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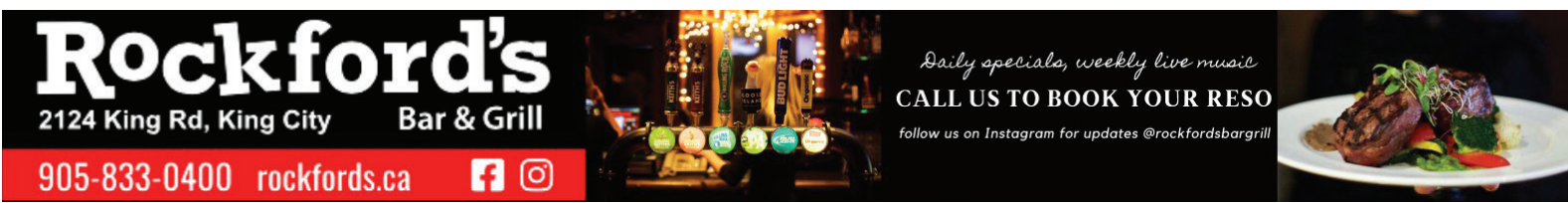
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## Premier helps open animal hospital

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## Community reeling from loss of local teen Jack Shepherd

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The entire King community is mourning the tragic loss of a local teen.

Jack Shepherd, 16, died Aug. 16 in an ATV accident in Schomberg.

He's described as a "ray of light" to all who knew him.

Jack's uncle Randy Shepherd, a King firefighter, and minor hockey president, noted the family received thousands of messages over the past week.

"The outpouring of love and support from the community is truly special and a testament to Jack's character as a young man. He touched so many lives, helped so many people and persevered through many challenges in his young life. Jack was truly special. In a time when no words can describe the grief we are all experiencing. Jack

was special. And he will be missed dearly," he said.

He extended thanks to King Fire and Emergency Service Station 36 for being there and supporting Ben, Evan, Jacob and Scaff. "The crew was amazing and we thank you for all that did and we take solace in knowing that the boys had familiar faces to rely on during the worst night of their lives. Thank you to my Brothers and Sisters of 36. Thank you."

He also extended thanks for the efforts of YRP, York EMS and Ornge.

Jack was a valued member of our KTMHA membership, and player for the King Rebellion U18AA hockey team.

According to the hockey association, Jack was not only a talented hockey star but also highly respected by his teammates, friends, and coaching staff.

"His loss is felt profoundly within our community. See 'Community' on Page 3



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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Monday, September 9**  
6 p.m. - Council

### COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

**Thursday, September 5**  
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee

**Tuesday, September 10**  
11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).  
For details, visit [king.ca/cofameetings](http://king.ca/cofameetings)

View full Council and Committee agendas at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

## Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories & Experiences of the Chinese Community

Opening celebration on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1 - 3 p.m. at **King Heritage & Cultural Centre**

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Saturday, August 24

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For more information, visit [king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway](http://king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway)



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## Doctors Lane & Old King Road Neighbourhood Plans

### Upcoming Community Open Houses

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#### Doctors Lane Open House

Tuesday, September 10  
Drop-in between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Presentation at 6:30 p.m.  
Laskay Community Hall  
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#### Old King Road Open House

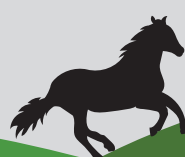
Thursday, September 12  
Drop-in between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Presentation at 6:30 p.m.  
Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre & Arena  
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# KING

# Community comes together to support family

From Front Page

"We are actively seeking additional resources to support his teammates and coaching staff during this difficult time. It's moments like these that remind us of the importance of coming together as a community to offer comfort and strength."

"The Shepherd Family was and has been by our sides from the beginning with Abby," noted Becky Eveson. "They offered more support to us than we could ever have imagined. Abby Magnets for the cars, signage for all of our events, all of our photos for Abby's Celebration of Life, and the list goes on. There are no words to describe how incredibly wrong it feels to be on the other side, now supporting them through this tragic event that their family is living through."

Holly Douglass launched a GoFundMe campaign to help alleviate the financial strain on the family. So far, it has raised more than \$100,000 – an incredible amount!

Douglass said they wanted to set up this fundraiser, not to help with funeral costs as those will be covered by the family, but so Tom and Shannon can focus on their grief and their family without the burden of worrying about finances.

"We have had so many people reaching out genuinely wanting to help. A wonderful way to help at this time is to take some of the financial burden off their plate."

For more, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jack-shepherd>

According to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Jack is survived by his devoted father and best friend, Tom Shepherd, stepmom Shannon Mead, sister Ryleigh and little brother Hudson, Grandparents Kathy Cartan, Cathy Pearson, Randy Shepherd and Pam Agar, Poppy, Ros and Bob. Jack is predeceased by his loving mother, Tanya Shepherd, and grandfather Mike Pearson. He will be terribly missed by his aunts and uncles Randy and Jenn Shepherd, Holly and Jaime Douglass, Kate and Chris Glasgow, Ashley and JD McFarlane, Laura and Kirk, Cris and Angelina Mead, Tanya and Stephen Ross, Lydia and Cory Berger, and Bryce Bednarz.

Jack was absolutely adored by his many cousins: Wesley, Isla, Blair, Sloan, Bronwyn, Taylor, Tenley, Madelyn, Hailey, Tyler, Milena, Nathan, Aubree, Blake, Ryder, Austin and most of all his best friend and cousin Ben. Jack was very special to many people, but the Boston family – Brandy, Larry, Jack's best bud Jesse and his first love Jorja in particular.

He was a loving and thoughtful older brother to his sister Ryleigh, and to his 2-year-old brother Hudson, whom no one could make laugh harder than his big brother. An old soul from day one, Jack was a ray of light for everyone who knew him. Always smiling, kind, gentle and helpful, he was loved by all.

He was learning the trade of carpentry through his talented dad, Tom, and



was hardworking and looking forward to following in his dad's footsteps as a carpenter. They recently enjoyed a trip to Michigan for a Motocross race, which Jack described as the highlight of his life. Jack was dedicated to hockey and was a tenacious learner and a great team player. He excelled on the ice and truly loved the sport. In the summer months Jack loved to be outdoors, riding his dirt bike and hanging out with his many, many friends.

He had a deep love and appreciation for music, particularly country. He

had recently started collecting vinyl records, which his sister Ryleigh will lovingly continue. Jack will be deeply missed by all who knew him. The only solace through all of this is knowing that he is reunited with his mom, and that Tanya is finally back with her beautiful son.

The service will be held at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Dr. Schomberg, with the visitation and service being held on the same day. The details will be released soon. You can visit [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

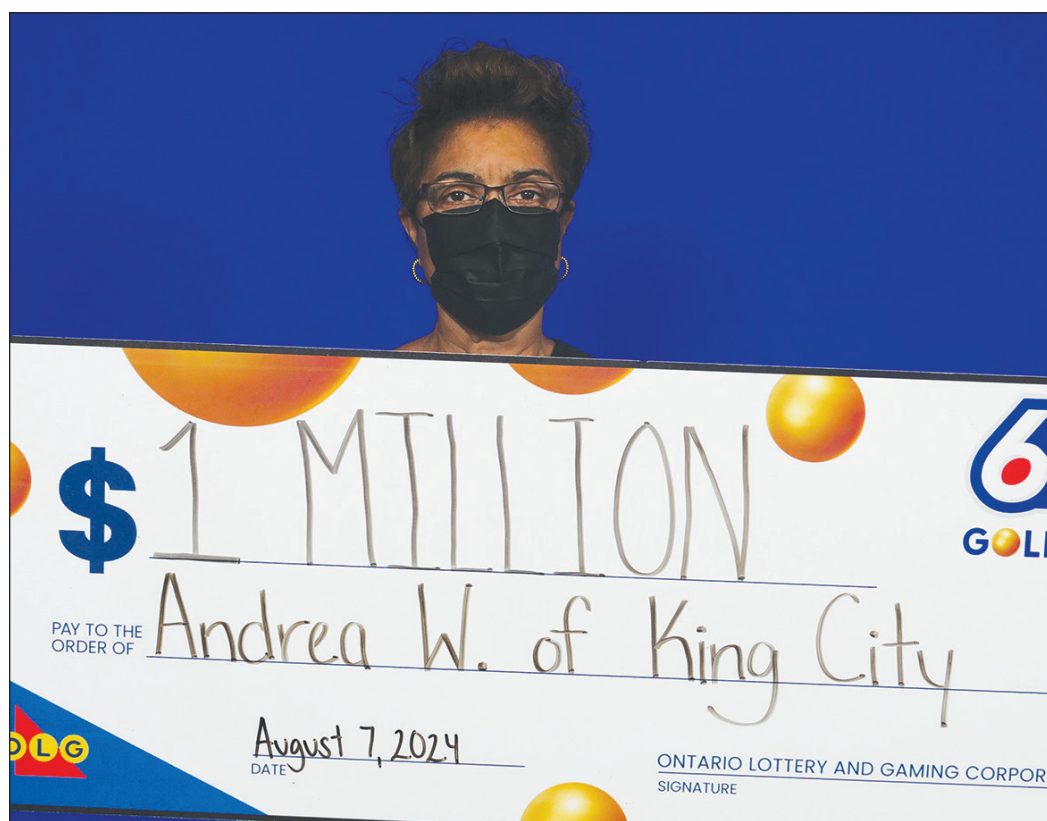
## Police lay more than 50 charges in break-ins

Investigators with the York Regional Police #4 District Criminal Investigations Bureau have arrested three men and laid more than 50 charges in a commercial break-and-enter investigation in the City of Vaughan.

An investigation began in May 2024, after investigators identified an increase in commercial break and enters where suspects were specifically targeting warehouses or wholesalers selling high-end construction tools and equipment. Through investigation, officers learned the stolen goods were being sold by another suspect at what would appear to be a legitimate store in the City of Toronto.

On Wednesday, July 31, at approximately 6 a.m., officers responded to a break and enter in progress on Confederation Parkway, near Scholar Road. When police arrived, they observed the front doors to a business had been completely ripped away from the building and the suspects had already fled. A suspect vehicle was identified, a black Honda Ridgeline, and investigators were able to locate that vehicle attending the store in Toronto to offload the stolen property. At that time, three suspects were taken into custody and charged. A search warrant was executed in the store, where \$1 million worth of stolen construction equipment was seized.

Two men are facing a combined 56 charges.



## King City resident wins \$1-million 6/49 Gold Ball

Andrea Watson of King City can "find her possible" after winning a LOTTO 6/49 prize worth \$1 million in the Gold Ball Draw on July 13.

Andrea, a wife and mother, says she has been playing the lottery with OLG for around 15 years. She regularly enjoys playing Lotto 6/49 and Lotto Max.

"I didn't even know I won on the Gold Ball draw until I checked my ticket at the store. My husband and I went there to pick up some lunch," Andrea recalled, while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to claim her winnings. "While he went to shop, I went to the self-checker to scan my tickets. I scanned my Lotto 6/49 ticket and saw the number \$1 million appear on the screen. I stood there in shock, re-scanned the ticket, and saw the number again. My feet started to shake as I looked around in disbelief."

Andrea called her husband over to share the exciting news. "He said, 'Let's go check it somewhere else.' We went to a nearby Shoppers Drug Mart to recheck it and saw the same number. We were in shock and kept asking 'Is this real?'"

Andrea waited until her daughter got home from work before revealing she had won. "I showed her the ticket and she immediately said, 'Oh, you're pranking us.' She just couldn't believe it. After the reality sunk in, she was so happy for me."

With her windfall, Andrea plans to donate, share with her loved ones, and celebrate with friends and family.

The Classic Draw offers a fixed \$5 million jackpot for every draw, while the Gold Ball Draw guarantees a \$1 million prize, or the growing jackpot that starts at \$10 million and can exceed \$60 million.

The winning ticket was purchased at Shoppers Drug Mart on Hollandview Trail in Newmarket.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Understanding the intricacies of human venting

Venting: "... to give often vigorous or emotional expression to ... to relieve by means of a vent."

We all do it. Sometimes it's as if the human shell is one giant pressure cooker, hissing inwardly until she blows.

And the results can be quite loud and messy.

Specialists say venting is a way to relieve stress and it's vital that we do it, lest we, well, combust. Is it cathartic, a way of hitting restart?

For the person doing the venting it may be okay, but those on the receiving end are often left speechless, attacked, and helpless. It's one of the more confusing human outlets, that often don't have a response or solution.

Most of the time, venting takes the form of loud outbursts - letting loose the old-fashioned way. It would be great if we chose jotting down our thoughts in a journal as a way of venting. Or baking, yes, baking is a great way to get out your anger!

Engaging someone in a conversation while they're expelling the inner demons isn't always the best approach. You need to listen, and listen good. There may be some quick fixes or simple solutions, or there may not be.

Research has shown that the difference between positive and negative venting can be focused on the ways in which the person hearing the vent responds, both through speech and action. The key is empathy - empathy is active validation, sympathy is not.

We hear the saying to "walk in another person's shoes," but frankly I've never been able to do that. How can we? People are so different, unique and interpret the world around them in dif-



Mark Pavilons

ferent ways.

Unless I had those very same physical ailments and psychological traumas, then perhaps I could empathize. But only to an extent.

Apparently sharing our feelings is healthy but unfortunately, a lot can get lost in translation here, especially when the opposite sexes are concerned.

Men and women are different. We feel and share differently. Yes, we are apples and oranges and shouldn't really be in the same fruit basket, unless we're both destined to become jam.

I'm a Boomer and was taught to be tough, keeping most of the mushy stuff inside. Yes, we were allowed, even encouraged, to show love, compassion and respect. We were brave, chivalrous, the

proverbial hunter-gatherers.

But a lot has changed in the past few decades, changes that have kept men's heads spinning. Letting out our emotions hasn't always been easy.

I admit that it's getting easier, and I have broken down and cried more times than I care to remember. Does it help? Somewhat.

My youngest often asks me why I don't get teary-eyed talking about my late parents and sister. I don't know.

In their final stages, all were in a certain amount of pain and in and out of consciousness. They suffered. Watching a family member suffer is like getting a red-hot branding iron to the gut.

For all three of my family members, who passed within a 10-year time frame, there was always something to do, something to arrange, to plan for.

I couldn't fall apart because I was the rock, the logical and organized male who had to take control.

Sure, the tasks required focus and took your mind off grieving, but in the end, you simply didn't have time to feel sorrow. So you packed it away.

But venting helps us cope, doesn't it? I never saw much use for it.

In our family circle today, venting is usually the result of some minor household annoyances - the kids' bathroom, dishes in the sink, and forgotten chores.

My wife says I'm hard on the kids, demanding they rise to the challenge and pitch in. I don't see why they can't and I don't believe in coddling them.

When my mom came home from grocery shopping, I felt compelled to run to the door and grab the bags from her. It was second nature - I didn't have to be asked. Doing things for my mom particularly was just natural.

My dad, on the other hand, had a not-

so-subtle way of telling me what was next on the to-do list. He never asked if I was busy or had plans - it didn't matter.

So yes, out I'd dash and return when I was sufficiently covered in dirt and sweat. Thanks, or any form of appreciation, were understood.

But these things didn't hinder my ability to function. They didn't damage me emotionally or cause me to vent.

I understood the importance of family and pitching in when and where needed. It's pretty simple if you think about it.

We would never think about "fixing" or "changing" our old school parents. Heck, they went through a lot, including picking up the pieces after the Second World War; going through tough times and moving to a foreign land to start over.

To this day, I feel that any whining on my part was ridiculous, given their struggles.

My kids have it pretty easy. We have given our kids so much they have no reason to complain, feel neglected, restricted, poor, under-fed or emotionally starved.

Yes, I was spoiled, but kids today ...

Often I'm dumbfounded when they vent over what I see as trivial matters. There's really no reason getting worked up over stupid things - life is much too short to waste precious time on such things.

I have been guilty of it, too. But I'm going out of my way to curb this bad habit.

I think we can all contribute if we really listen, validate and offer our support. It's really not that hard.

To those who vent, I say let it out and scratch where it itches!

### Government Spending

## CTF petition on bureaucrat salaries

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's bureaucrat hiring spree is out of control. And you're paying the price, according to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

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### Quote of the Week

*"The reason why the world is in chaos is because things are being loved and people are being used."*

- Anon.

### Trivia Tidbits

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a) Yes  **67%**  
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# It's time to ditch the lawn and go natural!

By David Suzuki

## Environment

Massive fields of non-native turf-grass that suck up enormous amounts of water and require more pesticides than farms — that's largely what urban and suburban areas in Canada and the U.S. have become. Lawns are a colonial relic, once seen as a sign of wealth and privilege. But those who want to convert theirs to something more useful, such as wildflower or food gardens and pollinator habitats, face hurdles.

That's in part because many municipal governments and some homeowner associations prescribe what people can and can't do with their yards. With growing water scarcity and rapidly declining insect populations, the movement to allow greater freedom in yard design and care is growing.

A group of conservationists in Canada — including the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, Canadian Wildlife Federation, David Suzuki Foundation, Ecological Design Lab at Toronto Metropolitan University and author and environmental advocate Lorraine Johnson — recently published an open letter urging municipal bylaw reforms to support habitat garden development.

Outdated bylaws and enforcement have for too long restricted ecological and sustainable practices and landscapes that support biodiversity and contribute ecological services.

These restrictions can include prohibiting "weeds" without defining what that means, imposing height limits on vegetation even when there are no sightline issues, requiring special permissions to deviate from the outdated standard of manicured lawns, preventing native species planting under the guise of "weed control" and frowning on habitat features such as nurse logs and fallen leaves.

The benefits of shifting our perspective on yards are numerous. As the open letter notes, habitat gardens "attract and support a diversity of wildlife including birds, bees, and butterflies" and "demonstrate a proactive, local response to the global challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss."

Planting gardens instead of turf-grass can also save residents money, cut down on water and pesticide use

and reduce pest infestations. Gardens can even improve quality of life, as they connect people with nature, which has been shown to reduce stress and improve mental health and wellbeing.

Habitat and food gardens sequester carbon, acting as a hedge against climate change, and filter pollutants from air and water. They also reduce soil erosion, improve soil quality and reduce the urban heat island effect. And they can help manage stormwater and reduce local flooding.

There's ample room for improvement. As part of its new LawnShare campaign, the David Suzuki Foundation released a study of seven Canadian municipalities showing that lawns cover vast areas of each city, with Toronto and Montreal blanketed in 80 and 97 square kilometres of lawn respectively.

The U.S. National Academy of Sciences estimates that converting as little as 10 per cent of lawns to natural vegetation "could significantly aid insect conservation, while simultaneously lowering the cost of lawn maintenance through reduced watering, and requisite herbicide, fertilizer, and pesticide applications."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says nearly one-third of residential water use goes to lawns, and the country's Fish and Wildlife Service says lawns use up to 10 times more pesticides per acre than agricultural crops.

As well as providing habitat for creatures critical to human survival, yards can be used to grow food. It's not a new idea. During the First and Second World Wars, Canada, the U.S., U.K., Australia and Germany encouraged "victory gardens" that aided the war effort by reducing pressure on food systems and farms. Gardens and chicken coops appeared in yards, parks, school grounds, golf courses, railway edges and vacant lots. Sheep grazed on sports fields and kept grass in check.

Urban food gardens won't replace agriculture, but they offer many benefits. As Vancouver writer Peter Ladner wrote in *The Urban Food Revolution: Changing the Way We Feed Cities*, "When urban agriculture flourishes, our children are healthier and smarter

about what they eat, fewer people are hungry, more local jobs are created, local economies are stronger, our neighborhoods are greener and safer, and our communities are more inclusive."

Transforming some of our sprawling lawn areas and other green spaces and changing our perspective on what a yard should look like will benefit people and other life forms. Some cities

are showing leadership, but removing the barriers imposed by outdated by-laws and regulations would be a win all around!

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## Remembering local airport

King Township recognized National Aviation Day Monday and the KHCC celebrated King's aviation history. Shown here is the King City Airport, which was located on the east side of Hwy. 400 along King-Vaughan Town Line. It serviced King dating back to the 1950s, with a large hangar, control tower, and single 1,000-foot paved runway. It was also home to Seneca College's introductory ground school, as well as Adele Fogle's (President of Neiltown Air Ltd.) flying school in 1982. The airport closed in 1986 but its structures remained until 2021.



## Police seek witnesses in suspicious disappearance of Vaughan man

Investigators with the York Regional Police Homicide Unit are appealing for witnesses after a Vaughan man was reported missing under suspicious circumstances from the Township of King.

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, police responded to a missing person call after 41-year-old Alexandr 'Sasha' Puryga did not show up to work in the area of 7th Concession and 16th Sideroad. Puryga's vehicle, a white 2012 Mercedes Benz two-door sedan, was located nearby unoccupied.



lar build. He has grey eyes, short, blond hair.

The suspect vehicle is described as a black, 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee with dark-tinted windows, black-spoked rims and licence plate CXZE382. The licence plate is registered to a non-existent business.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Homicide unit at 1-866-876-5423 ext. 7865, or email at [homicide@yrc.ca](mailto:homicide@yrc.ca), or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).

A black, 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee was seen in the area of 7th Concession and 16th Sideroad and is currently being sought in relation to the investigation.

Police and Puryga's family are concerned for his well-being. The circumstances surrounding his disappearance are being treated as suspicious.

Investigators would like to speak to anyone that saw anything suspicious in the area of 7th Concession and 16th Sideroad on the morning of August 13, between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The 41-year-old is described as male, white, 5'9", 170 pounds with a muscu-



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# The road less travelled: driving from Ontario to Costa Rica

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

## Canadian Expats

For us, taking a road trip is a fun, summer activity. But we're usually home in a day or two.

For a King expat, who made the move to Costa Rica, he decided to make the 5,517-kilometre trip by car. Non-stop, this could be done in under four days, but that's stretching it. This adventure took Paul and his co-pilot nine days.

After all, there's so much to see, avoid and hurdles to jump along the way.

Paul had purchased a property in Uvita Costa Rica and thought it was a good idea to drive his jeep from Toronto through the U.S., Mexico and Central America.

He decided to prep the jeep with a strong winch, heavy duty roof rack, dash cam and light bars.

"I had it serviced and bought heavy

duty gas cans and felt it was ready for the trip," he says.

He talked his best friend into joining him who is a adventurous, a planner, and a great driver. She took over the planning of the route and the schedule.

Paul says one great resource is the Panamerican Travelers Association on the internet.

"It started as a fun game. We purchased maps for every country that we were going to travel through. We were concerned that we may not have access to the internet throughout, but we did. We ordered money for every country, which turned out to be unnecessary as credit cards and U.S. cash works everywhere.

"I've traveled a great deal around the world and had professional training on preparing for the 'not so friendly.'"

Paul says he had two wallets, one with a little cash, expired credit cards and an expired drivers licence. He kept his "real wallet out of site."

He also kept an old cell phone on the dash as thieves would definitely look to take your phone.

"I hid cash throughout my jeep just in case. You can't travel with weapons, but, a machete is only a garden tool strapped to the back of the seat.

"I can't stress enough that planning is the key to a successful journey. We planned to only drive during the day as night driving is dangerous. Didn't always work out that way because our plan was too aggressive.

"Our stops were always planned so that we would end up at a luxury hotel or resort. We thought that this would be our safest bet and have good meals.



I would make sure that I paid the hotel security extra and park directly in front."

Paul says they had a file folder containing maps, money and reservations for each country. The folder contained sections for every document required to drive through every country. Prepayment for insurance is needed for some countries. They also had several copies of the Jeep registration, passports, drivers' licences and travel applications.

"You can never have enough copies. I also purchased a portable printer as some countries give you permits and then require you to go into town to get copies and then return for your final approval. We surprised them with instant copies."

Paul said a good first aid kit is another travel essential. They made sure it contained "legal medication," flashlights and a great cooler.

Being extremely mechanical, he had a complete tool kit and battery booster.

"I am known to MacGyver everything. We had concerns about the food on the road trip and made sure we had the necessities - ice, bottled water, bread, peanut butter and jam and beer. We didn't want to be driving and have the revenge of a roadside snack. Every p&j sandwich was better than the ones we had has children."

With everything planned and set, they created a binder for ever single moment of this monumental journey - colour coded and backed up!

The first problem - she had second thoughts and says she can't do it. The jeep was packed, all the hotel reservations were made and paid for and all the planning complete.

"I said I was going, with or without a travel partner. She agreed to go, not wanting me to go alone and I saw her hesitancy. We left early."

Paul says the plan was to drive quickly through the U.S. in familiar territory. They had to navigate through Mexico; drive through Guatemala, while skirting Belize.

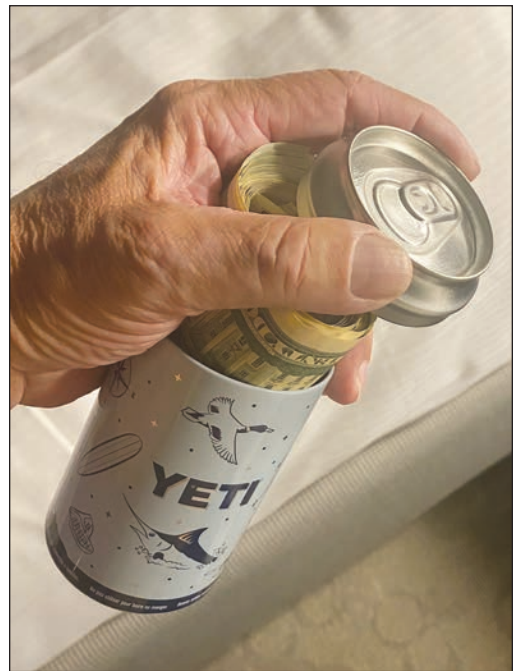
"We didn't want to drive through El Salvador so we chose going through Honduras. We then need to cross the Nicaraguan border and finally to our destination of Costa Rica."

The border agent in Buffalo was skeptical when told they were driving to Costa Rica in the Jeep. He smiled and said "good luck!"

Paul admits the trek through the U.S. was uneventful. They stayed in Nashville and then rushed to Texas. One thing they didn't plan for was the F1 race was happening there and all the hotels were booked. A "luxury boutique hotel" was small and cramped, similar to a college dorm, for the princely sum of \$600 per night. They cross the U.S. in two days and needed sleep.

Next stop was the Francis Ford Coppola resort on Lake Peten Itza, El Renate in Guatemala. They arrived early Oct. 27 for some deserved R&R. Paul says it was an amazing resort with great staff.

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# Challenges abound during the lengthy road trip

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Following that, they arrived at the Parque Nacional Jeannette Kawas in Honduras, on the Caribbean coast.

A treacherous, crater-filled road led to a truly luxurious resort.

## Challenges

A long haul, through several different countries, does present many challenges, many of which you can't prepare for.

**Coyotes:** These are not the 4 legged kind. They are an individual or a small team, that for a price, will fast track you through the border process.

Paul says he recommends negotiating a fee up front and then using them. They have relationships with the border staff and are experts at filling out the forms and moving you sometimes to the front of the line.

**Animals:** Wild and domestic animals are constantly crossing or following the roads and highways. If you come across someone waving a flag, there is a good chance that a herd of some type of animals are taking over the road and you have to patiently follow or wait. Another reason for not driving at night is that you will at some point come upon animals and even people on the road. They will ride bicycles, without lights, down the middle of a road at night.

Police and ambulances have their flashing lights on all of the time. If they come up behind you with lights flashing, don't pull over. If they want you to pull over, they will use their siren.

Paul says he always tried to keep the jeep above half a gas tank. Most places take credit cards and that's his recommendation. Once, they stopped for gas and was told they needed to pay cash up front. Paul gave them \$20 US and they put in roughly \$5 worth. It's best not to argue and just move on.

Paul says they used both Waze and Google Maps to navigate, but recommends Waze.

There are constant highway tolls that take U.S. cash so it's recommended you keep a lot of small bills and coins.

Beware of signs that say "Tomolo." These speed bumps will launch you airborne if you don't slow down!

Paul says they were constantly surrounded on the road by transports, travelling at high speeds.

The end of the journey was, alas, a huge relief.

It took a few days before the stress and feeling of road vibration left them.

"Would I do it again? Probably, but with a more relaxed schedule and longer stays in nice places."

## Registering vehicle abroad

And was it worth bringing the jeep?



No, he says.

The duties were 80% of the value that they placed on the jeep and it was extremely difficult to get the jeep registered in Costa Rica.

First challenge is to get a 60- or 90-day temporary permit at the border.

The next challenge is to hire someone to do the paperwork for the duties. Then get your vehicle to customs in San Jose. Wait 3 to 4 weeks for someone to figure out the duty. Reward? A huge invoice.

Next, pay the duties and make an appointment at Dekra, a country appointed company from Germany that will determine if your vehicle is safe and roadworthy.

Drive to San Isidro and wait in line. Proceed through half a dozen stations that will shake your suspension, test your emissions, check brakes, lights etc..

Find out that your tires are too wide and the driving lights you installed are not to their liking.

Remove lights and install fender flairs and back in line. Get a pass and your reward is a paper stating you passed.

Pay the large insurance fee.

Get your vehicle in the national registry.

You must hire a lawyer, (\$800 US), wait one to two weeks for your new

ownership to arrive.

Get your licence plate. Wait for notification from the national registry that your licence plate is ready for pick up. Usually takes a "Costa Rican week." Drive to San Isidro and wait in line at the National Registry.

After you get the licence and sticker, then you need a Dekra sticker, so another drive to San Isidro and wait in line. Then back to Uvita for an INS sticker.

Once all of these challenges have been completed your reward will be to drive for a year and then go back to Dekra to start the sticker collection all over again.

And we thought we had a lot of red tape and bureaucracy here in Ontario!

There's nothing like being prepared for such a life-altering journey. But you can ease your stress with the right resources, guides, recommendations and advice. Take your time in planning for an extended road trip and don't leave anything to chance.

And if you're planning to drive to Costa Rica, drop in and see Paul at his new restaurant, Louis XIII, just minutes from Uvita.

*There's more to come in this expat's transformational journey. Keep reading the King Weekly Sentinel for more installments of this special, limited series.*



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## Hundreds attend King Animal Hospital's grand opening

By Jim Stewart

The King Animal Hospital opened with much fanfare last week, in ideal mid-summer conditions and might have been the most secure event in King Township history.

Hundreds attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the 60,000-square-foot, cutting edge veterinary hospital tucked away on 19th Sideroad between Bathurst and Dufferin. Attendees toured the impressive multidisciplinary referral and emergency facility that includes seven operating rooms, 12 exam rooms, a pharmacy, a separate cat ward, indoor arena for equine assessments, outdoor paddocks for horses and green spaces for dogs, heated outdoor ramp for horses and trailers, an auditorium for knowledge exchange and continuing education, water therapy facilities for both horses and dogs.

The facility boasts the only hyperbaric oxygen chamber for veterinary care in Ontario, and advanced diagnostic imaging equipment, including two MRI machines, one recumbent CT scan for small animals, one standing CT scan with robotic arms for large animals, nuclear scintigraphy, C-Arm fluoroscopy, and digital x-rays.

Over 125 KAH staff – clad in their distinctive black scrubs – mingled freely with equine industry VIPs, King business leaders including founders Danielle and Rob Scheinberg and CEO Tracy Jones, as well as political dignitaries including Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, and King Councillors David Boyd, Debbie Schaefer, Jennifer Anstey, and Mary Asseltine.

The administrative and political dignitaries were protected by a phalanx of security guards – supported by the York Regional Police – who regulated the arrival of guests at the facility's 19th Sideroad gated entrance.

The arrival of Premier Doug Ford at the 50-acre campus created the biggest show of security at a King event in recent memory. Premier Ford delivered a folksy, upbeat speech to attendees. He referenced his own amusing anecdotes about dog and cat ownership and the avowed animal lover praised the leadership of Danielle and Rob Scheinberg whom he thanked personally: "We want to thank Rob and Danielle for all they do for the community. Their philanthropy is well-known – they're constantly giving as a family. They've created a state of the art hospital. There's no place in the country that has a place like this.



It's an amazing facility. The transition from the last time we were here to today is staggering. It's a 5-Star Hotel for our animals that we love."

CEO Tracy Jones welcomed attendees and noted the historical significance of the grand opening: "Today marks a new era in veterinary medicine. This state of the art facility is a testament to our level of care. I feel honored to work with those that cherish the human-animal bond." Jones cited "Rob and Danielle Scheinberg's passion and dedication" and noted "their generosity in providing animal care. I welcome you to the King Animal Hospital where we are leading with care."

Co-founder Rob Scheinberg acknowledged to attendees that the hospital "has been a project for seven years." He noted that "we've provided a calm environment for both patients and their owners, accommodating all creatures great and small."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini delivered a warm, personal address that was as sunny as the morning on which it was delivered. Mayor Pellegrini, whose chain of office glittered in the eastern light, noted both the prevalence of brilliant sunshine in King Township and expressed his gratitude toward the hospital's founders and their civic leadership: "It's a spectacular day in King. This facility is another example of the excellence of Rob and Danielle Schein-

berg who have been community builders with Dog Tales and their work with Seneca College. This is the finest veterinary facility in Canada."

After the four speeches by dignitaries and the conclusion of the grand opening ceremonies, Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce held court in a sizeable media scrum and expressed his excitement about "opening the King Animal Hospital as it blazes a trail forward for animal care across Canada, right in the heart of our community."

The King-Vaughan MPP was thrilled about the services that will be provided for his constituents and their pets: "This state-of-the-art hospital will serve so many residents who love their pets by providing veterinary medicine that combines expertise, technology, and compassion in a beautiful natural setting."

Minister Lecce was generous with his time after the ribbon-cutting and offered personal insights into the Township's enviable level of services: "This is an example of King punching above its weight. I'm so pleased to see this level of excellent level care for our animals. It is a state of the art center for our horses and dogs. It's also a reminder that when we work together to bring a top level of care for the agricultural sector. We're celebrating a significant advancement in animal care."



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# Si, Lo So provides authentic Calabrese food that is 'fresh and fast'

By Jim Stewart

As the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby tracked out of Schomberg on Friday morning, a much more benevolent force of nature blew into the Kingsgate Plaza.

A bundle of positive kinetic energy, Si, Lo So owner Gianpaulo Commisso shoots past the pair of red and white floral containers that adorn the entrance to his eatery and encourages all staff members to get ready for the Friday lunch rush and a group photo.

The foamy, delectable cappuccino I'm served by Commisso's charming hostess Sierra Lisena is a perfect way to start a busy day of field assignments and the ebullient proprietor joins me for a chat about the recent opening of his family-run business. Within minutes, it's evident that hospitality and love of the culinary arts and family run equally through Commisso's veins.

The same care that Commisso puts into interactions with customers and the selection of his foods went into the naming of his restaurant: "I've been doing this since I was 13. I was sitting in a parking lot and worked through names for six hours. As a foodie, I settled on 'Si, Lo So' which is Calabrese for 'Yes, I know.' For me, I have a feeling or intuition about my customers. The name of the restaurant means that you don't have to tell me what you want; I know. And what I'll serve to you will be the same high quality food that I'll feed to my family."

The custom sandwich that Commisso's team prepares for me is a sympho-

ny for the salivary glands – a skillful blend of Italian Sausage, Provolone, and Sweet Red Peppers on a fresh bakery bun with a container of aioli to set off the ingredients. Commisso comments on the elements of preparation that make his restaurant's offerings so delectable: "First and foremost, we focus on the food. It's simple and basic. In order to ensure freshness, there's nothing frozen. It will be the most fresh Italian food you can have. We chose not to have a hot table, there are no prepared foods, and we got rid of the front house to focus on one thing: Our food is fresh and fast. Food is in my genes. I've managed restaurants for over twenty years and we're super proud of being Canadian and Calabrese."

The communicative Commisso is proud of his roots and it manifests itself in both the memories he cherishes of his nonno and the use of his children and business partner's children who appear comically-mustachioed in the menu: "Everything I know about that the business and about how to conduct myself is from my Nonno Ernesto. We used a photo of him as a tribute in the menu. He came here in the early-40s. He ran a Calabrese Banquet Hall and one of the first bakeries in the GTA – and had over 60 trucks on the road in the 1950s transporting our family's authentic food. My three kids – Cosimo, Elena, and Claudio – are in the photo on the menu with my partner Nick's son, Nico."

Amid our poignant discussion about food and family, Commisso's storefront business springs to life as its staff of six welcomes customers. Cutting edge monitors click on and beam both the restaurant's menu and a Little League World Series game. It's evident that Commisso's values and positive energy permeate his staff. His hospitable hostess Sierra Lisena's enthusiasm for the new business is proof: "The best part of working here is that the people are excited about the new food. Their excitement radiates in us as a staff. I'm happy to serve coffee and gelato to our customers and see them enjoy our food."

Lisena's love of customer service is clear and Commisso's vision of providing food that is "Fresh and fast" does, indeed, come to life as customers are greeted warmly and fresh food is prepared efficiently by the team. A signif-



icant part of the team at Si, Lo So is Commisso's lieutenant and Head Chef Damian Cyr whose culinary skills were praised by the proprietor: "Damian and I have worked together for six years. He was our head chef at our second location."


Commisso maintains that the food being served by Chef Cyr and his team provides "A taste of the South in Schomberg" and the engaging restaurateur invites residents to "savor the flavors of Southern Italy in the north end of Schomberg. We offer traditional pizza, pasta, focaccia – all crafted with authentic, fresh ingredients."

Si, Lo So offers six kinds of 12" pizzas – Cosimo, Canadese, Margherita, Primavera, Ligera, and Patata – as well as calzone, panzerotti, antipasto, desserts, and five kinds of coffee: espresso, macchiato, double espresso, latte, and cappuccino.

It's clear from a visit to Si, Lo So that the talented team of Commisso, Cyr, and Lisena are ready to serve tasty food "Fresh and fast" at the Kingsgate Plaza.

"Yes, I know" now where I'll be stopping for a pre-game sandwich when covering Schomberg Cougars games at the Trisan Centre during the PJHL season.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Local exhibit explores history of Chinese community in York

“Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories and Experiences of the Chinese Community” is a new exhibition on display at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre until November 2.

This award-winning exhibition was created by the Markham Museum and YRDSB Museum & Archives with input from countless institutions, organizations, families and individuals from across York Region. The project was funded in part by the Government of Canada, through the Exhibition Circulation Fund component of the Museum Assistance Program, and by the Government of Ontario.

The themes of Home, Place and Belonging are explored throughout the exhibition on text panels which are complemented by photographs and loaned objects; a long paper art project, created by students at Bur Oak Secondary School, adorns the ceiling and a dragon-themed art quilt, created by Rita Tam Rebecca Sham, takes centre stage. Hands-on components invite visitors to explore; play Mah Jong, try paper cut-

ting, read a story, practice using chop sticks and listen to the ruan or a documentary.

The exhibition also addresses the harsh history that the Chinese community has faced in Canada including the impact of the head tax and the Chinese Exclusion Act.

“This exhibit tells the story of resilience and perseverance of an important community in Markham and York Region. The Chinese community is underrepresented in our exhibition schedule and our museum collections,” says Janet Reid, Curator, Markham Museum. Although there is little evidence of early Chinese immigration in King Township, currently almost 3% of King Township citizens claim Chinese heritage.

“As a school board, we want to ensure our students and families see themselves, their identities and cultures, reflected in their classrooms,” said Rebekah Mitchell, Curator, York Region District School Board Museum and Archives. “We were honoured to



partner with the Markham Museum, students, staff, and so many others to help share the stories of the Chinese community in York Region. We hope that educators, families and community members can use this exhibition to learn more about the rich Chinese culture and history here in York Region and to spark conversations about their own identities.”

An opening celebration for this exhibition will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre. Highlights include a

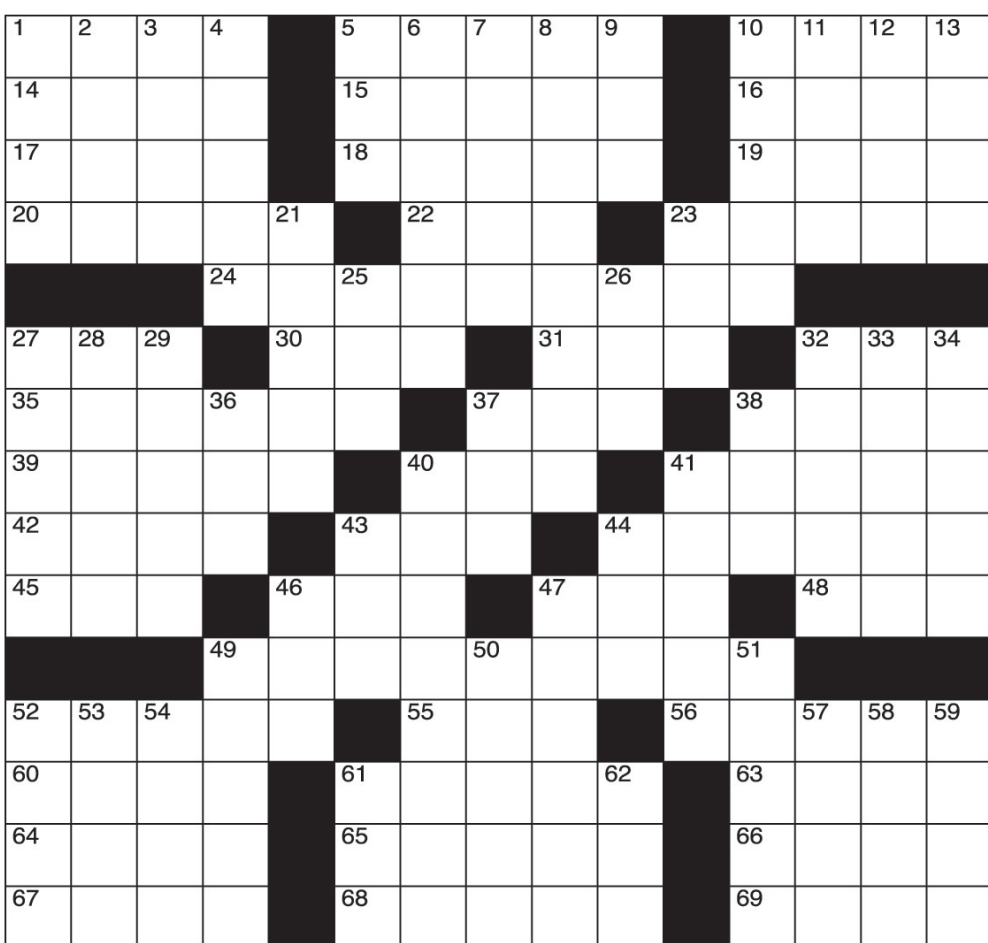
drumming demonstration by Fengcai Alumni Drum Troupe, a dance demonstration by Lisa's Chinese Dance Group (who also offers weekly classes at the King Township Municipal Centre), craft activities and traditional refreshments.

Standing in the Doorway is on display until Saturday, Nov. 2 and is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Included with regular admission. For school programs, please contact the KHCC at 905-833-2331 or kingmuseum@king.ca.



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10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. “Boardwalk Empire” actress
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity

37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust
40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Beard moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month
68. Omitted from printed matter

69. Upper body part
- ### CLUES DOWN
1. Two-toed sloth
  2. Cooking ingredient
  3. Iranian city
  4. Accuses
  5. Corrie
  6. Delivered a speech
  7. Collection of sacred books
  8. Theatrical
  9. Very fast airplane
  10. Arm bones
  11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
  12. \_\_\_ fide: legit
  13. Gemstone
  21. Counsels
  23. Corporate bigwig
  25. Cool!
  26. Touch lightly
  27. Small Milky Way constellation
  28. Satirical website
  29. Border lines
  32. Soft drinks
  33. Capital of Guam
  34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)

36. Bar bill
37. Car mechanics group
38. Notable Bill Murray character
40. Health care for the aged
41. Gurus
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Reduce
46. Spy organization
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Type of reef
51. Oral polio vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. Lose
54. Former Brazilian NBAer
57. Baseball great Ruth
58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
59. Chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. CNN's founder

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

# 'Farm to Table' summer feast enjoyed by guests

By Jim Stewart

The second annual 'Farm to Table Summer Feast' was enjoyed by local business owners at Beretta Farms on Thursday evening.

More than 100 invitees attended the King Chamber of Commerce-sponsored gathering.

A significant activity for attendees was an Equine-Assisted Learning workshop led by representatives from RPrecious Equine. Participants learned how to approach, lead, stop, and build trust with horses and there was much bonding with the friendly equines. RPrecious Equine's strategies for personal

and professional development were evident during the session.

In addition to a locally-sourced meal served in the elegantly-appointed and picturesque Beretta Farms Barn, a series of vendors including Beattie's Distillers, Robintide Farms, Kinghaven Farms, KW Property Services, King Heritage and Cultural Centre, Eek's Farm, Sherwood Farms, and Lisa Pace Photography set up tents and kiosks west of the century-old barn where attendees could purchase a range of goods and discuss offered services.

Michelle Frauley, President of the King Chamber of Commerce, discussed the objectives of the event: "We want to raise awareness of our Township's agricultural heritage. Today's equine workshop helps to foster community spirit and connections. This is also a networking opportunity for members of the Chamber of Commerce. Most importantly, it's a time to let our hair down and relax in a beautiful setting."

The Chamber president also expressed her gratitude toward a range of companies and individuals for supporting the second annual 'Farm to Table Summer Feast': "We'd like to thank Cynthia Beretta and her family for hosting this year's event. We also want to thank our title sponsor Kinghaven Farms, as well as Trisan Construction, Mayor Pellegrini, York Small Business Support, King Proud, and RPrecious Equine for supporting this year's event."



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# Aquatic invasive species Water Soldier, found in Lake Simcoe

The Water Soldier Working Group has confirmed the presence of an aquatic invasive plant called water soldier in Lake Simcoe waters for the first time.

Water soldier is a perennial aquatic plant, prohibited under the provincial Invasive Species Act, that has long, thin, serrated leaves that grow in a circular pattern. They form dense mats that crowd out other vegetation and may alter water chemistry, impacting native aquatic species. Water soldier can be submerged up to 5 metres under water but floats to the surface in the summer.

This poses a threat to summer recreational activities such as fishing, boating, and swimming. Boat motors can break up plants allowing them to spread and invade new areas. Prior to being regulated as a prohibited invasive species, water soldier was used as an ornamental plant in water gardens, which is the most likely source of its introduction to the wild.

Since receiving the initial report of water soldier in Lake Simcoe, members of the Water Soldier Working Group mobilized to survey the area and continue to explore management and treatment options. The Water Soldier Working Group members include provincial ministries, Indigenous organizations, municipalities, conservation authorities, universities, federal agencies, and other environmental organizations.

"Ontario recognizes the importance of the prevention, early detection and management of invasive species that pose a threat to Ontario's native species and ecosystems. If left unchecked, water soldier has the potential to invade lakes and rivers throughout Ontario and the Great Lakes basin ecosystem, causing significant harm to biodiversity and affecting property values, recreation, tourism and navigation in aquatic systems," said Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources. "That's why we're working diligently with our



partners to further evaluate the extent of this invasion and develop plans for its control."

"The earlier an invasive species is detected, the better the chances of quick management," says Colin Cassin, Policy Manager at the Invasive Species Centre. "I encourage people to learn more about water soldier, keep an eye on Lake Simcoe, and report any water soldier to EDDMapS or the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711."

"Water soldier is an invasive aquatic plant that can spread quickly. It is known to alter shallow water habitats by crowding out native plants and impacting living space for fish species," says Brian Ginn, Limnologist, Certified Lake Manager, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. "If not properly managed, it could have significant effects on both the ecology of Lake Simcoe and our recreational use of the lake."

People can help prevent the further spread of water:

Learn how to recognize water soldier by visiting the Invasive Species Centre Water Soldier Species Profile and the Invading Species Awareness Programs water soldier webpage.

Report sightings of water soldier through the EDDMapS or iNaturalist websites and mobile device applications, or by calling 1-800-563-7711. A good report includes an accurate location of the sighting and photos.

Clean, Drain, Dry your boat when

you leave Lake Simcoe and other waterbodies so that you aren't moving water soldier or other invasive species on your boat. It's the law in Ontario.

Never buy or keep water soldier in your water garden. Water soldier is a prohibited species in Ontario under the Invasive Species Act. This means it is

illegal to import, possess, deposit, release, transport, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade water soldier.

Dispose of water soldier in the garbage or on dry land in a manner that ensures that no part of the plant will re-enter the body of water or enter any other body of water.

## Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

The summer Wednesday hymn sings and pot lucks continue at Schomberg Wednesday, Aug. 28; last one at Nobleton is Wednesday, Sept. 4. Regular Sunday services will resume on Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m. in Schomberg and 11:15 a.m. in Nobleton.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 11:30 a.m.. Please be at St. Mary Magdalene by 11:15 a.m. The entertainment is David Pilkey, accompanied by Steve Falk. They will provide piano playing and a sing along with a video show of movie and TV themes."

The meal is BBQ sausage, corn on the cob, baked beans, buns & butter, and ice cream or gelato with cookies. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal & entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The Dufferin Marsh Ecumenical Service is Sunday, Aug. 25 at 10 am. Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches will be joined by Christ Church Kettleby & St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Churches, and Schomberg & Beeton Presbyterian Churches. Bring a lawn chair and hat, sunscreen, bug spray etc. Please bring something for a potluck table that can be eaten with fingers. Drinks and

serving implements will be provided. You may park along Dr. Kay Drive near the pumping station and walk south along the grass pathways to the shelter, where the service will be held. There will be canopies set up for your lawn chairs to enjoy the service in the shade.

Here is a message from our minister, Rev. Richard Gardner:

"If you haven't been out to the church in a while, and are looking for a good excuse to break the pattern, our ecumenical service in the marsh is coming up soon. We would love to have you be a part of our gathering on August 25.

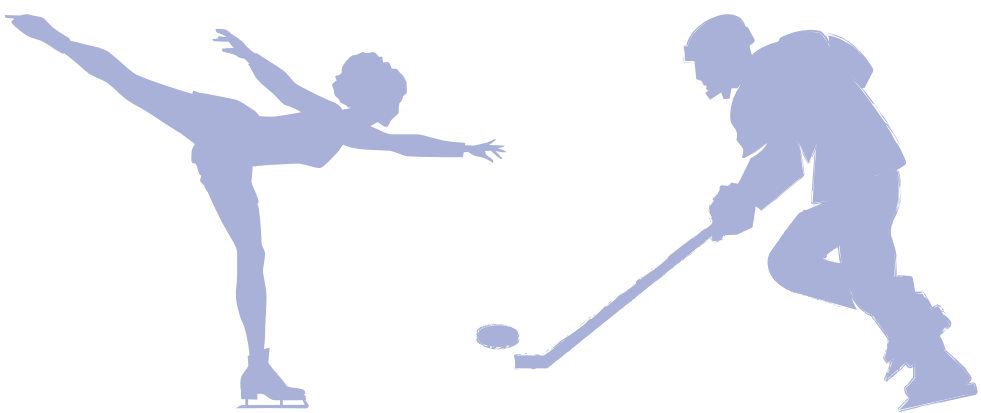
"Our weekend (or any day you need) reflection is live and waiting for you, if you have a few minutes and want to fill your spiritual gas tank, why not give it a watch?"

Messy Church starts again on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Please note that Messy Church is changing to the third Tuesday of most months. Please contact me at 416-316-5064 or (nancyhopkinson@gmail.com) to register or for more info.

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.

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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## Colosimo's 3-point performance paces King Rebellion to 5-2 win over Toronto Jr. Canadiens in OJHL exhibition action

By Jim Stewart

Josh Colosimo fired two goals and added an assist to lead the King Rebellion to a decisive 5-2 win over the Toronto Junior Canadiens in an OJHL exhibition game at the Trisan Centre on Friday night.

The game marked the return of Junior A hockey to King Township after a 40-year absence.

For the Brantford 99ers franchise – transplanted and rechristened as the King Rebellion this spring – their experiences this summer in the Township are reminiscent of the immortal opening lines of Charles Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."

For the newly-minted King Rebellion, it is "the best of times" as KMHA rep and house league hockey players streamed into the Trisan Centre to root for their new Junior A hockey team. Over 275 fans – many of them clad in Rebellion and Red Wings rep jerseys – were clearly caught up in the excitement of seeing King power forward Josh Colosimo and his talented teammates compete quite ably with the perennial OJHL powerhouse Canadiens. Rebellion Head Coach Mark Joslin was pleased with Colosimo's approach against Toronto: "His complete level was excellent tonight. When Josh stays disciplined, he's one of our best players on the ice." Colosimo, a 6'2" whirlwind dervish from Vaughan who tallied 5 goals and 10 assists for the 99ers in 29 games last season, was selected as the First Star of the Game by OJHL staff.

Coach Joslin was also impressed with his goaltending duo – Josh Kamikaris and Noah Kraus – who are battling during the team's preseason games for the back-up position behind incumbent veteran netminder Zach Burleigh: "They're both goalies on the outside looking in. They're fighting for their junior hockey lives to win a back-up role with the team."

Kamikaris got the start, was tested early and often, and left the game after 29:57 minutes with a 1-0 lead. Noah Kraus made some spectacular saves in his 30:03 minutes of work, but yielded a tying goal one minute into his audition with the OJHL club. Ilya Shybinskyi beat Kraus at 11:10 of the second period on a redirected shot from the blue line, but the relief netminder earned the W by turning in a scoreless third period.

First impressions on a Friday night are lasting ones and the Rebellion – wearing their white 99er throwback jerseys – opened the game as if they had been shot from a cannon and took turns running at the red-clad Canadiens. The Trisan Centre crowd roared in response to the Rebellion's aggressive style.

Tenacious checking by Kyle Ferguson was rewarded during a four-on-four sequence midway through the first period. The veteran forward – who tallied 12 goals for the 99ers last season – banged in a rebound during a goal mouth scramble at 9:54 to give the Rebellion a 1-0 lead. Colosimo and Boston University-bound defenseman Simon Wang drew assists on the first Junior A goal scored in King Township in four decades.

Fans at the Trisan Centre were also treated to a 'Friday fireworks show' in the middle frame when the home team demonstrated its quick strike capacity by scoring three goals in seventy seconds. Aaron Andrade – a 22-goal scorer with Georgetown and Brantford last season – pulled the trigger on the go-ahead goal at 16:07. Fourteen seconds later, Tristan Williams snapped a rebound past Canadiens' netminder Josh Branton. Colosimo notched his first of two goals by stealing the puck and burying it behind the beleaguered Branton at 17:17.

The late period offensive surge gave the Rebellion a 4-1 lead, but Chris Soares's power play goal with six seconds left in the middle frame pulled Toronto to within two goals heading into the second intermission.

With exactly ten minutes left in the historical game, Colosimo found open space on the power play and sniped a wrist shot from between the circles past Toronto's relief goaltender Thomas Lima to provide the Rebellion's margin of victory. Coach Joslin was most impressed by "The culture that is developing within the team. They worked hard and dominated the game at times. Most importantly, they were positive with one another." The veteran OJHL bench boss observed some areas of needed improvement, including "Being more consistent communicators on the ice. Our shift discipline needs to be better, too."

As much as Friday night's exhibition game represented "the best of times" for the newly-transplanted OJHL club, it's also been "the worst of times" due to a

wanton act of vandalism at the Zancor Centre last week. The mindless and severe damage to the operating systems of the arena has delayed the team's final move into the brand new recreation complex and has pushed the team into nomadic mode until Christmas.

Coach Joslin expressed his disappointment at the damage inflicted upon the team's new home, especially since the players were getting ready to enjoy the amenities of the \$100M complex: "We're very disappointed since so many of our players moved with us from Brantford and they were excited to be in the new arena next month. It's a challenge for our staff to carry our equipment from rink to rink. My job is to keep it from being a distraction for our players."

Despite the stress caused by the damage at the Zancor Centre, the transplanted 99ers looked like an OJHL contender on Friday night at the Trisan Centre. The core of last year's squad – a promising playoff team that gave the C.J.H.L. champion Collingwood Blues a hard-fought opening se-

ries last April – provided three periods of entertainment for over 275 King Township hockey fans on a hot August night.

### Other King Township Debuts

Two other noteworthy debuts took place at the Trisan Centre on Friday night.

The first came from the Officials' Box where the Rebellion's lively and resonant Public Announcer Dave Ireland engaged the fans in attendance. A ten-year veteran of the OJHL, Ireland resumed the role he had with the 99ers in Brantford. Also making its first appearance between periods in Schomberg was the electric-powered Engo Ice Wolf resurfer, a nod to King Township's zero emission initiatives. = Staff told me after the game that the sleek blue and green vehicle "performs like a traditional Zamboni and can do seven ice cleanings on one charge."

A warm King welcome to Dave Ireland and The Ice Wolf.

## One Metre cycling safety campaign

York Regional Police officers are driving home the message of giving cyclists the room they need.

Officers conducted increased enforcement on both cyclists and motorists in June, with the help of drones, to identify dangerous behaviours on the road and educate drivers that cyclists in Ontario must be given at least one metre of space when passing.

Every summer as cycling continues to increase in popularity, thousands of recreational and commuting cyclists take to the roads in York Region to make use of more than 4,000 kilometres of paved roads and more than 1,000 kilometres of cycling routes.

However, cyclists are often put in peril by motorists who pass unlawfully, drive dangerously around cyclists or "roll coal," using a vehicle's exhaust to irritate riders.

The goal of the One Metre campaign is to change attitudes of both drivers and cyclists and improve the relationship between these groups. Improving driving and cycling behaviours, while increasing knowledge and understanding of the laws, will lead to safe streets and safe people, two of the York Regional Police Road Safety Strategy goals.

York Region has seen six cyclist fatal-



ities.

There have been 754 reported incidents in which cyclists were injured in collisions with motor vehicles.

362 of these incidents occurred between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

436 of these incidents occurred between June and September.

207 cyclists have been involved in reported collisions with motorists but suffered no injuries.

2023 saw a 52 percent increase in the number of collisions where a cyclist was injured (198), compared to 2022 (130).

2024 has already seen 47 cyclists injured in collisions with motorists. A 34% YTD increase vs 2023 which only had 35 injuries at this point (May 26).



## Local skaters excel at events

The King City Skating Club has been to a couple of competitions in the past month, one in the Ottawa area and the other in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

These competitions are competitive events for skaters that have high hopes of going to Canadians, Worlds and even the Olympics.

At the Sectional Series July 2024, Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex in Orleans, Ontario:

Bailea Tanaka placed 5th in the STAR 9 Women's Freeskate.  
Helena Maria Millis & Ethan Luk placed 5th in the Pre-Novice Ice Dance.  
Julia Ferreira & Shaan Tahir placed 3rd in the Senior Ice Dance.

At the Sectional Series August 2024 held at RIM Park in Waterloo:

Ethan Luk placed 1st in the STAR 7 Men's O12 Freeskate.  
Bailea Tanaka placed 3rd in the Gold Women's Freeskate.  
Julia Ferreira & Shaan Tahir placed 9th in the Senior Ice Dance.

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## King's Corners

### King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday morning worship has resumed with the August locations rotating amongst York Pines United, New Hope United and King City United Churches. This Sunday, Aug. 18 we will be worshipping at New Hope United Church in Vaughan at 10 a.m. (9100 Jane St). Sunday School is suspended in the summer services and will resume Sept. 8.

Please consider making some extra donations to the King Township Food bank this summer. The community can make a significant difference if it works together to support the Food Bank and the families that access this much needed service.

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

### King Bible Church

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

### King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. KCSC will hold its annual Open House and pre-registration. Drop in any time to see what has been happening and what will be happening. Catch up with fellow members you may not have seen over the summer. Refreshments will be provided by our sponsor for this event – Amica Aurora Promenade.

To register for 2025: 1) please bring your membership card for updating, 2) bring some form of identification showing your address, 3) bring your contact person's information 4) provide your email address as the information will be entered into the computer at the

time of registration. Cash payment is preferred but credit cards are accepted as well as cheques made payable to 'The Township of King.' The current fee is \$15pp or \$20 per couple at the same address for Township residents and \$20pp or \$30 per couple at the same address for non-residents.

As of Jan. 1, 2025, the prices will increase to \$20/pp for Township residents and \$25/pp for non-residents. There will be no rate for couples going forward in the new year.

Saturday, Sept. 7 is the date for our annual corn roast and BBQ sponsored by the King City Lions. An extra feature this year will be square dancing and line dancing for your enjoyment as either a participant or a spectator after dinner. Tickets are \$10/pp and are now available at the King City Seniors' Centre office: 905 833-6565.

Thursday, Sept. 12 – Join us on the Kingston 1000 Islands Cruise. The coach will depart the KC arena parking lot at 8 a.m. The itinerary: morning coffee break at The Big Apple; boarding ship at noon for plated lunch and narrated tour; afternoon coffee break in Newcastle; arrive King City approximately 8 p.m. Cost is \$150/pp. Contact Alicia or Emma at the KCSC office – 905-833-6565. More details to follow.

We are pleased to announce that all activities at the King City Seniors' Centre will continue throughout July and August. 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: 10 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 [kingcity.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:kingcity.seniors@gmail.com)

### York Pines

Last Sunday, Rev. Catherine Hions led the service at New Hope. This Sun-

day, we'll be back at York Pines at 11 a.m. with Doug Reid presiding. There will be cupcakes. Rev. Andrew was on study leave for these two weeks. Next Sunday, the joint service returns to New Hope United Church at 10 a.m.

### 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

There are still seats for the Pilgrimage to Martyrs Shrine, Midland on September 8 by coach Cost is \$45. Kindly contact Faustina Di Gerlando 905-503-1613 to reserve a seat.

Let us give thanks and offer blessings for the union of Karthikan Mahathmanathan, son of Kathirgamanathan and Thamilarasi, together with Roshana Victor, daughter of Louis & Corren, in the Sacrament of Marriage on Monday, Aug. 19 at 9 a.m.

Thank you to Tony Pascuzzo for removing tables and chairs and thoroughly washing and removing stains from the carpets in the Hall, Church and breezeway area.

All are welcome to the 2nd Annual Carnival & BBQ Picnic Sunday, September 15th. Volunteers and donations are needed even for small tasks. For a small fee a BBQ lunch, music, games and family activities will be offered. Please contact Nadia Pascuzzo, [npascuzzo@archtoronto.org](mailto:npascuzzo@archtoronto.org) or Jeremy Paulus [4jeremypulus@gmail.com](mailto:4jeremypulus@gmail.com) or Mary Cazetta at [cazzetta@rogers.com](mailto:cazetta@rogers.com).

During August, The Rectory/Office will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may leave a message on the answering machine 905-833-1161, and your call will be returned as soon as possible – For any emergencies, kindly contact Joanne Bozzo Cell: 416-258-0199.

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### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's welcomes you! Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Join us afterwards for coffee-time. Alison Agnew is continuing her ser-

mon series on God's Grace which is truly amazing and offered for all.

The Sunday services are recorded each week and posted. Go to our website: [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca) and click on the YouTube link.

The countdown is on! The Ordination and Induction Service of Alison Agnew is only three weeks away! It is Sunday, Sept. 8 at St. Andrew's, King City at 3 p.m. We hope you can join us for this very happy occasion and stay afterwards for light refreshments.

We are replacing a number of church pews with chairs for further ministries. They are FREE, not attached to the floor; but the taker is responsible for moving them to their new locale. Please call the church office and leave a message for us. Please note: the deadline is the end of August.

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 encourage all to continue to donate to the King Township Food Bank throughout the summer. The lime green collection bin is in the east hall. Go to [kffb.ca](http://kffb.ca) to find out what is most needed! Contact the church office for more information.

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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 Patrick Gossage

Summer services continue in our historic chapel. All are welcome to the Eucharist at 8 and 10:30. Enter off Keele and walk through the Prayer Garden and come in the South door.

"The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:30-32.



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## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church  
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. We welcome back Rev. Christine Samuel who will be leading the service this morning. Christine's message is entitled "The Storms of Life" and is based on the New Testament book, Matthew 14.22-33.

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](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

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

### Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey

As a reminder, our Thursday Educational Sessions will not be running in July and August but will start again on Thursday, Sept. 12. Stay tuned for our upcoming events in early August.

We are running Mobility Matters

classes in August, from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Nobleton Arena, (upstairs) at 15 Old King Rd. Nobleton.

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](mailto:eburford@king.ca)

Be sure to visit the website- [king.ca/seniors](http://king.ca/seniors) for more information on all our programs & workshops.

Have a great summer!

### 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 like KARS and Nobleton Dental Clinic.

Proceeds from the Draw go to various organizations such as Nobleking Minor Hockey which provides recreational, healthy activity for kids of all ages throughout the township while introducing them to Canada's national sport.

The Lions 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](mailto: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.

### Book club

The Nobleton Book Club is resuming its in person, monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located on 8 Sheardown Drive. Our schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. in the program room.

The Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly for over the past 12 years; new members are always welcome to join! Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. All these titles are available to borrow, for free, through all the King Township libraries.

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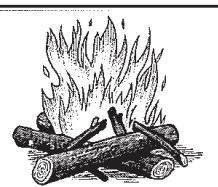
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## Nobleton Notes

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If you have any questions, call Heather, our facilitator, at the Nobleton Library at 905-859-4188. Come and join this group of Nobleton readers!!

Here is the reading list for the Nobleton Branch Book Club for 2024-2025.

Meet at 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Nobleton Library on the second Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, The Whispers by Ashely Audrain.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, Becoming a Matriarch by Helen Knott.

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, Forager by Michelle Dowd.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Tom Lake by Ann Patchett.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, Crow by Mary Kathleen Grissom.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Yellow Face by R.F. Kuang.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Someone You Know by Catherine Fogarty.

## St. Alban's By John Arnott

Seen by their contemporaries as wild flamboyant tribes, the nomadic Goths from the steppes of central Asia burst through the frontiers of the crumbling Roman Empire and swept across Europe. The "dark edge" of what is known to history as the Medieval Age had begun.

Hundreds of years later in the 13th century CE, a new style of architecture beginning in France was taking hold. This would replace the traditional solid Romanesque style of thick walls, heavy pillars, rounded arches and small windows with thinner higher walls with outside supports called flying buttresses which allowed for the installation of larger windows holding beautiful stained glass allowing much more light in, soaring lighter pillars vaulted ceilings and pointed arches.

To the minds of some people of the time this new type of construction seemed wild and flamboyant, something of which the long-ago Goths would have appreciated thus this radical new architecture got the nickname "gothic."

This new architectural style caught

on very quickly and soon most new churches in western Europe with Italy and Greece being exceptions were built in the new style while existing churches had "Gothic implants" mainly in the form of pointed arched entrances and windows.

At the time of its building in 1889, St. Alban's Anglican Church on Hwy./Regional Road 27 - Nobleton's oldest church - was influenced by Gothicism, and this was re-enforced by the Neo Gothic movement, popular in the 1800s. Its windows, Great South Door, tower

openings outside and its hymn boards and chancel arch inside all reflect this with their pointed arches.

Passersby will note the decorative contrasting brick trim accentuating windows, the main entrance and the windowlike openings high on the tower. This attractive highlighting very popular in Victorian times was created by using pale yellow brick made by adding chalk with the brick mixture.

So here is a whole capsule of history right on main street Nobleton.



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After a long battle with cancer, Leo passed away at home on August 13th. Leo is survived by his wife Pat of 24 years, his daughter Ashlyn, step-children Clarkson (Stephanie) and Cathy-Jo, and grandchildren Madelyn and Nora. Predeceased by his parents Walter and Helena and three brothers Wally, Henry, and Richard, Leo is mourned by his remaining sisters Dinah, Maria (Allen), and Christina (Don) along with his many nieces and nephews. Born and raised in Beeton, Leo worked for 30 years for the town of New Tecumseth for the Parks and Rec department. He was an avid outdoorsman with a deep love for hunting and fishing. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him. The family would like to thank all of those who helped care for him as he fought his battle. A special thank you to his buddy Ron, home-care nurse Mary-Jo, and the staff at Rod Abrams Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Leo's Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477, on Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 2pm-4pm. The family is requesting that any donations be made to Southlake Hospital - Stronach Cancer Center in lieu of flowers. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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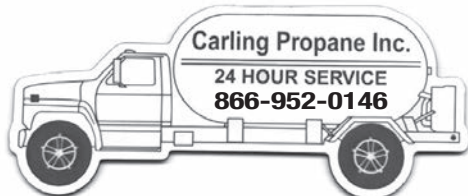
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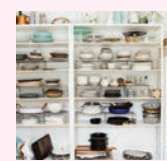
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By Susan Heslop

This past week has been difficult for our little village, as we suffered a tragic loss with the passing of 16-year-old teen in an accident.

As the parent of a teen, this is our worst nightmare, and navigating the aftermath will be undeniable difficult for his family, friends, his extended hockey family, and those who knew and loved him. Please remember to check in with your young people, this is likely the first time they've ever had to deal with the passing of a contemporary, and whether they knew him or not, it is a hard thing for young people to navigate. Have the tough conversations and seek support and help if required.

I've seen the damage trauma can cause long term and talking about it now can alleviate a lot of suffering going forward. As parents know, it isn't easy to get a teen to talk about their feelings, but at times like these it's so important to encourage them to speak to you or a professional.

I've watched our community this past week, as it came together to support this family as they try to deal with this unimaginable loss. There is a GoFundMe set up to help the family and it has truly exploded, but please also keep in mind they'll continue to require our support long term. I believe I speak for the entire community when I offer our deepest condolences and love to this

local family. Rest in peace young man, you will be missed by so many.

Join the Schomberg Community Farm for a special fundraising and celebration event, a Farm Feast Fun Day. Perfect for the whole family, on August 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Farm.

Enjoy lawn bowling, corn hole, giant Jenga, clue hunt, ring toss, horseshoes, checkers, or simply enjoy the charming ambiance of the Farm. Special activities will be available for children.

Savor the taste of homemade pizza dough topped with freshly made tomato sauce, seasoned with handpicked herbs and local cheese, all baked to perfection in a wood-fired oven! Your meal also includes a fresh salad, roasted vegetables, beverages, and a yummy dessert.

Join us for a captivating hands-on experience workshop, Bloom & Design, where you'll learn the art of garden-style flower design using locally foraged blooms. Hosted by the award-winning Darlene Rupke of Petal Academy, this workshop promises to inspire and educate! Enjoy personalized guidance and stay for an engaging Q&A session afterward, which includes Blooms, vase, use of tools. All funds go to "Save The Schomberg Community Farm Barn Fundraising."

"Art at the Marsh" sponsored by "Dufferin Marsh" is also coming up this Saturday, Aug. 24, from 12:20 to 2:30 p.m. Registration required, for details head to at dufferinmarsh.ca.

This year King Township is inviting the best food and beverage vendors in the area to participate in Kingtoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Cold Creek Conservation Area in No-

bleton. They are currently looking taking applications, so if you're interested head over to king.ca/kingtoberfest.

The Schomberg Mug Run has been planned for Sept. 21, and it sounds great. It includes live bands, vendors and apparently lots of beer. Registration is now open at schombergmugrun.com.

## Anglican Parish of Lloydtown

September 28 brings Schomberg Country Run for its 14th consecutive year. Over the years, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised to support projects that bring and maintain clean water to Indigenous communities. The dedicated committee and fundraising volunteers want to ensure that clean water is a basic service available to all in Canada. Mark your calendar to walk, run, scooter, skateboard, wheelchair, stilt walk, or even pogo stick the beautiful 5 km route out to the 10th and back.

## 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.

## Schomberg 55+

Our first meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the

Schomberg Community Hall, we will be entertained by Sean Derraugh, who will share the history of the clarinet, show us his collection and perform, this meeting is generously sponsored by "Schomberg Eye Care."

The following Monday, Sept. 16, Dr. Jessica Sgro, optometrist and owner of Schomberg Eye Care, will be giving a presentation on geriatric eye diseases and how to prevent them, which will also take place at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. - Workshop. Lisa Cole Painting class. \$30/pp. Registration to klbird@hotmail.com by September 12.

Monday, Sept. 23 - 10 a.m. - Speaker: Gillian Vivona will present a show and tell on rocks and minerals.

Summer bridge will take place every Wednesday 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.

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 individuals/\$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.

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Brand new custom-built executive home on a premium 96' x 126' lot in Richmond Hill. This masterpiece boasts an open concept layout, high-quality craftsmanship, 10' ceilings, chef's kitchen with quartz counters and Bosch appliances, spa-like ensuite, spacious bedrooms with walk-in closets, and a 38' x 126' easement. Perfect for luxury living.



**PERSONALIZE YOUR EXECUTIVE DREAM HOME**

Explore this magnificent new 'Fernbrook Homes' property in prestigious Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates. Featuring a customizable kitchen with buyer-selected cabinetry and appliances, this executive home offers luxurious finishes, four spacious bedrooms with private bathrooms, and ample natural light.



**PRESTIGIOUS HOME WITH PREMIUM FENCED LOT**

This executive home boasts a 3-car garage with an EV port on a premium lot in a prestigious community. Enjoy a grand 2-story foyer with a 3-way fireplace, a chef's kitchen, a private deck, a luxurious primary suite, and a finished walk-out lower level with a gym, recreation room, and additional office.



**LAKE WILCOX LUXURY HOME HAVEN**

Brand new custom executive home being built on a 150' lot in Lake Wilcox. This 4+1 bedroom, 5 bath home boasts upgraded features perfect for family living and entertaining. Chef's kitchen with JennAir appliances, open concept living areas, luxurious primary suite, and a finished lower level. Close to Lake Wilcox Park and trails.



**BRAND NEW EXECUTIVE "GREEN" & "SMART" HOME**

Experience eco-smart luxury in South Aurora's prestigious Royal Hill. This home features a gourmet kitchen, spa-like master suite, hardwood and porcelain floors, 10' ceilings, and an oak staircase. Highlights include a walk-out lower level, green technology, and serene views. Located close to amenities, nature, and transit for unparalleled sustainable living.



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Sophisticated stone and brick Bungalow in sought-after Vellore Village! Nestled on a landscaped lot, this stunning home features a chef's kitchen, soaring family room, formal living with fireplace, main floor primary suite, and a fully finished lower level with separate entrance. Perfect for families seeking luxury and comfort.



**SPACIOUS NORTH RICHVALE FAMILY RESIDENCE**

Discover this inviting family home in North Richvale. Features 4+1 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and a private 85ft x 142.05ft lot. Highlights include hardwood floors, floor-to-ceiling windows, a well-appointed kitchen with French doors, a spacious dining room, finished basement with separate entrance, and expansive front and backyards. Perfect for any buyer.



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This charming 3-bedroom, 4-washroom freehold townhome in Aurora's heart offers a bright open-concept kitchen, spacious bedrooms, and a primary suite with a large ensuite and walk-in closet. Enjoy the upper deck with open space views, a covered front porch, and a rec room with backyard access.



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