ages and levels of ability. He offers many excellent and varied Junior Programs starting in May which continue to September.

Don't forget the very popular 1 to 4 p.m. daily Junior Summer Camp in July and August. A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 24 juniors, so sign up early.

Schomberg AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly at Suburban North at 116 Church St. They're held every Monday and Thursday in-peron at 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church

First Friday of the Month May 3, Silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins-3:30 p.m., Holy Rosary-5:30 p.m., Benediction-6 p.m. and Holy Mass-7 p.m. First Friday Prayer Vigil begins at 8 p.m. to Saturday morning followed by Mass at 8 a.m.

National March for Life on Thursday, May 9 in Ottawa. Join Fr. John and other parishioners for this silent peaceful march. Reserve your seat on the bus with either \$60 or a donation. Contact Gerry Sciara at 647-501-1173.

Wow, Wow, Wow. What started as a casual discussion over Sunday coffee and friendship after Mass with a few parishioners a few months ago became a successful family-style lunch. The aglio-oglio pasta was a hit, and all said 'Yum' to 800! Homemade meatballs.

Good will and community spirit organized for 180 people who were well fed and enjoyed a fun indoor party on a rainy afternoon. All food and ingredients were donated: Toter Meats-meat & olio puro artigianale; Newmarket Meat Packers, Siderno Meats, Rea Foods, and - meat and sausage; Capri Bakery-pastry; St Philips Bakery - bread; Tony Spataro - cheese; Joe Petrolo - pasta, tomatoes, and cheese; Mike DiBari -wine. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Robert Salese, Mary Cazzetta, Tony Spataro - chefs, Robert Pedretti - DJ services & auctioneer, Anita Prospero, Rose Capogreco, Mary Curcio, Tony Tribuzio, Sergio Piccolotto, Peter & Joanne Bozzo, Nadia & Tony Pascuzzo-workers; Christiana Alves-photo booth; Lurdes Dias - jewelry display & sales; Branko Mihaljevic - set up & bar; Doug Ransom-bar; Justine Cariati - coffee set-up.

Our thanks to all of you for your attendance, to all the volunteers and to those who just got up out of their seats to help out where there was need. That's what makes Sacred Heart a family!

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

We welcome Rev. Sung Ran Kim this Sunday at 11 a.m. to lead the service for the first time at York Pines. She will also be with us on May 19, which is Pentecost and a communion service. Feel free to join us for coffee or tea and treats at noon. Rev. Andrew returns next Sunday which is Hungry Sunday when donations to the King Township Food Bank are appreciated including empty egg cartons.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's! Our morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. Alison Agnew is continuing with the sermon series on Mark's Gospel. Last Sunday we looked at Mark 5: 21-43. Jesus knows the status of our faith or if we're confused, but in His graciousness, when we come to Him, He restores and leads us to know Him better. Missed the sermon? Catch it on standrews-kingcity.ca

Following the service we enjoyed our monthly fellowship meal, a Salad Bar Lunch. Delicious!

Our Life Connect Groups are Tuesdays, on ZOOM and Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. in person. Call the church at 905-833-2325 for location and/or the ZOOM link. All are welcome. It's an opportunity to question what we heard on Sunday, learn, laugh, enjoy each other's company, and grow together in Christ. There will also be a time of prayer for our community, friends and neighbours. Philippians 4:6,7 reads:

"Be not anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." What wonderful verses from the New Testament about prayer and peace.

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

Anyone with issues that need attention is invited to a special Healing Service on May 26 at 10:30 a.m.

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King's Corners

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"I think what really struck me in the Gospel this morning was the part when Jesus said that branches that bear fruit are often pruned so that they will bear even more fruit.

"In a way it feels like that's been our experience during the pandemic. We pruned our ministries back to the branch and let go of so many things that were once life-giving, but some things in couldn't be sustained, and we've been existing in that state for four years now. I hope we can discern together today the buds of new growth. It's time to let things unfurl, to let beautiful gifts and ministries bloom, to see what might bear fruit in our church and in our community, and to take a look at what healthy new branches might be growing from our roots.

"I know that we are striving to make our community a place of joy, healing, and safety. I know that we want to be a community that holds sacred all those wonderful traditions that have served generations of people, and also a community that discovers and embraces

new expressions of church. We can do it all, but we need to work together in this.

"It's going to take hard work and commitment. And we may well ask, why should we be doing any of this? The short answer is because we are Christians. Because we are followers of Jesus we become involved in the lives and needs of our neighbours. Because we are followers of Jesus we give of our time, our energy, our talents and skills, and our resources to care for one another and give glory to God.

"This past week I sent out a Spirit Given Gifts Assessment. Any combination of gifts is useful, good, and valuable. No two people are alike and our diversity of gifts are what make our community strong.

"Anything can be a ministry you can offer - if you can dedicate time to pray for people and projects, that's a ministry. If you can knit prayer shawls or hats for crosslinks, that's a ministry. If you can make a dessert for coffee hour, a bake sale, a community meal, or event, that's a ministry. If you want to start a small group bible study in your home, that's a ministry. If your heart and mind and spirit are calling you to something that is new I'd love to hear it.

"My ultimate goal is for a whole com-

munity of people who feel that they are contributing purposefully and joyfully to God's good work in this church,

community and in the world. This is the beginning of some really important discussions and discernments."



Crews begin water flushing

King Township watermain and hydrant flushing has started and continues to the end of May in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansnorveldt. Flushing is a preventative maintenance process that improves water quality by clearing sediment buildup in water distribution system piping. The process does not affect the safety of your water. While flushing is occurring in your area, you may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. Low-pressure will be resolved immediately after flushing is complete. To correct any water discoloration, run your cold water tap until water clarity returns.

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Mackenzie Health launches technology to help reduce errors

Mackenzie Health recently became the first health system in Canada to launch a technology that allows for two-way information flow between an intravenous (IV) medication pump and a patient's electronic medical records.

The technology, known as BD Alaris™ EMR Interoperability, replaces the need for health care professionals to manually program pumps while sending infusion safety information back to Epic EMR, significantly reducing the risk of administration errors and providing an accurate infusion record in the EMR.

By scanning a patient's wristband, medication barcode and infusion pump, health care professionals can connect a patient's electronic medication order to their IV pump and verify that it will deliver the right medication and dosage to the right patient at the right time.

This type of connectivity empowers clinicians to focus more on patient care and less on time-consuming manual processes that often require multiple steps to program an infusion. One case study shows that interoperability can result in an 86% reduction in the av-

erage number of keystrokes needed to program an infusion.

"Mackenzie Health is committed to continually improving the way we deliver safe, quality care to our patients," says Mary-Agnes Wilson, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Executive at Mackenzie Health. "We are on a journey to zero harm, embracing the philosophy that even one error is one too many. This new, connected IV pump technology helps enable the safe administration of medication and ultimately better outcomes for those who trust us with their care."

"We're pleased to partner with Mackenzie Health in spearheading the first implementation of the BD Alaris™ EMR Interoperability system in Canada," says Blair Laufman, Vice President of Medication Management Solutions at BD-Canada. "The bidirectional interoperability capabilities will not only reduce inefficiencies in infusion therapy but will also improve patient safety."

The technology ensures medications are managed correctly, simplifies work-

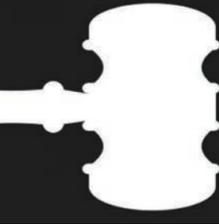
flows, and automatically sends vital information like infusion status data to a patient's electronic medical record. Leveraging smart, innovative technological systems and medical devices that can speak to each other means staff and physicians have more time to spend taking care of patients.

"Integrating medication infusion pumps with Epic improves communi-

cation and real-time data exchange, enhancing safety, accuracy, and personalized care while helping nurses document efficiently," says Mike Pontillo, Implementation Director at Epic. "As the first organization in Canada to do this type of integration, Mackenzie Health is leading the way for other organizations to follow in their footsteps."



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Chris S. Pedersen

June 25, 1942 - April 23, 2024

Chris passed away peacefully at the Southlake Residential Care Village in Newmarket on April 23, 2024. He was 81 years old. He is survived by his wife, Maria, of 59 years, his daughter, Lena, and his two granddaughters Teja and Lilah. Chris was born as Niels Kristian Sondergaard Pedersen in Varde, Denmark and came to Canada when he was 14 years old. He went on to start his own painting and decorating business, and successfully ran that business for the better part of 50+ years. As a youth he was passionate about playing soccer, later took up golf and loved dancing. He also loved music, jazz in particular. In his senior years he was a skilled ping pong player. Chris will be remembered for his sense of humour and positive outlook on just about everything in life, as well as being a very proud Dane and Canadian. He was very loyal in all areas of his life and he had a real soft spot for those in need and was always very generous with praise and donations. Chris was very free to share his love of those close to him, and was immensely thankful for his life, family and friends.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Danish Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers the family asks you to consider making a donation to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA): https://secure.ontariospca.ca/site/Donation2?7351.donation=form1&idb=1891926914&DONATION_LEVEL_ID_SELECTED=1161&df_id=73 51&mfc_pref=T&7351.donation=root

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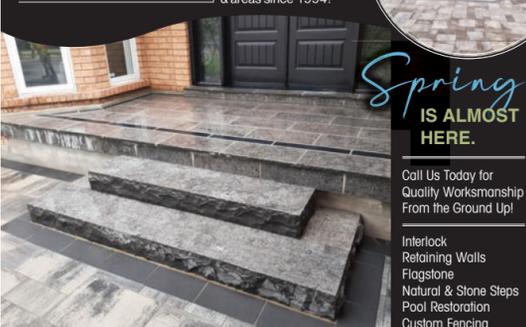
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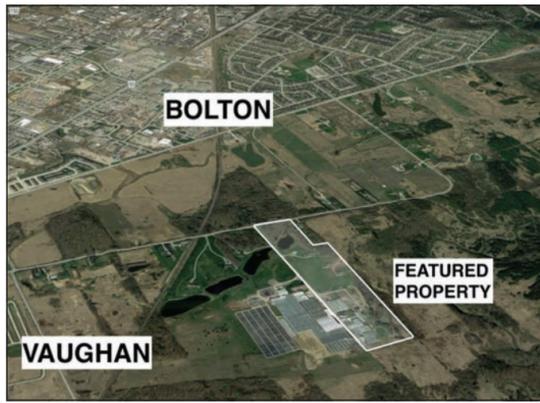
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