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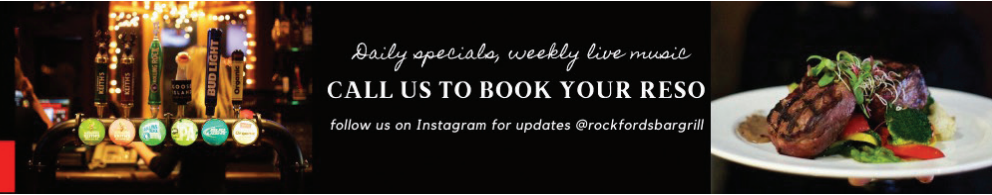
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McHappy Day funds aid Food Bank

A "supersized" thanks to McDonald's and everyone who participated in McHappy Day. Your generosity and community spirit make a profound difference. Receiving a cheque for \$2,432.23 on behalf of the King Township Food Bank are Geoff Simpson (far left) and Leona Zadoyko (far right), with Diana Tosti of Farren Fun Foods, Wendy Smith, McHappy Day Organizer, and Julian McQueen, Store Manager.

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Township begins work on the 2025 budget

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King councillors want to keep next year's budget affordable.

While very early in the 2025 budget process, staff had asked for an increase of between 4 and 5%, but councillors rejected that.

Council conveyed a clear message to staff that the projected increase of 4.8 per cent was too much to ask from residents, who are experiencing tax fatigue.

Instead, council approved the new format and budget timelines but rejected the recommendation for a rate increase between 4 and 5 per cent. Throughout the summer, the staff work on the budget, and council provided advanced notice to ensure every effort is made to lower the projected ask and avoid increasing full-time staff size.

Staff hope to present the new budget to council in late November.

Staff noted budget pressures are sparked by inflation, fuel prices, insurance and other factors.

For 2025, staff will be developing a service-based approach to the budget instead of the traditional version organized by departments. This is anticipated to better outline the services provided to and accessed by King citizens.

A public open house is tentatively planned for Nov. 13. The estimates within the 2025 budget direction incorporate the Strategic Plan from 2023-2026. The Corporate Strategic Plan will help guide the Township's business planning and budget processes and reflect the most important needs of the community and its residents.

Fueling the budget are mandatory expenses mandated under provincial legislation.

Increases in staff pay, as negotiated in union contracts, also play a role.

Inflation is increasing the average prices of services or commodities that may impact budgeted expenses. For example, if the cost of construction material has significantly increased, so the budget will need to account for these additional costs.

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Wednesday, July 17
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
 Visit: king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

View full Council and Committee agendas at king.ca/meetings



Off-road vehicles on roads and parks is prohibited

Pocket bikes, dirt bikes, mini-bikes, ATVs and motorized scooters are not allowed on public roadways or side-walks. The vehicle may be impounded, and fines can reach up to \$5,000.

Reports of off-road vehicles being ridden on public roads should be made to the **York Regional Police** using the online Road Watch portal at yrp.ca.

Reports of off-road vehicles being ridden on King Township's public lands, including parks and trails, should be made using King's online reporting portal at king.ca.

King Township to enforce fireworks bylaw over Canada Day weekend

To ensure the safety of residents, properties and livestock, fireworks can **ONLY** be set off **between dusk and 11 p.m. on Canada Day**. Fireworks cannot be set off on any public land, including parks, parking lots or roads.

Bylaw Services will be out over the Canada Day weekend, with stationed officers and officers on general patrol addressing any prohibited activities in parks or on roads.

To report a complaint or concern, call 905-833-5321 or email by-law@king.ca.



Be a responsible pet owner

Always keep dogs on a **leash** when outdoors, unless at a designated off-leash area. **Fine: \$360**

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Summer recreation programs start on July 2

Secure your spot in an outdoor education program at the scenic **Cold Creek Conservation Area**, featuring archery, climbing, disc golf, low ropes, and Nordic Pole walking.

For details, visit king.ca/recreation

Splash pads open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m

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For more information, visit king.ca/parks

Report illegal dumping

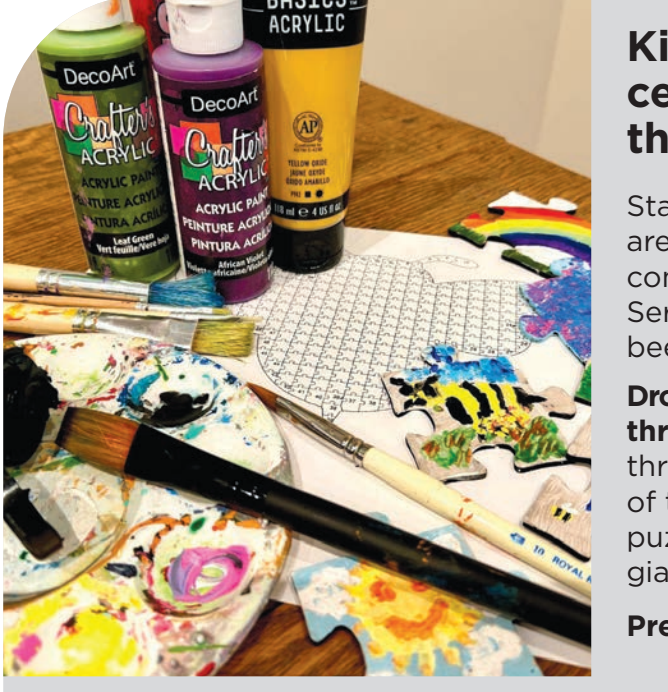
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King heritage and Cultural Centre celebrates bee city designation this summer!

Starting June 29, residents and visitors of all ages are invited to partake in this commemorative community art installation, piece by piece. Seriously: we're painting and assembling a large bee puzzle!

Drop by the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Tuesday through Saturday, from 10a.m. to 4p.m. now through August to design and paint your piece of the bee puzzle. Once we have painted all 250 puzzle pieces, we will assemble it to create a giant bee and install it in a public space in King!

Pre-registration not required. Cost: \$5

Visit kingheritageandculture.ca for more information.

Don't abuse public lands, local rules, bylaws laid out

King Township is experiencing several issues related to the misuse of public land, which are affecting the local environment and community amenities.

These problems include the draining of pools onto public land, illegal construction of fences on public property and the dumping of garbage. These activities are causing significant damage, particularly to the Township's trail system and natural areas.

The pool drainage and illegal garbage dumping are also in contravention of King's Clean Yards Bylaw #2016-68 which sets out minimum standards for properties, including rules on litter, waste and property maintenance to help ensure that properties are safe, clean and attractive in relation to adjacent properties.

Residents are reminded that draining pools onto public land, including next to a trail system, is strictly pro-

hibited. This practice leads to standing water on trails, making them impassable at times and creating hazardous conditions for trail users. Additionally, it contributes to soil erosion, which can have long-term detrimental effects on the environment.

King's Clean Yards Bylaw #2016-68 states that pools, hot tubs and sump pumps need to be drained in a way to prevent ponding and can't be discharged onto walkways, boulevards, stairs or neighbouring properties.

There have also been reports of residents building fences on public land. This encroachment (the trespassing onto another person's property) not only violates Township regulations but also restricts access to public spaces meant for the enjoyment of all residents. King Township is committed to preserving these communal areas and ensuring they remain accessible to everyone.

King's Parks, Facilities and Littering Bylaw #2016-103 states that it's illegal to encroach on a public park by either building a fence or creating

an access point through an existing fence.

The illegal dumping of garbage on public land is another pressing issue and contravenes King's Clean Yards Bylaw #2016-68. This not only detracts from the natural beauty of King Township but also poses health and safety risks to the community and wildlife. Residents are urged to dispose of their waste properly and utilize designated waste management services.

King Township's Bylaw Services team is proactively tackling these issues by educating those found misusing public land to encourage compliance. If these educational efforts are unsuccessful, enforcement actions and the issuance of fines will follow. Set fines range from \$125 to \$800 depending on the offence.

Residents are encouraged to report any instances of illegal pool draining, fence construction or garbage dumping to the Bylaw Services team. Reports can be made through the township's website at king.ca/by-law or by emailing by-law@king.ca.

York Region District School Board approves balanced 2024-2025 budget

Trustees of the York Region District School Board approved a balanced operating budget of \$1.71B for the 2024-2025 school year.

"The budget has been informed by authentic feedback captured through our public consultation surveys, advisory committee input and staff input," said Chair of the Board, Ron Lynn. "Families will be happy that the 2024-2025 budget is balanced and addresses key areas they identified as essential to student achievement and well-being."

"This process ensures that the budget aligns with the needs of our students and feedback from the community and educators," said Director of Education, Bill Cober. "The priority areas identified in this budget are student-focused; classroom-based support staff; resources and technologies in the classroom; mental health and well-being; and equity."

Highlights of the 2024-2025 budget include:

Funding for primary literacy teachers and resource support to provide each Kindergarten to Grade 2 class with early reading screening tools.

Investment in a technology cost sharing program to support school fundraising for computer devices in schools.

Investment in student technology devices to support teaching and learning

in classrooms.

Additional special education staffing as well as funding for additional social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists and special education resource teachers to address students' special needs, health and well-being.

Funding to enhance support for secondary students learning multiple languages.

Funding for Indigenous student advisors, an equity consultant and additional graduation coaches to support underperforming and underserved students to enhance graduation rates.

"We have listened and responded to the needs of York Region students, families and educators," said Trustee Michael Chen, Finance and Property Standing Committee Chair. "The Board has delivered a balanced budget that prioritizes the learning and professional needs of York Region students and staff."

"Taking a consultative and informed approach to allocating school board funds helps educators deliver high-quality classroom programming that is responsive to student needs," said Associate Director and Chief Financial Officer, Vidya Maharaj. "The result is better learning outcomes for all students."

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Death of child shocks community, fundraiser going well

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The death of a six-year-old boy in Kleinburg has the community reeling. Along with sympathy extended by many, including elected officials, the fundraiser for the child's funeral costs is doing well on GoFundMe.

Matteo Caputi was killed last Wednesday morning after being struck by a school bus in the area of Kleinburg Summit Way and Pierre Berton Boulevard.

When police arrived, they found him with fatal injuries and he was sadly pronounced deceased.

The driver of the bus remained at the scene.

York Regional Police investigators are appealing to any witnesses who have not yet spoken with police, and to anyone who may have dashcam footage or video surveillance of the area around the time of the collision, to please come forward.

Information can be provided to the Major Collision Investigation Unit by calling 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or by visiting their website at www.1800222tips.com.

"I am saddened and heartbroken to hear the news of a 6-year-old child who died after being struck by a school bus ... in Kleinburg," said King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts. "On behalf of King-Vaughan, I am sending my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family, friends, and classmates. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I also express my gratitude to the men and women of York Regional Police, Fire and Paramedic services for their efforts."

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce noted "this is absolutely devastating for the community and an unimaginable tragedy for the family."

"On behalf of the people of King-Vaughan, I offer my deepest condolences to the family and school community on the tragic loss of this young boy. I cannot imagine the overwhelming sadness of his young classmates and friends."

The GoFundMe page, found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/matteo-caputi?qid=123eef9915dea5612e80ad9573e97399>, has raised more than \$130,000 so far.

Re/Max Premier Inc., Brokerage organized the fundraiser, since one of their employees is the boy's grandmother.

On the page, it was noted: "Matteo will always be remembered as a happy little boy who lit up the lives of everyone who was lucky enough to have known him. He was a cherished son, brother, grandson and nephew. He loved country music and loved playing the drums. He adored his little brother Luca very much."

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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

We could all use some personal self-healing

Let's face it, humans are frail creatures who suffer countless emotional and physical wounds in our lifetime.

While these scars may not be our fault, our healing rests with us.

Byron Katie once noted that a clear mind "heals everything that needs to be healed." And the late, great Leonard Cohen said everything has a crack - "that's how the light gets in."

We seldom find peace or happiness in the places we lost these precious commodities. Often, we don't even know how or when the events took place. But something, somewhere along the line, things changed inside of us.

And this change either sparked renewed focus and creativity, or was left festering at the back of our minds, the pits of our stomachs.

There's no question we all have "cracks," and some part of us that needs mending. Identifying it is the first step. Digging deeper is another. And then deciding on a path, opening new doors, leads us somewhere new, and hopefully exciting.

The human condition has been the focus of study for hundreds, if not thousands of years. From the "Father of Western Philosophy" Socrates to Sigmund Freud, who founded psychoanalysis, the human psyche has been studied, evaluated and quantified.

Many have followed and propelled these intangible practices into bona fide science.

There's no doubt that when learned men delved into the human mind and host of emotions, that skeptics pointed fingers and raised eyebrows. Exploring the unique package that a person is has led to countless modern practices and forms of healing or self-improvement.

Joe Dispenza notes that "the moment you start feeling whole and grate-



Mark Pavilons

ful is when your brain starts to begin healing."

It's almost contradictory that the smarter and more advanced we become as a society, the sicker we are as individuals. Stress and anxiety are at all-time highs, leading to a host of emotional and physical ailments. The term "stress will kill you" is absolutely correct.

Modern medicine treats anxiety, depression, social awkwardness with pharmaceuticals. We have become dull to our pain and the real reasons we harbour such destructive demons.

As a veteran journalist, I've encountered literally thousands of unique souls over the years. I've learned from very knowledgeable academics and listened to those on the fringe. I've soaked up the energy and enthusiasm of those considered not mainstream. As a Boomer, I've lived through several decades, where things like natural

medicine, homeopathy, self-help lectures, crystals and the power of positive thoughts have become part of our beautiful mosaic.

More and more of our fellow men and women are looking at alternatives to complement their lives and wellness journey.

I've experienced the serene pain of yoga; the calm of meditation; the blissful feeling of Reiki and the impact of acupuncture. I've read countless articles on proper diet and the benefits of herbal supplements. I've been lost in thought during rigorous exercise bouts and sweated out impurities during backyard chores.

I turn to writing down my thoughts as a cathartic practice, one that often lets the steam out of the pressure cooker that is my mind.

I've been one with Mother Nature, and find solace in a dog falling asleep in my lap.

I've always been open to the "unconventional" and I love the paranormal. I believe everyone needs more spirituality in their lives, a sense of oneness with the universe if you will. If that comes from religion, fine. If it arises out of self-exploration, great. If you need a nudge, or a kick to become less skeptical, nice.

Like expanding one's palate, I believe in trying everything, at least once.

Some philosophers note that when one's confusion dissipates, so does suffering.

We all see through a certain lens - our personal aperture. This is formed by our experiences, upbringing, expo-

sure, education and awareness. Each person sees things a bit differently.

But we can find common ground in a lot of things. We are all basically brothers and sisters, after all.

But this lens dictates how we see life, and the world we live in.

Isaac Asimov said our assumptions are our windows on the world. "Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in," he said.

I have always been jealous of those who find joy, inner awareness so easily. I wish there was a secret potion that could give us all clarity of thought and purpose.

Aristotle reminds us that the "true purpose of tragedy is to purify the passion."

One of the real travesties of human existence is that we are in a constant fight for our lives, physically or emotionally.

I am in the biggest struggle I will ever have and I hope that modern medicine, a better lifestyle and positive attitude will give me what I need to heal.

If that means listening to the unique sound of a rain stick, so be it.

Kierkegaard prescribed silence as the remedy for all the ills of the modern world.

Rest, recover, renew, repeat.

In our digital world, maybe the best advice is to "unfollow" yourself and just let go. Instead of "noise," maybe we should fill the void with the sounds of silence.

Heal first, then choose your next chapter.

Letter to the Editor

Consider dogs during hot weather

Ontario saw hot and humid weather conditions last week, and police have already responded to over 10 calls this month about animals left in hot cars. Leaving an animal in a vehicle in this heat - even for a few minutes - can have deadly consequences.

While humans can sweat to cool down, dogs must rely on panting to expel heat from their bodies. Contrary to popular belief, constant panting isn't normal or comfortable behavior.

If a dog's tongue is hanging out and their mouth is wide open while they're panting heavily, they are likely hot and trying to cool themselves. It's even worse for breathing-impaired breeds (BIBs) such as bulldogs and pugs, whose flattened faces and distorted airways make them particularly vulnerable to overheating. They can hardly catch their breath, let alone regulate their body temperature.

I urge all dog guardians, especially those with breeds prone to breathing issues, to be vigilant. Recognize the signs of heat-related stress, which include heavy panting, excessive drooling, restlessness, vomiting, diarrhea, impaired balance or coordination, lethargy, seizures, and collapse. Never leave an animal in a car, an enclosed space without ventilation or air conditioning, or unattended outdoors.

Keep your animals safe at home, inside, with the air conditioning and/or fans running. Call the police immediately if you see an animal in distress. There's no time to spare—heatstroke can kill in minutes.

Melissa Rae Sanger
The PETA Foundation

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Results from last week's poll:
Are you happy with the state of Township roads?

a) Yes **100%**

b) No **0%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you love or hate the hot weather?

a) Love
b) Hate

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— Charlotte Bronte

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STORM wants minister to intervene in Vaughan development

Save The Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition (STORM), the long-standing stewards of the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM), has urged the Minister and Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to intervene and participate in an ongoing Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) case involving proposed development on the protected areas of the ORM in Vaughan.

The case, OLT-23-000254, concerns an appeal of a 1989 development application filed by landowners Lucia Milani and Lucia Milani in Trust for properties located at 11641 Dufferin Street and 11490 Bathurst Street. They are adjacent to the colloquially known as

the “Rizmi Lands,” which received special development permissions through a Minister’s Order in 2015 to develop around 100 acres.

This new appeal seeks to approve residential development on an additional 150 acres on the ORM designated natural core and natural linkage areas under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act (ORMCA), designations intended to protect the ecological integrity of the moraine.

STORM has raised concerns regarding the approval authority and validity of the appeal, citing discrepancies in the property descriptions and inconsistencies with previous municipal

and provincial decisions regarding the lands. The group alleges a history of political influence and questionable actions by various levels of government. Key points raised by STORM include:

The 2023 appeal appears to propose 3,000 residential units, a significant departure from the original 1989 development applications for a rural residential estate subdivision.

A 2015 Minister’s Order reaffirmed the zoning of the lands as protected under the ORMCA, and such orders are not appealable.

The City of Vaughan has entered into a confidential settlement agreement to facilitate development on the lands, de-

spite the province’s stated commitment to protecting the Greenbelt and ORM.

York Region Council has directed staff not to participate in the appeal process, potentially limiting the representation of the planning authority historically responsible for ORMCA conformity until the implementation of Bill 185, which removes them as a planning authority.

STORM argues that provincial intervention is crucial to uphold the objectives of the ORMCA and ensure the ecological integrity of the Oak Ridges Moraine is protected. The group has requested a formal response from the Minister and Deputy Minister acknowledging their concerns.

The ongoing dispute over the Oak Ridges Moraine exemplifies the persistent tension between development interests and environmental conservation efforts and underscores the critical importance of preserving this significant landform, especially in the face of our current climate crisis. The Oak Ridges Moraine provides invaluable natural asset management, safeguarding water resources, biodiversity, and ecological stability throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe region.

“Its preservation is paramount not only for the present generation but also for those to come,” the group says.

Scholarships, bursaries available for careers in agriculture

By **Andrea McCoy-Naperstkw**
Director, Ontario Federation
of Agriculture

Two topics often make headlines when it comes to agriculture – the relatively high average age (56) of Canada’s farmers and the ongoing labour shortage that makes it hard to attract enough workers to fill the many positions available throughout the food system.

Current research suggests the worker shortage in agriculture could reach 123,000 by 2030, because of older workers retiring and the expected continued growth of the sector.

I’m both a farmer – my husband and I raise cattle and grow crops in the Eastern Ontario county of Lanark – and a professor at Algonquin College’s Perth Campus, where I teach agricultural business. That means I understand firsthand how important it is for our industry to encourage the next generation to choose a career in agriculture, whatever that might look like.

Traditionally, that has often meant on-farm jobs working with livestock or growing crops, but today, pursuing a career in agriculture offers a wide range of fascinating and fulfilling opportunities.

Beyond the farm, which I personally know can be a rewarding and fulfilling way of life, the career possibilities range from research, equipment maintenance, quality control, food safety, and construction to transportation, processing, product development, marketing, sales, business and beyond.

That’s before we include emerging

fields like robotics, automation, artificial intelligence or gene editing, to name just a few, all of which offer exciting new potential for farming and food production.

As a professor, I also know how hard today’s students have to work at their education. It’s an expensive undertaking and many of the students I teach balance their course load with employment to put themselves through school.

That’s why scholarships and bursaries are important – and why I’m proud of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), where I serve as a board member, for actively supporting young people who wish to work in our sector.

One way the OFA does this is through our province-wide bursary program, which offers \$2,000 each to three students in undergraduate programs studying agriculture, as well as to someone completing an apprenticeship and to an individual enrolled in a post-graduate or leadership development program.

Applicants are judged based on demonstrated leadership skills, involvement in the community, and their accomplishments in both school and the agriculture industry. The deadline to apply for this year’s OFA bursaries is August 31, with full details available at ofa.on.ca.

There are also substantial scholarships and bursaries for higher education offered by many of the OFA’s county and regional federations, as well as other agricultural organizations like Grain Farmers of Ontario, the Ottawa

Valley Seed Growers, 4-H, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and many others.

Depending on the award, funds can be used to help pay for things like tuition, textbooks, housing and other educational expenses. Deadlines and criteria vary, but a full list of available opportunities can be found on the OFA’s website.

By investing in these types of opportunities, we are supporting future generations and offering a hand up to the young people who are looking to follow in the footsteps of those of us who have made our livelihoods in the agriculture industry – whether they come from a farming background or not.

Many of the big issues facing the world today, from climate change and emissions to food security and soil health, are complex but they have a connection to agriculture in that we are both impacted by them and can offer solutions for improvement.

There are no easy answers, so we need talented, smart, and enthusiastic people with fresh ideas and new perspectives to join our industry and help make a positive difference for our world.

If you know a young person who is returning to school in the fall, just starting into post-secondary education for the first time or considering their career options as they near the end of their high school career, encourage them to take a look at the opportunities agriculture can offer – and the support that’s available to help them achieve their goals in this industry.



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MP encourages nominations for new medal

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Outstanding individuals are being honoured with a newly minted medal, created to mark His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation on May 6, 2023. And King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts wants people to nominate worthy

recipients from the riding. The King Charles III Coronation Medal is a visible and tangible way to recognize 30,000 outstanding individuals of all ages and from all walks of life who have made a difference in their communities. The medal will highlight themes that both King Charles III and Canadians hold dear, including service,

the environment and sustainability, and our nation's diversity.

The Chancellery of Honours, as part of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, will administer the King Charles III Coronation Medal program.

The Medal was designed by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, approved by His Majesty The King and manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint.

On the obverse is a contemporary crowned effigy of His Majesty King Charles III in coronation robes, circumscribed with the inscriptions "CHARLES III DEI GRATIA REX" and the word "CANADA." The reverse bears a depiction of the Royal Cypher (the King's monogram surmounted by the Canadian Royal Crown) with the inscriptions "6-V-2023" and "VIVAT REX" to the left and right of the Royal Cypher, respectively, all placed over the 13-point sunburst design of the Canadian Coronation emblem. The Medal is worn suspended from a ribbon of dark blue, bright red and white colours evocative of the 1902 Edward VII Coronation Medal, one of the earliest coronation medals awarded to Canadians.

To be eligible for this honour, a person must have:

Made significant contributions to the country, a province, territory, region or community, or made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada, and been alive on May 6, 2023, the date His Majesty was crowned. Nominations can be made posthumously, as long as the nominee was alive on that date.

To be nominated through the office of Anna Roberts Member of Parliament King-Vaughan the individual must live within the riding of King-Vaughan.

Nominations should focus on the achievements of persons who have helped build the Canada of today, including youth, volunteers, educators, veterans and health care workers.

Nominees may be selected for their long service and good conduct as a volunteer or member of an organization; for having demonstrated high professionalism; or for performing a deed or activity that brings great credit to



Canada. Through their achievements and sustained contributions, nominees will have distinguished themselves from others employed in the same field.

The medal is to be awarded to individuals only, not to groups or couples. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

For more, visit <https://annarobertsmp.ca/king-charles-iii-coronation-medal-nomination/>

If you have any questions please reach out to us at 905-303-5000 or anna.roberts@parl.gc.ca

YRP dismantle drugs and gun network

Investigators with the York Regional Police – Guns, Gangs, and Drug Enforcement Unit, and their jointforces operation partners, have made 20 arrests and dismantled a large-scale gun and drug trafficking network operating within York Region.

In April 2023, police began investigating members and associates of a street gang known as the Haywan Gang. The gang was believed to be involved in the trafficking of firearms and drugs into the southern part of York Region. A joint-forces operation (JFO) dubbed Project Lookout was launched to investigate and target those involved with this criminal gang.

The JFO included investigators from York Regional Police, the Toronto Police Service, Peel Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Canada Border Services Agency and the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC). The successful completion of this lengthy joint-forces investigation was made possible with support from the Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO), funded by the Ontario Government and Ministry of the Solicitor General.

As the operation evolved, investigators identified suspects that were supplying members and associates of the Haywan Gang with firearms and high-quality cocaine, being primarily trafficked in the City of Vaughan.

Project Lookout concluded on June 5, 2024. Search warrants were executed at 33 locations across the Greater Toronto Area. The 14-month investigation resulted in 20 persons arrested and nearly 300 charges laid. Investigators seized 18 firearms, 19.8 kilograms of cocaine, 4.8 kilograms of cannabis and a quantity of MDMA, Xanax pills and oxycodone pills. Total street value of the seized drugs is more than \$2.5 million.

Investigators also seized \$244,335 in Canadian currency, four vehicles and luxury watches valued at \$255,000 as proceeds of crime.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Guns, Gangs, and Drug Enforcement Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7817, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222tips, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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- Dash of salt

Preheat oven to 325°F.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt.

Cream butter until fluffy, add sugar and mix until well combined.

Mix in vegetable oil.

Beat in eggs one at a time to butter and sugar mixture.

Mix well after each addition.

Alternately add flour mixture and milk to the butter and sugar mixture.

Stir in vanilla.

Pour the mixture into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a cake tester or toothpick comes out clean.

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Wash and quarter strawberries into a bowl. Stir in sugar and lemon juice and let sit for a minimum of 30 minutes up to 1 day before.

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- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tsp icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Place whipping cream in a mixing bowl and beat at high speed until soft peaks form. Add icing sugar, vanilla extract and whip until stiff peaks form.



- Submitted by: Sarah Didycz

DID YOU *know?*

The Canadian flag is an integral component of Canada Day celebrations every July 1st. The red-and-white flag with a maple leaf prominently displayed can be seen waving from atop poles at municipal buildings and on private homes across the country.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATES the anniversary of the Canadian Confederation, or when Canada was created as a new, domestically self-governing federation on July 1, 1867. De-

spite Canada's birthday occurring in 1867, a national flag did not accompany the creation of the Canadian Federation, with the Union Jack and other British flags still being seen as sufficient. The quest for a national flag gained steam in the early 20th century, but attempts to create a flag in both 1925 and 1946 didn't see the light of day. A committee was formed in the 1960s to receive submissions of new national flag designs. Eventually, George Stanley's design, consisting of panels of red and white with a centred maple leaf, was chosen by a committee. The new Maple Leaf Flag became official by royal proclamation on February 15, 1965. The maple leaf already had emerged as a symbol of Canadian identity so it made sense that it should feature on the national flag.



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King wins third national award for budget presentation

For the third consecutive year, King Township has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The award represents a significant achievement by reflecting the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, King Township met or exceeded all nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

These guidelines are designed to assess how well a budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

King's 2024 budget presentation to Council included the Township's 2023 accomplishments, the budget communication plan, the 2024 operating and proposed capital budgets, a 10-year capital forecast, a summary of reserve funds and debt projections.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

To learn more about King Township's finances and budget process, visit king.ca/budget.

"I am pleased to announce that for the third year in a row, King Township has been honored with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers

Association. This achievement reflects the hard work, diligence and commitment of our municipality, showcasing our ongoing efforts to set the highest standards in government accounting," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Daniel Kostopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer, added: "King's third consecutive achievement of GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award underscores the Township's commitment to financial transparency, accountability and adherence to the high industry standards."

For regular updates on Township programs and events, follow the official corporate social media channels on X, Facebook and Instagram or visit king.ca.



King's Treasurer Peggy Tollett (left) and Deputy Treasurer Angela Pham show off the awards.

Schomberg facility to sell alcohol

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Schomberg Brew Works will be selling alcohol by the glass, following approval by King council.

Councillors endorsed a staff recommendation to allow the company to sell alcohol, as part of its application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

The company has received all the necessary approvals from the municipality for its operation.

Schomberg Brew Works Inc. wants to establish a nano-brewery at 203 Main Street, Unit 1C, in Schomberg. Under the Liquor Licence Act, 1990, Ontario wineries and breweries are permitted to sell and serve their wine and beer to patrons in single servings at their manufacturing site. Manufacturers wishing to obtain a "Manufacturer's Limited Liquor Sales Licence - By-the-Glass" licence must include with their application to the AGCO, a resolution approved by the municipality.

Staff in the Clerk's Division have worked closely with the applicant to facilitate the necessary steps and approvals with the appropriate Township departments, prior to bringing this report before Council.

A minor variance was approved to permit the nano-brewery on the ground floor of the existing mixed use building. A fire inspection was conducted and the applicant obtained all the necessary municipal clearances.

Next year's budget will be 'service-based'

From Front Page

Staff are always on the lookout for efficiencies and they will continue to capture cost savings or improvements. As well, the Township is receiving some new revenue from increased user fees.

The 2025 "service-based budget" will concentrate on planning, services, road maintenance, greening and governance.

Staff said organizing the budget in these categories will illustrate more publicly-relatable concepts under a service-based approach as opposed to the traditional departmental structure. These themes will provide the public with a better understanding of service offerings, which are subject to change over time.

Based on a preliminary analysis, staff identified several budget pressures for 2025.

Inflation is estimated between 2.7% to 3% for 2024. Fuel price increases continuing on from 2024. Insurance rates are up 10% with the addition of the new TWRC coming into service in the fall of 2024.

There's a potential increase for staffing in 2025. The Township will see an increased service level for winter maintenance in urban areas for the 2025/2026 season.

As growth continues in King City East and Nobleton, additional services will have to be added.

The Township had a 4.98% hike in 2024 and is looking at 4.8% in 2025. In 2026, that drops to an anticipated 4.1%.

The priorities of utmost importance, staff said, are to the community and the obligations and commitments of the Township of King to its citizens.

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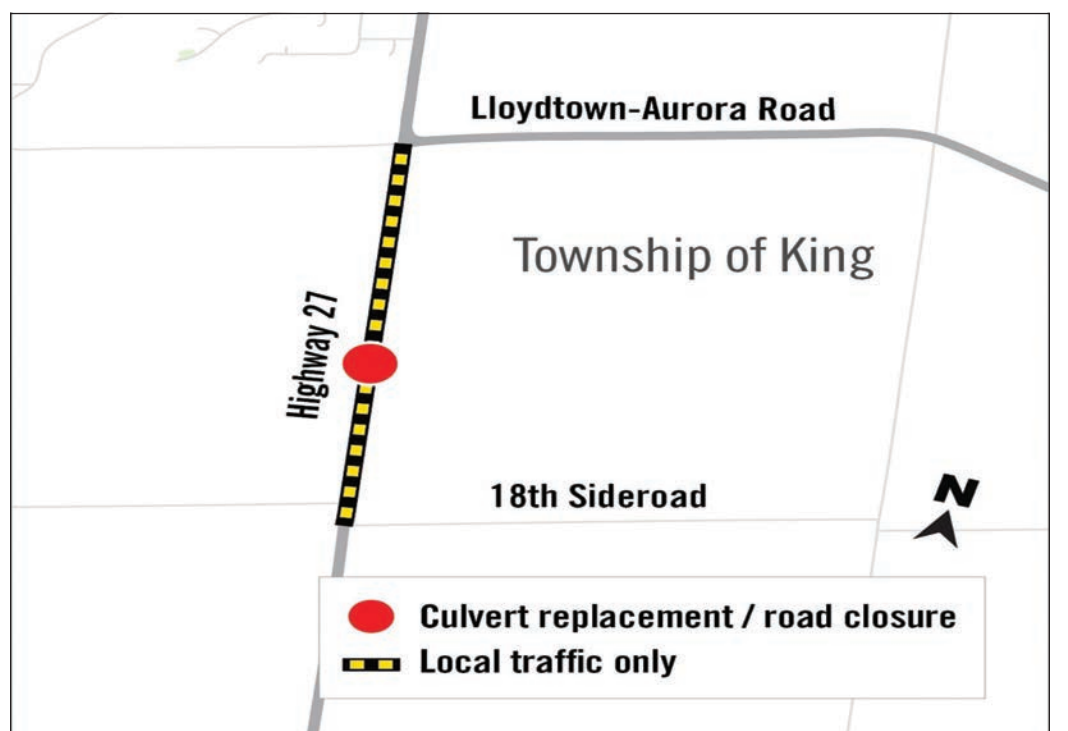
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Opening celebration at Route 27 Gastro Pub showcases setting

By Jim Stewart

A sun-drenched ribbon-cutting ceremony kicked off an evening of grand opening festivities at the Route 27 Gastro Pub in north Nobleton recently.

More than 150 attendees enjoyed the Augello family's hospitality in the main floor dining room where slices of cake and glasses of Prosecco were served after the red ribbon was cut at the entrance by Mayor Steve Pellegrini and co-owner Maria Augello. The celebrations flowed downstairs – to the warmth and cozy ambience of the oak-paneled pub – and all the way outside to the leafy patio. There, celebrants were joined by later arrivals to enjoy the acoustic stylings of singer-songwriter Damien Rattler, who guided his audience through the Americana songbook.

Included among the dignitaries on hand to congratulate the Augello family were King Councillors David Boyd and Jennifer Anstey; King Chamber of Commerce reps Angelo Santorelli, Darryn Wilbur, and David Magahey; and the newly-appointed Minister of Energy and Electrification MPP Stephen Lecce.

“Congratulations to Mary and her family on the official opening of Route 27 Gastropub – the newest restaurant and pub in Nobleton,” Lecce said. “I promise to be back for the good food,

live music, and scenic patio!”

The atmosphere was, indeed, filled with positive energy and electricity and Maria Augello took time from her frenetic Friday preparations to disclose that the “best part of today’s grand opening was sharing it with friends and family. Over the last six months since we’ve opened, it’s been really nice to get to know the community. I love being around people.” Augello, a resident of Nobleton for nine years, outlined the customer capacity in each of Route 27’s entertainment areas: “Seating for 56 on the main floor, 44 in the cozy bar, and 60 on our patio.”

Co-owner Nino Augello joined me at my outdoor table and shared his sentiments about Route 27’s entertainment zones: “We have the relaxing ambience and the warmth of the bar, but I also enjoy an outdoor patio with good friends and good music. It makes me feel happy and makes me feel great that we’re giving our guests a really nice time tonight.”

A big part of the nice time on the Route 27 Patio was enjoying live music and great food in pleasant and comfortable late-spring conditions. Rattler, whose on-stage vibe is a fusion of Glen Frey and Neil Young, filled the Gastro Pub’s patio zone with a wide-ranging opening set, including John Denver’s “Leaving on a Jet Plane,” The Eagles’



“Take It Easy,” Rod Stewart’s “Reason to Believe,” and George Strait’s “The Fireman.” Rattler circled back to Denver’s “Country Roads” and Eagles’ “Peaceful Easy Feeling,” before rolling into soulful tunes from his 2023 album Rambling Flame including “Unusual Heroes” with its easy movement between the country, blues, folk, and rock genres.

As Rattler moved effortlessly through his second set, it was easy to imagine the singer-songwriter starring in an Eagles cover band with his vocal range working quite nicely within the iconic band’s famous harmonies. Listening to Rattler in this setting did, indeed, create a peaceful, easy feeling as did the pub’s culinary delights. I combined my pint of Heineken with the renowned Route 27 Burger and Fries for \$27. In a tantalizing tribute to protein, I devoured the 8 ounces of Premium Beef, Smoked Provolone, Bacon, Crispy Onion, slices of a tasty field tomato and perfect dill pickle, a strategically-placed onion ring—all topped with Route 27 sauce. This burger creation was an eight-serviette, two-hander and well worth the balancing act. It was truly a carnivore’s delight with a great blend of tasty beef and a veritable salad bar between buns.

Between the celebratory spirit of a Grand Opening, the hospitality of the Augello family, an inspired burg-

er creation and cold pint of beer, and the Americana songbook delivery of Damien Rattler in a leafy late-Spring patio setting, Route 27 Gastro Pub was a perfect place to spend a pre-summer evening. As Rattler acknowledged in our pre-concert interview, “Being part of this tonight isn’t just about the music—it’s about something greater. Getting an opportunity like this is a new kind of territory and it’s great to be part of a community that’s celebrating a special time.”



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Guests enjoy Beretta Farms' 4th annual 'Round Up'

By Jim Stewart

The 4th Annual Round Up – featuring an array of savory delights fit for a country squire – was enjoyed by over 200 guests at Beretta Farms in King last week.

Event organizer Cynthia Beretta greeted guests as they ambled towards the intrepid five-man Traeger Wood-Fired Grills team, the hospitable staff at the Yeti drinks pavilion, and the twinkling interior of a rustic barn decked out so opulently that it appeared ready for a wedding reception. The charming and welcoming hostess noted that: “We’re celebrating our fourth year of welcoming guests to Beretta Farms.”

Cynthia Beretta gestured to the dozens of arrivals braving the first heat wave of the season and averred that “The people are why we put this on. Food is my love language and it’s so nice to see everybody enjoying the food and space. Inside, the barn is our pride and joy. It’s 150 years old, and guests are expecting an old farm barn, and they discover elegance in there.”

Beretta’s business motto – “Sharing what matters” – was clearly on display at the annual feast also known as “Meat It Up.” Guests were treated to a princely menu including a Harvest Table featuring a selection of cured Beretta meats, local and imported cheeses, olives, pickled and fresh vegetables, dried fruit, and fresh figs. “Meat It Up” Staff

passed appetizers to arriving guests that included Roast Beef Bone Marrow, Parsley, Red Onion and Friend Capers on a Crostini.

After this delicious introductory fare, guests sampled a sumptuous buffet – Smoked Bison Picanha, Pork Spareribs with Traeger Rub and Beretta BBQ Sauce, Creemore Beer-Brined Roasted Whole Chicken, and Grilled Tomahawk Steaks Rubbed with Traeger-Blackened Saskatchewan Rub – en route to their seats in the exquisitely-appointed barn’s seating area. The meats were complemented by Smoked Mac and Cheese Bake with a Buttered Brioche Crumble, Roasted Yukon Gold and Sweet Potatoes with Sriracha Aioli Grilled Vegetables, along with Zucchini, Eggplant, Peppers, and Onion Mix Steamed Broccoli. The Salad was a blend of Grilled Radicchio, Boston Lettuce, Frisee, Arugula, Parmesan, Bacon, Crispy Chickpeas with a White Wine Vinaigrette – set off with Fred’s Breads and Butter Balls. Dessert featured Chocolate Mousse with seasonal berries, Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble, and freshly-sliced watermelon with coffee and tea.

Guests braved heat dome conditions, but enjoyed the occasional breeze and sipped on a range of refreshing drinks in the Yeti Pavilion, courtesy of Wyatt Rose Ranch Water, Lighthall Vineyards, Creemore, and Georgian Bay Vodka Iced Tea.



Enjoying the festive gathering and fine meal were second-year attendees Rob and Karen Brown of Collingwood. Karen was taken by the congeniality and hospitality of the Round Up: “Everybody is so friendly and the food is great.” The co-owner of Clear Choice Pools and Spas was most impressed

with the interior presentation of the barn: “We’re awestruck.” Rob agreed with his partner and noted that “the most enjoyable part of the event is the friends and family that you meet.”

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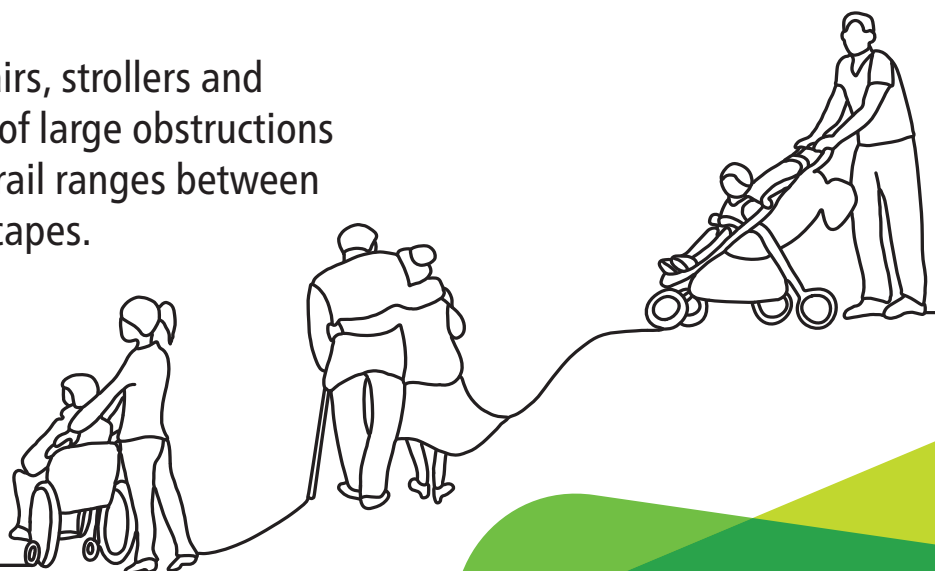
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Sharing the Browns' love of "Meat It Up" was Yeti's Director of Brand Strategy Jeff Beitz. The five-year company veteran noted that "the best part of the event is who we're doing it with. We have a long history with Traeger and Beretta Farms. It's a really good group of businesses and families that share the same values. Anytime we can get together at an event like this, it's an enjoyment of each other and the outdoors."

Echoing her colleague's sentiments was Yeti rep and event organizer Emma Bray, who provided historical context for the event: "It started at the Beretta's farmhouse in Orangeville - it was a very informal, enjoyable setting at their home and the event has grown to today's gathering." Beitz added "It's enjoyable to co-host the 4th Annual Round Up with Traegar and the Beretta family. We both have a commitment to producing quality products."



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Schomberg Garden Tour properties sparkle after the rain

Despite the unpredictable weather forecast, the Schomberg Horticultural Society reports record attendance at this year's garden tour. Over 200 people attended the tour and took in the warm hospitality, beautiful vistas, stunning countryside and of course the outstanding properties and gardens in and around Schomberg.

After the rain during the week, often a heavy downpour, they were all brimming with colour.

The garden tour directors, Barb Niemeyer and Eleonora Schmied are extremely grateful to the garden owners, the Schomberg Community Farm, the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection and the Schomberg Post Office for opening their "Garden Gates" to allow visitors in.

The garden tour included not only the three additions to the tour, mentioned above, but also large estates, both in Fairfield and Carrying Place, a wildlife habitat accredited property on the Lloydtown Aurora Road and two more impeccably maintained gardens along the same road. A large vegetable garden in Pottageville, where the homeowner brings in seeds from Italy was another attraction.

The organizers also expressed their gratitude for the partnership with ARTS

Event has record attendance

Society King, who's members added an extra artistic element to the gardens.

Garden tour visitors not only came from King Township but beyond its borders, as far away as Toronto, Etobicoke, Burlington and neighboring Horticultural Societies

None of this could have been possible without the exceptional volunteers, members of the society and the community, who came out to attend to each garden and helped in so many ways. At the appreciation BBQ, after the tour, hosted by Peter & Eleonora Schmied, the Honorable Mayor, Steve Pellegrini, applauded the volunteerism and the community building such an event contributes to.

Sincere thanks also go to the sponsors and supporters of the tour, including King Township, Hermann's Limited, Foodland, Schomberg Village Pharmacy, Schomberg Tim Horton's, Leonardo's Pizzeria & Smokehouse, Green Tractor of Nobleton, PDR Investments Ltd., Heirloom Photography (Shirley Miller) the King Weekly Sentinel (Mark Pavilons) and Arts Society King (Michelle McNally).



Photos by Shirley Miller



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CLUES ACROSS

- Volunteer school groups
- Cash machine
- Title of various Muslim rulers
- Indian hand clash cymbals
- Scarf
- Easily manageable
- Cry
- Financial term
- Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.)
- Clean out a riverbed
- Seaport (abbr.)
- English seascape painter
- Bring back again
- Subtracted from
- Related on the mother's side
- Mooches
- Commotion
- Boer War general
- Silklike nylon fabric

- CNN's founder
- Sarcastic in a bitter way
- Minute reproductive unit
- Nourishment
- Large predatory tropical fish
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Drink a small amount
- Golfer Rodriguez
- Norse personification of old age
- Large flightless bird
- Capsized
- Convicted American spy
- Music genre
- Makes tractors
- Undergo cell disintegration
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Selfs

CLUES DOWN

- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Goat-like mammal
- Swiss river
- Slithered
- Humiliate
- Tumbled
- Popular alcoholic drink
- Small round hole in a leather cloth
- Fertilizer
- State of affairs that seems deliberately contrary
- Count on
- One who discriminates against
- New Hampshire city
- One who cares for teeth
- Sent off
- Mutual savings bank
- Initial public offering
- Denial
- Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.)
- A doctrine
- Consumed
- Trent Reznor's band
- Perform in a movie
- Schoolhouse implements
- Mathematical term
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- Expression of regret
- Martens
- Approval
- Pleasantly warm
- The Eurasian hoopoe
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- Type of sandwich
- A day in the middle of the month

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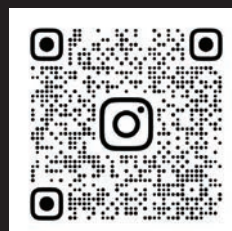
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Stanley Cup game 7 suspense sweeps hockey-mad King Township as residents tune into Edmonton-Florida thriller

By Jim Stewart

King Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Frauley, a beacon of social responsibility as both a registered nurse and business community leader, was honored at the 15th Annual Portraits of Giving ceremony on Monday night.

The 2022 King Citizen of the Year expressed her gratitude for being selected as the 2024 honoree, but offered a humorous twist as she concluded her acceptance speech: "I'm honored and grateful to win this award, but we didn't know that we would be sharing the same night as Game 7 of the Stanley Cup. I promise to get everyone home on time for the game."

Frauley made good on her promise, an indication of the impact a Game 7 can have on the population of hock-

ey-mad King Township.

The township's hockey madness manifests itself in many good ways. It is home to two fine Junior Hockey teams: the transplanted Brantford 99ers of the OJHL who have morphed into the King Rebellion and will be playing out of the new \$100 million Township-Wide Recreation Complex at Dufferin and 15th Sideroad starting in September. In addition to the newly-arrived Rebellion, the Township's been home to the PJHL's Schomberg Cougars since 1969. Schomberg has deep and proud junior hockey traditions and the Cougars' gritty play entertains its loyal fans every Thursday night at the Trisan Centre at Highway 27 and Highway 9. The Cougars were involved in a dramatic Game 7 versus their arch-rival Allison Hornets in a PJHL divisional semifinal in 2022-23.

Five years ago, King City-born Alex Pietrangolo was involved in the last Game 7 featured in a Stanley Cup final when he captained the St. Louis Blues to the franchise's first championship in 2018-2019. Pietrangolo, a repeat Stanley Cup champion with the Las Vegas Golden Knights in 2023, suffered a narrow 2-1 Game 7 quarterfinal loss this season to the Dallas Stars.

Pietrangolo is one of six King-born and/or raised NHLers – quite a feat for the GTA's least populous municipality. King City's Daniel Carcillo and Jeff O'Neill, Nobleton's Nicholas Boynton and Adam Fantilli, and Schomberg's Bill Kitchen have all laced 'em up in the world's top professional hockey league attesting to quality of players this hockey-mad township has produced.

While King has been a home base for many NHLers, it was also home to some degree of disappointment on Monday as residents were glued to the compelling drama unfolding in Sunrise, Florida. At bars and in rec. rooms across the Township, residents watched the Panthers skate to a hard-fought 2-1 win over Canada's unofficial team, the Edmonton Oilers. Florida captured the franchise's first Stanley

Cup in its 30-year history, much to the chagrin of Leafs fans with whom I was enjoying the game. They had switched loyalties to the North Alberta squad led by Newmarket's Connor McDavid whose valiant efforts earned him the Conn Smythe trophy as the Stanley Cup Final's top performer. It was small solace for McDavid and a legion of fans across Canada who were backing the Oilers if only for the month of June to end a 31-year dry spell during which no Canadian-based NHL team has hoisted Lord Stanley's mug.

Although there were no King-born or King-raised players on the Panthers, gritty veteran Florida forward Ryan Lomberg hails from nearby Richmond Hill and played his high school hockey at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS for the Lions. Lomberg's 'My Day with the Cup' celebrations will be in our neck of the woods this summer and well worth attending.

I would be remiss not to extend congratulations to my former student from STLCHS on his first Stanley Cup ring. Your old English teacher is proud of your professional sports achievements, including getting your name engraved on the best sports trophy in North America.



More than 300 get moving to support youth mental health

By Brock Weir

Youth mental health in York Region and South Simcoe got a significant boost this month as hundreds laced up and took part in the Canadian Mental Health Association's annual Mental Health in Motion.

The signature event for the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) took place June 9 and was a tremendous success, with fundraising pledges and donations still rolling in. At press time, fundraising totals had topped \$67,000.

Based in Newmarket, the event saw participants fan out throughout York Region on various cycling routes, or through area neighbourhoods on foot, all to support mental health programs for youth, particularly their MOBYSS bus which takes mental health supporters on the road to places where kids and youth need it the most.

"This year we had some outstanding support," says Catherine Matzig, Senior Director of Philanthropy at CMHA-YRSS. "We had some wonderful new cycling routes which were actually designed by a road cyclist, so we were able to take someone who really knows the area and knows cycling and used their expertise to design some great routes for the cycling. The walk, we were very pleased that the neighbouring community allowed us to be part of that and to do those routes in their neighbourhoods. We had some great sponsorship support, so special thanks to Staples as our presenting sponsor and a number of really great sponsors from the community both in-kind and financial sponsors.

"It really was a community event and a community celebration for those who support mental health for youth. Just a big thank you to everyone who supported this event and everyone who made a donation to make this annual event a roaring success."

With a significant uptake in 2024, Matzig says people took part for a va-

riety of reasons, whether as individuals, as a family, or as a team. Some did it in support of a loved one who might be struggling, or has struggled in the past, with their mental health. Some participants also took part to honour someone who is no longer with them.

"It was really a day where people come out who recognize that supporting youth mental health really supports an entire generation young people through maybe some of the most difficult times in their lives and people do it, again, for a variety of personal reasons," she says. "It's a way for people to give back to the community, to give back to the CMHA, if they or a loved one has received support through our 30-plus programs and services, or who just really recognize the importance of having quality, free, and readily-accessible support for the young people in our community who are struggling with their mental health."

Youth mental health, says Matzig, is a very important issue both at the community and the national level, with rates of anxiety and depression on the rise within the younger demographic. This, in turn, has led to the challenge of "substance misuse."

"We really need to be there to ensure kids who need help have immediate access, free when they need it the most, and this event helps us ensure – and donations help us ensure we can keep MOBYSS on the road so it can continue to bring services to where kids are, but also virtually. We're really committed to providing access and the right services at the right time. MOBYSS literally saves lives and by supporting this event or supporting someone who participated in this event, or just made a donation to the CMHA York and South Simcoe generally, really does save lives. It goes towards supporting those kids who are reaching out to us when they think they have nowhere else to turn."

For more information on Mental Health in Motion, or to get your contribution in, visit www.emhainmotion.ca.



Trail entrance open

The Keele Street entrance to King City Trail has been re-opened following an extensive closure due to a broken hydro pole. Conditions surrounding this entrance are now safe again for hikers. Visit King's trails webpage for details on over 100 km. of trails, including an online, interactive map, featuring photos of parks and facilities, to guide your adventure. Discover more at king.ca/trails.

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, June 23 Rev. Evelyn recalled the story Jesus calming the storm, admonishing his disciples for not having faith after all the miracles they had seen.

In our lives there are times when we struggle with fear and doubt. We were encouraged to remember that God is always with us, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are along on our journeys of life and our faith and trust in God can support us in the toughest of times.

Sunday, June 30 Rev. Andrew Lee will be presiding and we invite all to worship at 10 a.m. Fellowship and coffee in the auditorium follows the worship hour and everyone is welcome to join. Sunday school takes place during the worship hour. For more information contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

Sunday, June 30 is the last Sunday of worship until August 11. The church is suspending worship for the month of July and in August the location of worship will rotate between York Pines

United, King City United and New Hope United Church. Rev. Andrew is available for visiting in the month of July

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings. Year round, for those who use the food bank, support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. We encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

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

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark 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!

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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

There are no art classes in June. We have two presentations planned for the summer. We encourage you to join us in air conditioned comfort for coffee and a snack while gaining insight into eye care and the dangers of radon as outlined below. Please RSVP so we have enough snacks.

Friday, July 19 – 10 a.m. – Do you know, the first 30 minutes after an eye emergency are crucial for minimizing vision damage? Immediate action can significantly improve the chances of preserving vision. Protect your vision and learn life-saving information that could make the difference between sight and blindness by attending this presentation by Dr. Wendy Ng. RSVP at 905-833-6565.

Friday, August 9 – 10 a.m. – What is radon and what is all the fuss about? Join us for a presentation by Bob Woodward to learn about health issues associated with radon in our homes and how to deal with it. RSVP at 905-833-6565.

King City Seniors will host a complimentary hearing assessment clinic on Monday, Aug. 12 with Dr. Aliak of Hear-Canada. The sessions run every half hour with the first session at 9:30 a.m. and the last for the morning at 11:30 a.m. The first afternoon session will be at 1 p.m. and the last will be at 3 p.m. If this is something you are interested in doing, please call the Centre to book a space. 905-833-6565.

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

Monday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters. Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement/Cribbage; 2 p.m. – Knitting/Crochet.

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.

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

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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

Many thanks to the youth and adults who participated in making and delivering 275 lunch bags and toiletries on Saturday, June 22 to the homeless in downtown Toronto. The Restless project was well received by both recipients and participants.

Congratulations and prayers Angelo and Marisa Azzoli on their 48th wedding anniversary this weekend. May the Love of God, their families and each other endure for many years to come!

Thank you to all those who came out to the Catholic Women's League meeting and the blessing of a plaque. The plaque reads: "This flowering pear tree was planted by the Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League in 2021 in memory of all the parishioners who died from COVID."

Our heartfelt appreciation to Piotr and Gosia Krysz, who for several years, have been Coordinators of the Marriage Preparation classes, as well as running the RCIA Program. They have decided to step down from overseeing these programs, but we are grateful that they are continuing with the Baptism Preparation Courses and the Adult Faith Educational Meetings. We thank Piotr and Gosia for their ongoing service and commitment to these Ministries. We thank Joe & Lily Meschino for accepting to Coordinate this Ministry together with their team (Tony & Nadia Pascuzzo & John and Justine Cariati).

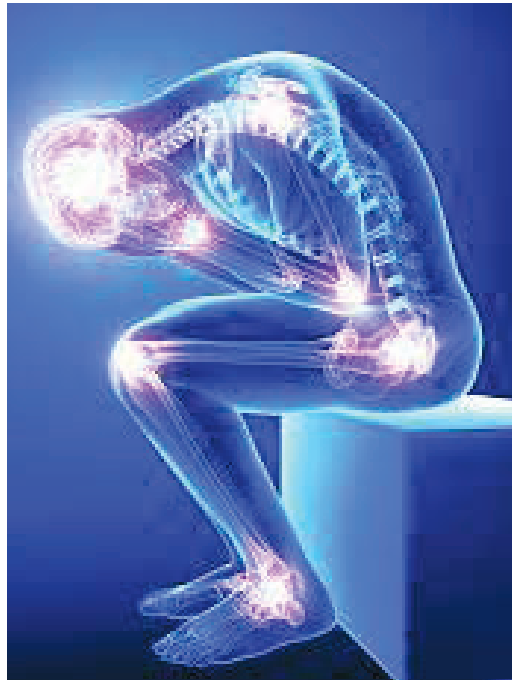
We are saying goodbye to Mike & Sonja Denobrega. For 3+ years, they provided dedicated service and help in various Ministries. They hardly ever missed their Wednesday and Friday Liturgies together with all the other devotions. We will miss you! Our Thanks to Mercedes Pincenat for accepting the position of Eucharistic Minister Coordinator.

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

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We are excited to be inviting all kids ages 4 to 12 to this year's Bible Fun Camp. The theme will be "Finding our place in God's Kingdom," and will be held each day, from July 22 to 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. An online fillable Registration Form is posted on our website. As in past years, there is no fee for this event.

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be leading the service with a message entitled, "Inspired!" based on 2 Timothy 3.10-17. Is the Bible trustworthy in all it teaches and is it the foundation of our faith? Come join us to hear more on this important message.

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.

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

We are very excited to announce that we still have limited space for campers for our Summer Bible Camp 2024. The half-day camp will run Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 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 JK

to 5. Invite your friends! The cost for the week is \$75 per child. Email Zephania to receive the link for the registration form. Don't miss out!

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish:
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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. & will continue in July & August.

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

June 27 - Potluck Party. Please bring finger foods for 2-3 people. Games, prizes & laughter. We will start at 10:30 to 1 p.m. This will be our last event and we will start up again on Sept. 12. The fall schedule will be posted over the summer.

All weekly Thursday programs in Nobleton will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated.

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 all our programs & workshops.

Nobleton Lions

Our next event is the Annual Community Fundraising Draw with the winners being declared at the Library Gazebo on October 26. First prize is \$4,000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and are available now from any Lion as well as in some businesses around town. Proceeds will go to supporting local organizations such as

the King Township Food Bank, sports teams, Girl Guides, as well as health-related needs in the wider community.

It is not too late to support the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides which supports the financial requirements of training service dogs. Over \$7,000 was raised this year and you may still donate at <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/nobletonlionsclub-walkfordogguides>

We continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest when regular meetings resume in September by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com

We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to the end of May at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena.

St. Alban's By John Arnott

Almost 2,000 years ago when England called Britannia was under Roman rule a pagan Roman soldier named Albanus most likely of centurion rank gave shelter to a Christian priest fleeing for his life under the persecution of Christians during the days of Roman emperor Diocletian who had been persuaded by wily associates that followers of this emerging new religion were all ene-

mies of the state.

Albanus was betrayed by persons unknown but received a warning and gave his distinctive Roman style cloak to the priest that helped him escape while he put on the priest's ragged cloak which led to his arrest. When this ruse was discovered the town's commandant was infuriated and even more so when Albanus refused to give out any information about his new friend's whereabouts. Things reached the boiling point when the now prisoner declared he had become a Christian and even under torture refused to recant.

A few days later on June 22, still holding true to his new beliefs, Albanus was taken out to the sports amphitheatre on the outskirts of town where in front of the frightened townspeople forced to gather. He was beheaded - a method of execution reserved for Roman officers.

Verulamium, built on the site of an ancient Celtic site called Verilio, the town where this all happened, is now known as St. Alban's.

St. Alban and the Anglican community of Nobleton have a long history together. His little towered red brick namesake church - Nobleton's oldest - although sadly now closed has for 135 years stood on Hwy. 27 to remind passers-by of its long history and it being a place of joy and comfort for its many faithful parishioners and the whole community over many years.



MPP helps mark heritage month

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan surprised the residents of the Valley Vista Retirement Residence with an Italian Heritage Month cake and celebration, along with special guest Minister Michael Ford. "It was wonderful to spend the afternoon celebrating Italian Heritage Month with our amazing seniors, many of whom have called Canada their home for decades," Lecce said.



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King's Corners

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York Pines Church

This past weekend was a busy one for York Pines. Our Strawberry Social was on Saturday afternoon with an amazing collection of cupcakes: cherry, chocolate, banana, poppyseed, carrot, pecan and vanilla, along with juicy, fresh strawberries and good fellowship. Sunday morning was our Indigenous service with guest speaker Morgan Mutter who talked about discovering her Indigenous heritage.

Our June Fellowship Lunch is on the 26th at noon at the Mandarin in Newmarket. Come and bring a friend. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesus@gmail.com.

York Pines is now closed for services until August 4th. This Sunday, you can find us at King City United Church with Rev. Andrew at 10 a.m. (not 11). See you there!

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome at St. Andrew's! Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Alison Agnew leading us in worship and bringing us another vibrant sermon from the Bible. Join us for coffee-time following the service. Last Sunday we looked at Mark 8:27-35 which contains the "turning point of the Gospel."

Up to this point, the disciples were confused as to who Jesus was. After talking about what the crowds were thinking about Jesus, Jesus asked his disciples and "Who do you say I am?" A question that we all have to answer. Even bold, impulsive Peter got it wrong.

If you missed our service on Sunday, check out standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube link for our recorded services.

One of our favourite Bible passages is: "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." – Philippians 4:6,7.

We've extended the Food Drive for the King Township Food Bank at our church to June 30, but encourage all to continue to donate throughout the

summer. The lime green collection bin is in the Narthex. Go to kttfb.ca to find out what is most needed! Contact the church office for more information.

We are thrilled to share with you that Alison Agnew "accepted the call" to be our half-time minister of Word and Sacrament and we're looking forward to her Ordination at St. Andrew's September 8 at 3 p.m. More information will be available later in August.

If you need 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 Diana Armitage

Join us for a Strawberry Social on July 6. Strawberries, treats and music! Tickets are \$15 for the seated event from 2 to 4 p.m. Or, pick up a treat for take-out from 4 to 5 p.m. (no tickets, but by donation). Event tickets are limited so please make sure to get yours soon!

The 10:30 a.m. Sunday service will be in the chapel for the next two months. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m., a 30-minute service is held in the chapel: Spark and Safe Service combined.

Congratulations to Ernesto De Luca for a fantastic Pipes of King Concert. Gorgeous music and a fun introduction to the many parts of a pipe organ.

Canon Erin's sermon last Sunday was on Mark 4: 35-42:

"I've been thinking about suffering. In our own lives many of us struggle with physical pain, debilitating illnesses or financial hardship. Many have loved ones who are going through hard times and it's tough to be ok when they are not. It can feel too terrible to bear and we may find ourselves looking to the heavens asking 'Don't you care that we're drowning in despair, pain, and anxiety? Haven't you noticed what's going on?'"

"Many Christians have been taught that these questions and feelings denote a lack of faith. Good Christians won't ask such things. Some teach that if we only trusted, prayed, or worshipped more, God would grant us some sort of Christian immunity that would keep us from being 'punished' by these terrible miseries. I believe that is utter balderdash.

"It is a human response in the midst of pain and misery to cry out, to seek help and comfort. The disciples cried

out when the waves crashed into their boat and threatened to throw them into the sea. They were seasoned fishermen but they were really scared – and there was Jesus peacefully snoozing in the stern of the boat. They woke him up and yelled 'Don't you care that we're dying?'"

"It is not a sin to feel fear or ask why or how long or to cry out. We are human. Theologian Debie Thomas wrote, "The problem isn't fear; the problem is where fear leads ..." With fear we may conjure up a God who is stony-faced and loveless. A withdrawn God to whom we are expendable. Then we withdraw, convinced we are alone.

"But consider Jesus is just as present in the raging water as he is in the soothing calm that follows. In that vulnerable boat, surrounded by that swelling, terrifying water, the disciples are in the intimate company of Jesus. He is tossed as they are tossed, soaked as they are soaked.

"I think I will spend the rest of my life seeking this one grace — the grace to experience God's presence in the storm. The grace to know that I am accompanied by the divine in the bleakest, most treacherous places. The grace to believe in both the existence and the power of Love even when Jesus 'sleeps. Even when the miraculous calm doesn't come.

"My prayer for all of us is this: that no matter what life throws at us, we will see God in our midst and remember that Jesus is with us in every wave, every gust of wind, and every moment of fear. It is ok to cry out to God who loves us even when we're fearful, angry, or despairing. May we be filled with awe at the overwhelming love of God that surrounds us, holds us, and carries us through. And may we be given moments of peace and stillness so that we can perceive all this more clearly. Jesus is in the boat and his love is more powerful than any storm."



Local farm seeking wood donation

The Schomberg Community Farm is looking for some old but usable deck boards, so if anyone is renewing theirs, they would love to have some. They need to be at least 7' long and 6"x1." They have multiple projects on the go. For more, contact them via email at schombergcommunityfarm@gmail.com, or visit their website at <https://www.schombergcommunityfarm.ca/>



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Summer has officially arrived; it came in so hot last week then suddenly it turned on a dime into a torrential downpour for a few days before settling in sunny and warm. We can only hope that weather holds for the entire summer holiday. I hope everyone had their air conditioning working and was able to stay cool, always remember to check on your elderly neighbours during a heat wave, especially those who may be living alone.

This coming weekend is the real start of summer vacation with the kids finishing school. I remember the excitement of those last few days, don't you? Not to mention the Canada Day long weekend. With lots to celebrate living in a wonderful community in this fabulous country, please make sure to stay safe and have fun.

If you're setting off fireworks make sure you follow all the safety rules and only set them off on Canada day and only between dusk and 11 p.m. They

must be set off at least eight metres away from any structure and three metres from property lines, public walkways, or roadways. Fireworks can not be set off on public land, including parks, parking lots or roads. To report a complaint or concern contact Bylaw services at 905-833-5321. Bylaw will be out Canada Day addressing any prohibited activities.

Just another reminder that Highway 27 will be closed starting next week, July 5, from 18th Sideroad to Lloydtown-Aurora Road to July 15 to replace the culvert, so you'll have to take the long way around if you need to get to Nobleton during that two-week period.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society's Annual Garden Tour took place this past Sunday and from what I heard; it was a sold-out event regardless of the rainy weather. Great to see these events being supported by our community members.

Sunday service at Christ Church Kettleby and 11:15 at St. Mary Magdalene, for July and August, all services are combined and take place at 10:30. In July they will be at Christ Church except for July 21 when we celebrate Saint Mary Magdalene at her namesake church in Schomberg with a special service com-

memorating this remarkable woman and followed by light refreshments that will include the wonderful tiny French cookies called madeleines. They are unique, using a classic recipe and a special madeleine pan that give them their particular shape.

For August, combined services are held at St. Mary Magdalene in Schomberg. For the three weeks of August 11, 18 and 25 the customary Holy Eucharist will become Morning Prayer with lay leaders and/or a guest celebrant.

Schomberg Euchre Club

The Euchre group meets 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. This past week we were delighted to see some fresh faces out, but we always have room for more.

Schomberg 55+

Our last official event for the took

place this past Monday at Pottageville Pavilion with our Potluck Lunch, and what a wonderful turn out – we had 27 members all bringing a tasty dish. Thanks to everyone who supported this wonderful group once again this past year. We've had some amazing speakers and many informative workshops and look forward to a full rooster this upcoming September when we return in September.

We had special guests including Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor Mary Asselstine, Jonathon Bell, Erica Baird and Erin Buford, from King Township, all of whom have helped build this group into the success it is with a total of ninety-two members, as of this month.

As they say in the song "See you in September" we hope that everyone has a wonderful and action-packed summer so we can hear all about your adventures when we meet in the fall.

A huge thank you to the wonderful team that keeps us on track and all the members who support the group. If you haven't joined yet, don't be shy, come out this September when we return.

Tuesday afternoon bridge in Schomberg is cancelled for the summer.

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Schomberg Scoop

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Summer bridge will take place in the Curling Lounge of the Trisan Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Kim at klfortin58@gmail.com.

Carpet Bowl will resume from 1-3 p.m. at the Trisan Centre on Thursdays beginning September 12.

Ukulele Classes "Tightly Wound" Band will begin again on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Schomberg Community Hall.

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

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

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here sporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952



Schomberg 55+ Club gathered to enjoy an end-of-year potluck lunch. Local councillors also attended to show their support to the group.

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Robert Ryan Smilsky

We are sadly announcing the passing of Rob Smilsky on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie. He was in his 49th year. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 6 years (together for 16) Lesley Tivendale, her parents Ted & Colleen and Lesley's sister and brother. Also left behind are his parents Larry & Carol-Lynne Smilsky, his sister Kari (Mike Still) and his numerous aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. Rob was never happier than when he was putting around in his garden, having Sunday picnic with Les around their pond, fishing with his buddies near Temagami and playing with his dogs. He was a creative chef, an avid reader, a "learning" carpenter, and a world wide seasoned adventure traveler and a scuba diver. He was blessed to have many close and a lifelong friends who, I am sure, will miss his exuberance and quirky ideas. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Fdn. Barrie or the Alliston or Barrie Humane Society. A Celebration of life will be held at the Gibson Centre in the Rotary Hall on June 27th between 5pm-8pm Arrangements entrusted to Drury Funeral Centre, Alliston.

Gould: Doris May

Left us peacefully at Good Samaritan Seniors Complex, Alliston, on June 19, 2024. Doris Gould (née: Bell) at the age of 101 years, beloved wife of the late Bruce Gould. Loving mother of Ted (Linda), John (Rita Bennett), and Larry (Cindi). Dear grandmother of Andy (Becky), Jen (Stephen), Stephanie (Bryan), Chelsea, Cory, and caring great grandmother of Avery, Kaitlyn, Owen, and Nora. Forever in the hearts of her extended family and friends. After Bruce's death in 1969, Doris left her lifetime home in Beeton temporarily and enrolled in a nursing school curriculum in Brampton. She graduated with honours, as class valedictorian, and received her Registered Nursing Assistant degree. She then enjoyed a 15 year career at Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. A private Family Funeral Service will be held, followed by interment in Trinity Cemetery Beeton. In Doris' memory, donations to Stevenson Memorial Hospital would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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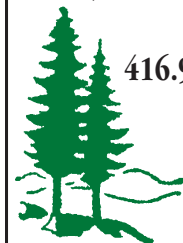
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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

We have shifted to our Summer program, Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with hymn sings (1/2 hour) and pot lucks. The location alternates: Schomberg United (July 3). Nobleton United (July 10). On July 17, there will be a picnic at Jack and Kim Campbell's starting at 4:30 pm. The fabulous Front Porch Harmony will provide the music. Back to Nobleton for July 24 at 5:30 p.m., etc. The last one is on Sept. 4. Regular Sunday services will resume on Sept. 8.

Canada Day is coming! The Foodless Food Drive to support the King Township Food Bank is back for Monday, July 1, 1-4 p.m. at Nobleton United Church rain or shine. Cheques made out to the King Township Food Bank and cash donations are accepted. There will also be a Book Table with all donations for the Food Bank. If you have book donations, they will be accepted at the rear

entrance to Nobleton United Church on Wednesday, June 26 or Thursday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please no encyclopedias, no text books, no cook books and no magazines. Special thanks to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan for once again organizing this event.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, July 16 at 11:30 a.m. Please be at St. Mary Magdalene by 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker is Elaine Charal, who is a handwriting analyst, an exceptional speaker, a seasoned entertainer, an accomplished comedienne, and a good mind-reader. The menu is hamburgers and chips, broccoli slaw with bacon and cranberries. The dessert is Eton Mess (strawberry, meringue, and whipped cream). 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.

On Sunday, Aug. 25 (time will likely be 10 or 10:30 a.m. - TBD) at the Dufferin Marsh, there will be an outdoor ecumenical service with various denominations taking part.

For the June program, one of the



activities of Messy Church was to use chalk to decorate the steps of the church in rainbow colours to celebrate Pride month and welcome everyone. Messy Church enjoys the summer break and starts again in September. Messy Church is changing to the third Tuesday of most months. The next date is Tues. Sept. 18. Please contact me at 416-316-5064 or (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to be put on the reminder list.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). The quilters join us! We talk on a huge variety of topics, mainly current events. You are welcome to join us. Just send

me a message nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to request the link.

Last Wed. June 26, we celebrated Rev. Richard Gardner's Ordination. Our two congregations plus members of the community-at-large gathered and joined in congratulating Richard and then enjoyed a delicious pot luck together.

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary. The phone number for Rev. Richard and for our secretary Sharon is 905-859-3976.

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LUXURY LIVING WITH HIGH-END FINISHES

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LUXURIOUS 'FERNBROOK' HOME IN AURORA

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LUXURIOUS HOME WITH RESORT BACKYARD

Experience luxury living with modern finishes, hardwood floors, a gourmet kitchen, an elegant family room, luxurious bedrooms, a finished basement with an extra suite, and a stunning backyard featuring a saltwater pool and cabana. This property is the epitome of refined elegance and contemporary comfort.



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