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Company boosts King Food Bank

The Kraft Heinz company made a generous donation of \$25,000 worth of food to the King Township Food Bank. Here, the stock arrives at SPK Rentals. Pictured (left to right): Nino Racanelli, Operations Manager; KTFB Board members Liz Cameron, Gary Vogan, and Geoff Simpson; Andrew Santorelli, Owner of SPK Rentals; and KTFB Board member Leona Zadoyko. Turn to Page 6 for more.

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King Township council approves 2025 budget

King Township Council approved the first service based municipal budget for 2025, which includes a 3.68% municipal tax rate increase.

This translates to an approximate \$127 increase for a home assessed at \$1 million. The estimated blended tax rate, which combines King Township's portion with York Region and school board taxes is 3.39%, which supports the continued delivery of high-quality programs, services and infrastructure for residents.

The approved budget reflects King Township's commitment to maintaining current service levels while addressing the challenges posed by inflation, legislative changes and contract price increases. The total 2025 operating budget levy of \$37 million and a capital budget of \$23 million. The budget is presented through the new service-based budgeting model, emphasizing transparency and alignment with community needs.

King Township's 2025 budget organizes expenditures

into six service areas:

Maintaining King – Road and sidewalk maintenance, snow removal, streetlight operations and public facility maintenance and asset management.

Serving King – Recreation, library, cultural programming and licensing services.

Keeping King Safe – Fire and Emergency, bylaw, traffic calming, and animal services.

Greening King – Parks, trails, garbage, recycling, and climate change initiatives.

Governing King – Council services, legal, Insurance and risk management.

Planning and Growing King – Development support, building permits, Planning, and economic growth initiatives.

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Monday, December 02
3 p.m. - Special Council Closed Meeting
 at the Zancor Centre
Monday, December 02
6 p.m. - CANCELLED
Council Public Planning
Monday, December 09
6 p.m. - Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Tuesday, December 10
11 a.m. - CANCELLED
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Wednesday, December 11
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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The display will be up until **December 13** and admission is free, Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For details, visit kingheritageandculture.ca



Nobleton Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 8
5 to 7:30 p.m.
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king.ca/NobletonTreeLighting

NOTICE OF SERVICE DISRUPTION TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE MAIN STREET, SCHOMBERG

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure in Schomberg on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to facilitate "A Main Street Christmas".

Road closures include Main Street between Ben Boy Avenue and Church Street, and Dr. Kay Drive from Main Street to Cooper Drive from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. The intersection of Main Street and Western Avenue will be closed during this time. Please use Church Street and Main Street South to enter and exit. Western Avenue will be closed to traffic from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

See the closure map at king.ca/news.

Vehicular access to properties will be maintained for directly affected residents on Western Avenue and Brownsville Court, and Main Street will be completely restricted except for emergency services. Motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period. On-street parking will be restricted on Western Avenue, Main Street, and portions of Church Street and Dr. Kay Drive. On behalf of King Township, we thank you for your patience in this matter.

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Sports Hall of Fame

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Applicants must be aged 16 years or older and will be required to attend in-person monthly meetings, starting **January 2025**.

Questions? Email kingmuseum@king.ca

Apply online at kingheritageandculture.ca/sportshalloffame.

Lecce acclaimed as King–Vaughan candidate

Stephen Lecce has been acclaimed as the PC Party's candidate for King–Vaughan in the next provincial general election.

Since first being elected, Stephen has been a strong voice for families, championing common sense values and delivering results that enhance quality of life across King and Vaughan. His hard work has supported the largest expansion of affordable energy in Ontario history, improved public transit with enhanced service at Maple, Rutherford and King City GO, and secured critical funding for York University's medical school beside the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

Along with two new long-term care homes, Stephen also delivered King Township's largest infrastructure investment to build the new King Township Wide Recreation Centre, along with broadband investments to connect all rural neighborhoods in King and North Vaughan to high-speed internet.

"Stephen's leadership has helped deliver key projects that are improving the quality of life for families in King–Vaughan," said Doug Ford, Leader of the Ontario PC Party. "Whether it's cutting gridlock with new highways, launching Ontario's first medical school dedicated to primary care, or ensuring workers have access to better-paying jobs, Stephen is making life better for Ontarians. I'm proud to have him on our team as we continue to get it done for the people of this province."

Lecce and the Ontario PC Party are working to address the unique needs of King–Vaughan by building essential infrastructure, creating new housing, keeping costs down, and ensuring local hospitals and emergency services meet the needs of a growing community. Stephen has led the charge against the Liberal carbon tax, standing up for affordability.

"As a generational voice in public service, I am deeply honoured to have

the opportunity to continue serving the good people of King–Vaughan," said Lecce. "I have tremendous pride in the community that I was raised in and where my family continues to live today. Together, we've expanded transit and highways, brought new housing, long-term care homes, schools, and jobs to our community, and launched a medical school in Vaughan.

"I often reflect on my family's immigrant journey and humble beginnings, so this has been an honour of a lifetime to serve our community and country. I'm energized to keep delivering for families and building a more affordable, prosperous and secure future for every family and senior in King and Vaughan."



Service-based approach offers clarity, accountability by showing flow of tax dollars

From Front Page

This approach enhances accountability by allowing residents to clearly see how funds are allocated to specific services that directly impact their daily lives. It also supports the Township's Corporate Strategic Plan (2023-2026), ensuring resources are directed to meet critical priorities.

The 2025 service based budget process included several efficiency measures to offset cost pressures and minimize the tax rate increase, including:

Reviewing fees and charges across all departments.

Implementing new service fees to cover rising costs.

Adjusting overhead chargebacks for building and utility-funded services to ensure these services pay their fair share of general overhead costs.

Increasing investment revenue through portfolio management.

Reviewing and updating service contracts to reflect current pricing models.

The 2025 budget underscores King Township's commitment to delivering essential services and infrastructure investments. Highlights include:

Enhanced snow removal and road maintenance.

Continued investment in parks, trails and sustainability initiatives.

Improvements to fire and emergency services.

Support for recreation programs and cultural events.

Public engagement and transparency

King Township engaged residents through multiple public consultations, including an online budget book and an in-person open house. These opportunities provided valuable feedback that helped shape the final budget.

For more details on the 2025 municipal budget, visit king.ca/budget.

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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

Try to avoid the evil urges of consumerism!

We are entering the holiday season and the infamous "Black Friday."

Sounds more like a reason to panic, than to save.

And yet, millions of consumers across North America and beyond will dash to retail stores and wear out their keyboards for a flurry of shopping.

To what end?

If only our species had the same enthusiasm for supporting charities or the homeless, as they do for gluttony.

I'm not saying we shouldn't take advantage of so-called crazy deals, but we should put everything in perspective. I see no reason to out-shop, out-spend one another, racking up even more credit card debt.

Yes, I have fallen victim to this urge a few times, but I've never engaged in the shoulder-to-shoulder holiday madness. If you've ever seen videos of Black Friday or even Boxing Day mayhem, you know exactly what awaits.

It's a very sad commentary on our species, one I wish we would change.

We are still embroiled in a Canada Post strike, delaying mail delivery at a crucial time of year. Other delivery companies will enjoy the business, visiting more door steps and porches than Santa himself!

All in the name of consumerism.

Even Jeff Bezos admitted that consumerism is (at its worst) "getting people to buy things that don't actually improve their lives."

The folly of consumerism, according to Bryant H. McGill, "sends us on a wild-goose chase for happiness through materialism."

And who hasn't bought something to satisfy a selfish need, or to boost our



Mark Pavilons

self-esteem?

I agree with Rachel Campos Duffy: "Consumerism is the reason Christmas has morphed into a hollow shopping ritual that leaves too many families with debt hangovers and an empty feeling inside."

But it wasn't always that way.

I remember my mom telling me stories of how they celebrated Christmas back home. The parents would set up and decorate a live tree in the parlour or separate room. The kids were only allowed in on Christmas Eve. Dressed to the nines, they had to sing a song or recite a poem. Then, and only then, would they receive one present. While clothes were the staple, they were permitted one toy.

Today's kids would see that as archaic, perhaps even barbaric.

My mom says it was the most beautiful tradition of all. It was about family and blessings, not about things.

When did we become corrupt and morally bankrupt?

I think what many of us do (and I'm guilty) is to show our love for our friends and family members through tokens of gifts. Whether gag gifts or thoughtful mementos, we like to bring a smile to other people's faces. We like to light up their eyes and hearts if we can.

I get it. And I also understand giving our children what they need - clothes, gizmos for their school work, and items they use every day. For working off-spring, gift cards are great to give them a buffer between pay cheques.

We've scaled back a bit this year, partially out of necessity and also because we've all reached a point where we require very little. I began the crusade, telling my wife and kids there's nothing they can buy me to fulfill my life or give me supreme joy. I only want to spend time together, enjoy some great meals and even some holiday Hallmark movies. I want to cuddle with my dogs on the couch and eat cheese balls until my fingers turn a bright orange. I want to feel the warmth and love.

Okay, socks and underwear go a long way, but I'd rather have my stocking filled with chocolatey treats.

Some parents will also agree that when our children become adults, their wants and needs change, too. They become more practical. They no longer race down the stairs and fling wrapping paper all over the living room in a child-like frenzy.

Those days are gone, but still quite memorable.

"Home for the holidays" becomes the mantra for many of us.

My oldest daughter already made a trip to a homeless shelter, donating a ton of clothing and other items. Our closets, it seems, are filled with much, too much stuff, things we will never use. And that right there is sad, considering there are many who don't have enough, or even the basic necessities.

Lexie is also planning another humanitarian trip to help Haitian workers in the Dominican Republic in the new year. This has been her comfort over the years - to roll up her sleeves, give selflessly and be the "boots on the ground."

"Blessed is the one who cares for the poor ..."

I went on one of these missions myself, to see first-hand the conditions and the need. I wanted to do more.

I think of that experience often, and more so these days when I take stock of the goodness in my life.

I shake my head when I compare the plight of such people with our rampant, perilous consumerism. Shame on us.

And don't get me started on the huge amount of post-holiday waste and garbage. Despite our dedication to climate change, consumer packaging is at its all time worst - evil plastic packages that will never degrade but only kill our planet.

I say encourage those itchy, ill fitting hand-made sweaters and cheesy slippers with faces on them.

I will gladly recite a poem of my own creation, to share with my family. I will count by blessings, not by price, but by love.

Enjoy, everyone!

Municipal Services

King Township launches online booking for Commissioner of Oath services

King Township residents and businesses can now conveniently book appointments for Commissioner of Oath services online, thanks to the new online booking system launched by the Township.

A Commissioner of Oath is empowered by the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act to take various types of declarations and to administer oaths and to witness the signing of important documents, such as affidavits, statutory declarations and pension documents from foreign countries.

The new Commissioner of Oath online booking service ensures that residents and businesses have convenient 24-hour access to the booking system, to request appointments with a Commissioner.

Please note that the Township's Commissioners of Oath are not authorized to sign certain documents, including wills, real estate, legal and financial-related documents. For these services, residents are encouraged to contact a Notary Public or lawyer.

To guarantee the availability of a Commissioner when visiting the office, it is highly recommended to book an appointment in advance through the new online system. Appointments can also be made by contacting ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.

The 2024 fee for the service is \$20 (plus HST) for King Township residents and businesses and \$26 (plus HST) for non-residents and businesses.

During appointments, individuals must bring valid government-issued photo identification which supports their signature, photo and date of birth, such as a driver's license or passport. Documents should be completed beforehand but not signed, as the Commissioner must witness the signature in person.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please visit king.ca/commissioner or call ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.

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



Quote of the Week

"Monsters are real, and ghosts are real too. They live inside us - and sometimes, they win."

- Stephen King

Trivia Tidbits

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you excited about the upcoming holiday season?

a) Yes 67%

b) No 33%

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think Canada needs to increase its defense spending?

a) Yes
b) No

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Climate progress is unstoppable, despite U.S. election

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Saying the U.S. election result is a blow to climate policy is a massive understatement. It could also spell trouble for the U.S. and global economies. Are there any flickers of hope?

After winning his first presidency in 2016, Donald Trump immediately committed to withdrawing from the international Paris climate agreement. His administration also rolled back more than 100 environmental rules, covering air and water pollution and emissions, drilling and extraction, wildlife protection and more. This time, the president-elect has vowed to reverse even more climate progress and “drill, baby, drill.”

From his statements, it's clear the incoming president doesn't understand climate or science and that he prioritizes coal, oil and gas billionaires over the people he was elected to represent.

There's no doubt he could seriously hinder the already inadequate efforts to head off catastrophic global heating.

Climate isn't the only thing he and his party seem determined to worsen. If he's able to follow through on just some of his promises, life will get more difficult for women, people of colour, immigrants, working people, anyone who doesn't identify as heterosexual, the global community and more.

Meanwhile, as countries gather for

the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, COP29, in Baku, Azerbaijan, climate scientists say this year will be the hottest on record, igniting more costly extreme weather events, droughts, floods, heat domes, wildfires, intense storms, increased human migration, animal and plant extinctions, water shortages and potential changes to ocean and air currents.

It's insane that so many people in power not only fail to heed the indisputable scientific evidence, but also ignore the proof staring them in the face. For decades, researchers from around the world — including those working for the fossil fuel industry — have been warning that we face an existential crisis like nothing humanity has ever seen. As predicted, the costly and visible consequences are growing by the day.

What hope is there?

Governments move slowly at the best of times, relying as they do on brief electoral cycles and short-sighted economic solutions. With constant electoral changes, it often seems we're moving two steps forward, one step back — or worse, one step forward, two steps back.

We can't ignore the role of governments, and many are working to resolve

the climate crisis and other issues — although few treat it as the emergency it is. The current U.S. government has implemented many sound climate policies that also benefit the economy (while simultaneously ramping up fossil fuel production), as has Canada's. But those are constantly under threat from state and provincial governments and opposition parties that seem more inclined to protect massive oil and gas industry profits than the citizenry they're supposed to represent.

There's reason for optimism, though. In the U.S., the clean energy boom has benefited those in “red” states even more than in “blue,” creating jobs and opportunities. Repealing some recent climate and clean energy policies could push US\$80 billion of investment to countries such as China and cost the U.S. as much as \$50 billion in lost exports, recent analysis shows. It will be tough to roll back policies that are helping so many people. Globally, the renewable energy boom is unstoppable.

Just as some provincial and state politicians are fighting against sensible, effective climate policies, others are implementing their own. California, which has the world's fifth largest econ-

omy, representing 15 per cent of the U.S. economy, has vowed to continue efforts to protect people and the planet.

Renewable energy is booming even in oil-rich Texas, with a “70-fold increase in the amount of electricity it gets from the sun and a nearly 95-fold increase in battery capacity since 2014,” Environment Texas reports, adding, “Last year, wind and solar energy produced 31% of the state's electricity” and it “has also seen a 40-fold increase in the number of registered electric vehicles.”

We can't rely entirely on governments to get us out the mess we've created. It will be up to all of us to demand progress, to learn and create better awareness among ourselves, our friends, colleagues and families and those who aspire to represent us in government.

I'll never give up and neither should you. The next few years may look grim, but that means our efforts are more important than ever.

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Chair Crowe and vice-chair Iafrate acclaimed at York Catholic board

At the Inaugural Meeting of the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB), held Nov. 18, Elizabeth Crowe, Trustee for Aurora/King/Whitchurch-Stouffville, was acclaimed Chair of the Board and Maria Iafrate, Trustee for Richmond Hill, was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Board.


Chair and vice-chair elections are held annually at the YCDSB's inaugural board meeting in November. Both Crowe and Iafrate were returned to the positions they served in during the previous school year.

“I am totally committed to working with each and every one of the Trustees at this table and the members of the senior team,” said Chair Crowe. “I know York Catholic is the best Board in the province. Not just the best Catholic board, but the best board in the province ... We will give people reasons to believe in Catholic education.”


Iafrate echoed Crowe's comments about working together, especially during this time when the education system faces many challenges.

Before the election, Interim Director of Education John De Faveri thanked Crowe and Iafrate for their service, and added: “To all our trustees, I look forward to continue working with you in the best interests of Catholic education and the many people enriched by it. Thank you for your continued dedicated service to the York Catholic District School Board.”

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Ontario increasing Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

As part of the provincial government's historic increase to financial support for Ontario municipalities, the province is increasing the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) by \$100 million over two years, bringing the total funding envelope to \$600 million by 2026. The OMPF is the province's main general assistance grant to municipalities.

The 2025 OMPF grant includes an immediate increase of \$50 million to provide \$550 million in unconditional funding to 390 municipalities. The \$50 million enhancement has been targeted to small, Northern and rural municipalities and those with a limited property tax base, with the aim of assisting municipalities so they can provide critical municipal services to people across the province.

"We have heard from small, Northern, and rural municipalities that they need more support to meet the financial challenges they face in delivering services to their communities and that's exactly what this significant increase to OMPF, which is being delivered

through our recent Fall Economic Statement, will help them do," said Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy. "Municipalities are critical partners in delivering important local services and we will continue working together to build more homes, support economic growth and strengthen Ontario's communities in a way that is sustainable and responsible."

"We will not leave any part of the province behind as we work together with our municipal partners to create stronger communities," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "By increasing our infrastructure investments for small, Northern and rural municipalities, we are helping lay the groundwork for more homes for the hardworking people of Ontario."

"(This) announcement continues to demonstrate our government's commitment to rural and Northern municipalities," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. "We have created a stand-alone ministry dedicated to rural affairs and we are listening and taking action as well as building supports

that will enable small towns and rural communities to thrive and prosper. Increased funding through the OMPF will ensure small, rural, and Northern Ontario municipalities receive additional base funding needed to address local priorities."

The OMPF is a formula-based program that incorporates annual data updates to ensure the program is responsive to changing municipal circumstances.

As the enhancement to the program is phased-in, all core grant recipients will receive 100 per cent or more of their 2024 OMPF allocation in 2025.

Beginning this winter, Ontario will consult with municipalities on their priorities for the OMPF as well as the implementation of a reporting framework to gain a better understanding of how the OMPF is supporting local communities.

The province is working with municipalities to support building more homes for people and families. Ontario is investing nearly \$2 billion in housing-enabling infrastructure through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, complementing support already being provided through the Building Faster Fund.

Investing in key local infrastructure through programs like the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and

the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program is part of the province's capital plan of more than \$191 billion over 10 years to build critical infrastructure and get more homes built faster to support growing communities and lay a strong foundation for future generations.

"Municipal fiscal sustainability is under pressure across Ontario. AMO welcomes this enhancement to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund as an important step in addressing these challenges. We look forward to working with the province to get our communities back on track as the drivers of Ontario's economy and quality of life," said Robin Jones, president, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Mayor of Westport.

"Small and Northern municipalities depend on the OMPF to deliver the services that people and businesses rely on every day. These enhancements will help rural communities to keep pace with growing needs like housing affordability, aging infrastructure and homelessness that require new approaches and resources. ROMA thanks Minister Bethlenfalvy for responding to rural municipalities' concerns and looks forward to ongoing conversations to build sustainable, thriving communities," added Christa Lowry, chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Generosity fuels hope at the King Township Food Bank

A recent act of generosity has strengthened the King Township Food Bank (KTFB). A remarkable donation of more than \$25,000 worth of food came from the Kraft Heinz Company.

This essential contribution, including staples like coffee, pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, and peanut butter, will greatly enhance KTFB's ability to support households relying on its services.

This donation was made possible through a collaborative community effort. Without a loading dock to accommodate the 18-wheeler delivery, local business SPK Rentals in Schomberg stepped in to help. Andrew Santorelli, representing SPK Rentals, graciously provided short-term storage and facilitated the smooth unloading of the food.

Geoff Simpson, President of the KTFB, highlighted the donation's impact: "Not only does it help us to meet the increasing needs of our community, but it also reduces operational costs. It's an inspiring example of how corporations, local businesses, and volunteers can unite to support their community."

The donation's journey highlights the power of personal connections and volunteerism. KTFB volunteer Shervin Baghani leveraged family ties to Kraft

Heinz Canada to help initiate the donation, showcasing the strength of community networks. Doug Morley from Kraft Heinz coordinated the logistics, ensuring the seamless delivery of essential food items that will bolster the food bank's operations.

KTFB serves over 500 individuals each month - nearly half of whom are children and seniors. As the need for support continues to rise, contributions like this, along with the tireless efforts of volunteers and community partners, are critical to the food bank's mission of ensuring no one in the community goes hungry.

Their collective efforts bolster KTFB's capacity to serve the community and bring relief to those in need, demonstrating that every donation, large or small, strengthens the bonds of a caring community.

The King Township Food Bank remains steadfast in its mission to ensure no one in the community goes hungry. With ongoing support from individuals and businesses, KTFB can continue meeting the rising demand for assistance. To learn more about how you can help, whether through donations or volunteering, visit ktfb.ca.



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Philanthropist to launch Canada Freshwater Challenge Fund

Nature lover and philanthropist John McCutcheon will leave an enduring legacy for freshwater conservation in Canada, with a bequest gift of \$20 million to be distributed to seven organizations. This will be the largest private donation by an individual to freshwater conservation in Canada's history.

The donation will be used to create the Canada Freshwater Challenge Fund and shine a spotlight on the urgency of conserving our nation's freshwater resources.

The health of all living beings, our food systems and our economies depend on an abundance of clean and accessible water. However, the supply of fresh water is finite. With some of the most abundant reservoirs of freshwater in the world, Canada must protect and care for this limited resource. Our waters face many threats, including climate change, causing rising temperatures and disruptions to water cycles;

destruction of aquatic habitats; loss of biodiversity; contamination; and more.

But with careful conservation and stewardship, there is hope.

By working together, we have the power to affect change on a global scale. The Canada Freshwater Challenge Fund will support environmental charities that have different strengths — including data collection, education and conservation — all of which contribute to the protection of one of the planet's most important resources.

Thanks to John's generous gift, these charities will continue to find ways to protect and restore our country's freshwater resources.

The Canada Freshwater Challenge Fund will be distributed across seven organizations: the Nature Conservancy of Canada, World Wildlife Fund-Canada, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, DataStream, Ontario Water Centre/

ClearWater Farm and the International Institute for Sustainable Development — Experimental Lakes Area. Through different activities and missions, each group protects and cares for freshwater in Canada.

"We are reminded of the importance of freshwater, this essential ingredient of life, every time we turn on a tap, pour a glass of water, wash our clothes, pass a sparkling lake or swift running stream. Without freshwater for humanity and our natural world, what do we have? It's up to each of us to appreciate how vulnerable we are by becoming knowledgeable about the freshwater resources on which our communities depend and doing what we can to protect and care for them," said John McCutcheon

"With this gift, John is making a powerful statement about the role that individuals can play in protecting the natural world that underpins our way of life. With his help, the Nature Con-

servancy of Canada will protect and restore even more critical wetlands that help to filter our drinking water and prevent flooding. His is a gift that will impact communities for generations to come," added Dana Kleniewski, Regional Vice President, Ontario Region, Nature Conservancy of Canada.

"A life-long philanthropist, John's commitment to supporting the environment continues to benefit both people and wildlife across Canada. Donors like John allow our organization to protect vulnerable habitat throughout the moraine. His work has helped ensure the conservation of freshwater resources and allowed for greater resiliency against the effects of climate change. Through his generous spirit, John provides a model for all of us to do more to support the ecosystems and communities around us," added Susan Walmer, CEO, CPA, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust.

Legislation would get shovels in the ground faster on highway projects

The Ontario government introduced the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act to tackle gridlock and make life easier for drivers.

The legislation, if passed, would allow the province to build highways faster, including through a new Highway 413 Act that would create a new, accelerated environmental assessment process for the construction of Highway 413 and the extensions of Highway 410 and 427.

It would also exempt certain early works on Highway 413 that are near or adjacent to existing infrastructure and would have minimal environmental impacts from this process, to help get construction started without any more delay.

"With the worst travel times in North America, gridlock in Ontario is at a tipping point, and we need to act now," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is saving drivers money and getting traffic moving again, including by building critical new highways like Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass. With this proposed legislation, we're also speeding up approvals on early works for Highway 413 so we can get shovels in the

ground as soon as possible."

The Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act would save drivers up to \$72 million this decade by enshrining fee freezes for knowledge and road tests in legislation and ensuring faster and safer towing services by making the Tow Zone Pilot a permanent program.

"I've heard loud and clear from residents of King and Vaughan that they are tired of traffic and gridlock taking away important time from family and friends," said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "Building on our proven track record of extending Highway 427 to Major Mackenzie Dr, widening Highway 400 through King, breaking ground on the Bradford Bypass, delivering the largest subway expansion in North America with new stops in Vaughan, and upgrading the King City, Rutherford, and Maple GO stations, the Building Highways Faster Act will ensure faster construction on essential projects, helping improve the environment and reduce gridlock. As we deliver the largest subway expansion, including new stops in Vaughan, and upgraded GO Stations at King City, Rutherford and Maple, we are focused on reducing gridlock and improving the environment."

The proposed legislation would also require municipalities to receive approval from the province before installing new bike lanes that would result in the removal of lanes for traffic. In addition, Ontario announced plans to make roads safer and prevent accidents and damages that can occur from potholes by consulting with municipalities to develop a pothole prevention and repair fund to open in the 2025 construction season. The province also intends to increase the speed limit to 110 km/h, where it is safe to do so, on all 400-series highways.

The proposed legislation would also create a new Building Highways Faster Act that would designate Highway 413, Bradford Bypass and Garden City Skyway bridge as priority projects and allow the province to designate other highway projects as priority to help get these projects built faster.

Ontario is investing \$28 billion over the next 10 years to renew, build and expand roads and highways. This includes building the Bradford Bypass and Highway 413 as well as twinning the Garden City Skyway bridge.

Highway 413 will help reduce travel times by up to 30 minutes each way and the Bradford Bypass will help reduce

travel times by up to 35 minutes each way.

The Tow Zone Pilot is currently in place on four major highway sections in the Greater Toronto Area, where only authorized towing companies may remove vehicles. This was established in December 2021 to ensure customer protection and to clear collisions and vehicle breakdowns quickly and safely on some of the busiest highways in North America.

The government's temporary freeze on driver testing fees has already saved drivers \$35 million since 2020-21.

The Get It Done Act, 2024, froze fees for driver's licences and Ontario Photo Cards, saving drivers an estimated \$66 million over five years.



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Ian Matthews brings goats to tackle invasive species

By Brittany Grenci

Ian Matthews, founder of “Goats in the City,” has introduced a unique, all-natural approach to managing invasive plant species right here in King City.

His journey with goats began at a young age. His father started a goat farm in Amaranth, where Ian quickly grew to love animals. By the time he was 11, Ian was already responsible for caring for over 50 goats. After spending years working in the corporate world, Ian decided to leave that behind and return to his roots, taking over his father’s farm. This hands-on experience deepened his appreciation for goats and led him to discover their potential for sustainable land management.

In 2021, he brought his goats to King City, where he saw an opportunity to address a growing problem: invasive plant species.

“I learned that I could use nature to cure nature because there’s so many regions overrun by invasive plants that goats love to eat,” Ian explains. His innovative idea was to employ goats to clear out these tough plants, which are often difficult and costly to manage with traditional methods.

Goats are naturally equipped for this job, as they can eat plants that might be harmful to other animals, including horses. They also navigate difficult terrains, such as steep slopes and densely treed areas, where machinery and people might struggle to reach. A herd of goats can clear an acre of overgrown land within three to five days, making



them efficient, eco-friendly landscapers. The plants they consume, such as thistles and certain tough weeds, are nutritious for them, turning a nuisance for humans into a benefit for the animals.

In addition to maintaining landscapes, Ian envisions a future where “Goat Haven,” a sanctuary he’s developing, will provide shelter for goats that have been misused or abandoned. His goal is to bring goats into urban areas and educate people about their

environmental benefits while fostering connections between the community and these remarkable animals.

With “Goats in the City,” Ian Matthews is not only helping to restore local ecosystems but also creating a new model for sustainable agriculture in King City. His approach serves as a reminder that sometimes, nature itself offers the best solutions to our environmental challenges.

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Nobleton tree lighting features treats, crafts, music and Santa

The countdown is on as the Township prepares to host its annual Nobleton Tree Lighting Ceremony. The free, family-friendly event takes place at the Nobleton Gazebo, located at 8 Sheardown Drive, on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will feature selfies with Santa, face painting, holiday crafts, musical performances, and festive treats.

Joyful Christmas carols – sung by students from King City Secondary School, Nobleton Public School, and Aria School of Music – will fill the air with holiday cheer. Attendees can sample festive delicacies such as apple cider and roasted chestnuts, homemade and served by local community groups, and sip on complimentary hot beverages provided by Tim Hortons.

The highlight of the event will be the lighting of a majestic 45-foot Colorado Blue spruce with over 1,000 feet of clear and multi-colored LED lights, topped with an LED starburst tree topper. The tree lighting ceremony takes place at 7 p.m.

This year’s top sponsors include Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Minister of Energy and Electrification; Popeyes; Capital Power; and, Rafat. If you are interested in sponsoring the event visit king.ca/NobletonTreeLighting or email events@king.ca.

To ensure everyone has a happy holiday season, a small crew from King Fire and Emergency Services will be on-site at the event to accept donations of non-perishable food items or new, unwrapped toys. Donations can also be dropped off to Firehouse 34, located at 2045 King Road in the King City, until noon on Friday, Dec. 2.

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By **Mark Pavilons**
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A Bolton-based aerospace firm is asking the public to help make history. Canadensys Aerospace Corporation needs your help to name the first Canadian rover to explore the Moon.

The lunar rover will test key technologies and help in the international search for water ice, a key component needed for the future of human space exploration.

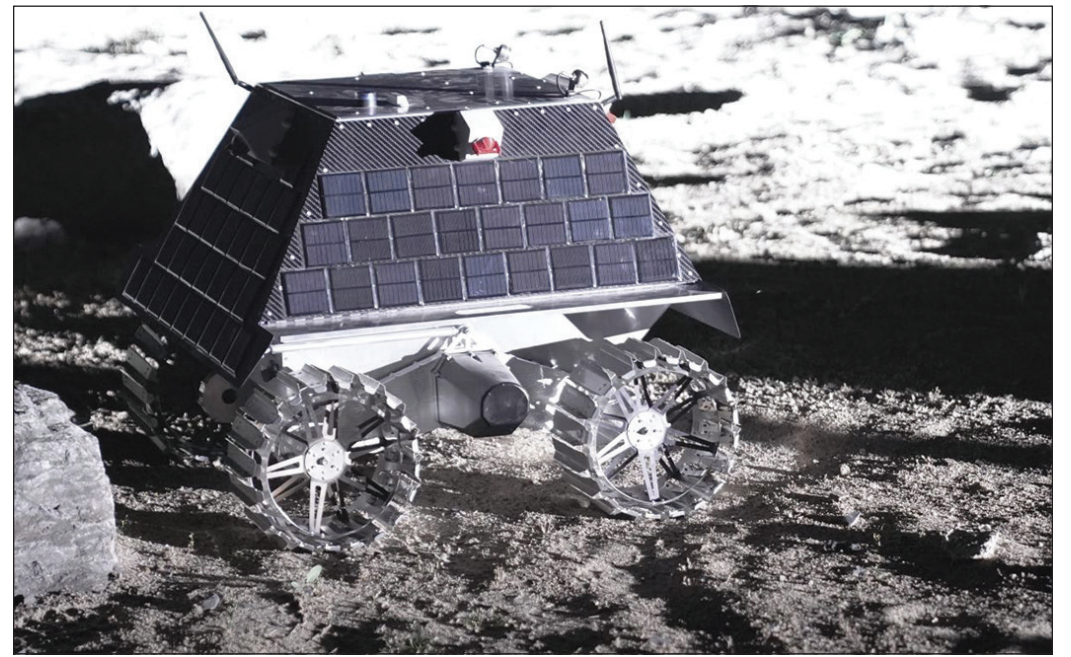
The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) wants its name to be representative of the mission or to allude to Canada's legacy or future in space. The rover will be

the first in a series of anticipated lunar rovers, and its name should be inspiring!

Four names were selected as serious contenders for citizens to choose from.

Athabasca: Athabasca is a river flowing from the Rockies through Alberta to Lake Athabasca. Canada's rivers and streams have been the routes of the continent for millennia and continue to be pathways of discovery, transport and exchange. The names of the rivers also reflect Canada's diversity and heritage. Future rovers from our fleet could continue this trend by taking names of other Canadian natural wonders.

Courage: To be brave and confident to do what you believe in, Courage is representative of the work that has led



to the Canadian lunar rover. This lunar rover mission is the outcome of over two decades of building and refining our expertise in rover technology with Canadian industry and academia.

Glacier: Glaciers are made of ice, and that is what the rover will be looking for: water in the form of ice. The name also appeals to Canada's northness: glaciers are important features of Canada's West and Arctic. Our country is home to approximately 20% of Earth's glacier ice volume (excluding the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets).

Pol-R: Creative spelling of Polar, which refers to regions close to the North Pole or South Pole. A big part of Canada is located in the north polar circle, and the rover mission will be landing in the south polar region of the Moon.

The public is invited to vote at <https://lnkd.in/dvayYfkj>

You can only vote once and voting ends Dec. 20.

The Canadian rover will land on the south pole of the Moon. It will have an onboard suite of scientific payloads. Thanks to a close and ongoing collaboration between NASA and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), the Canadian lunar rover will fly as part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services initiative.

For decades, as part of Canada's plan for robotic space exploration, the CSA has been actively working on refining rover designs and building Canadian expertise in rover technologies.

The rover will explore a region of

the lunar south pole. With the help of its scientific payloads, it will gather scientific data to help find water ice and allow scientists to better understand the lunar geology and environment.

The rover will have the ability to drive into and operate inside of permanently shadowed regions for up to one hour; survive lunar nights, which can last up to 14 Earth days at less than -200 °C; use multiple modes of communication; maximize lunar surface operations and scientific data return, and provide panoramic imagery and video of the lunar surface.

The Canadian-made rover will navigate the surface of the Moon to test and demonstrate key systems like surface mobility, telecommunications, dust mitigation, navigation, and remote semi-autonomous control.

Rover operations will be performed in Canada. Both Canadian and American scientists will have access to the data collected by the rover's scientific payloads.

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Ribbon cutting for Medical Centre for Integrated Health

The Medical Centre for Integrated Health celebrated its ribbon cutting in Nobleton recently.

Dr. Nancy Ciccone and Dr. Rob Raponi offer various services and therapies at the facility.

Dr. Ciccone, who earned her medical degree in 2019, is pleased the clinic is up and running: "It's been a long time coming. It's been a battle to get here. We see people who haven't had their ailments treated successfully by family doctors so we take time to get at underlying causes and prescribe therapies that are successful to restore our patients' health."

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Schomberg Horticultural Society celebrates a 'blooming year'

The Schomberg Horticultural Society wrapped up a remarkable 2024 with its Year-End Banquet and Annual General Meeting (AGM), held at the Schomberg Community Hall.

The event, attended by the Honorable Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Ward 4 Councillor Mary Asselstine, was a vibrant celebration of the Society's achievements and community impact.

Mayor Pellegrini applauded the Society for its contributions to the beautification of Schomberg, and Councillor Asselstine remarked on its stellar reputation, calling it, "a well-run and respected community group."

This year was one for the books, with highlights including:

A successful plant sale; a record-breaking garden tour; informative and engaging speakers at every general meeting.

These accomplishments have driven membership to unprecedented levels, showing the growing enthusiasm for horticulture and community involvement.

The evening began with a lavish charcuterie board reception, followed by a gourmet dinner catered by Dorio's Bakery. Guests were treated to a delectable dessert table, lovingly prepared by Society members, adding a sweet touch to the celebration.

The silent auction was a major attraction, offering an array of coveted items, while the Society's "Wall of Fame" showcased its storied history and awards since its founding in April 1935.

Michelle Wilson, District 15 Assistant Director, presided over the election of the 2024/2025 Board. The newly elected Board includes:

President: Eleonora Schmied; Past President: Kathleen Gorsline; Directors: Angela Rose, Beth Egan, Chris Somerville, Sheila Kelly, Barb Niemeyer, Susan Zweep, Margaret Rudnitski;

Members-at-Large: Linda Jessop, Maria Ruksa; Secretary: Lisanne Gavigan and Treasurer: Pat Janse.

Awards of appreciation highlighted the evening.

The "Golden Spade Award" was presented to Barb Prince for her unwavering dedication to maintaining Schomberg's public gardens.

Eleonora Schmied earned the highest awards in all flower show categories, while Heather Bierstecker received the highest flower show novice and photography awards.

The most coveted award, the presidents' award, was awarded to Anna Talenti for her many years of membership, being a gracious host for numerous garden tours and sharing her extensive plant knowledge and plant material with members.

The Society's various committees were acknowledged, applauded and thanked for their tremendous input, contributing to the success of the Society.

Outgoing co-president Kathleen Gorsline was honored with the Past President's pin and a heartfelt gift in gratitude for her two years of service.

As the Society looks to its 90th anniversary in April 2025, exciting plans and initiatives were hinted at, promising another vibrant year. With a stellar lineup of speakers and collaborations with organizations like Arts Society King, the Schomberg Community Farm and the Dufferin Marsh, the Society continues to be a cornerstone of the community.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society extends its gratitude to its sponsors and partners, including King Township, ARTS Society King, The King Weekly Sentinel (Mark Pavilons), the Schomberg Community Farm and the Dufferin Marsh. Together, they've helped make 2024 a year of growth, beauty, and community spirit.



Mayor Steve Pellegrini thanked co-presidents Eleonora Schmied and Kathleen Gorsline and all the volunteers of the Schomberg Horticultural Society for "making our community beautiful."

Late Helen Lucas among 'Seven Masters' exhibit

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The late, great King artist Helen Lucas lives on.

Lucas's art is among several being showcased at the exhibit entitled "Seven Masters."

The exhibition showcasing seven artists from the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture's permanent collection. Featured artists include Albert Chiarandini, Helen Lucas, Kay Murray Weber, Travis Shilling, Bruce Smith, York Wilson, and Tom Zsolt.

A special screening of "Helen Lucas ... Her Journey - Our Journey," will be held Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at Brevik Hall on Victoria Street in Aurora.

The film, directed by Donna Davey, offers an intimate, first-person account of Lucas, a celebrated Canadian artist, writer, and feminist. It traces her life from her roots in Saskatoon to her time in Toronto and King City.

The film showcases the evolution of Lucas's artistic practice, shifting from somber, charcoal figures constrained by patriarchy to defiant, comedic angels, and ultimately, to vibrant, joyous flowers painted on large canvases.

For more, visit <https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/screening-helen-lucas/>

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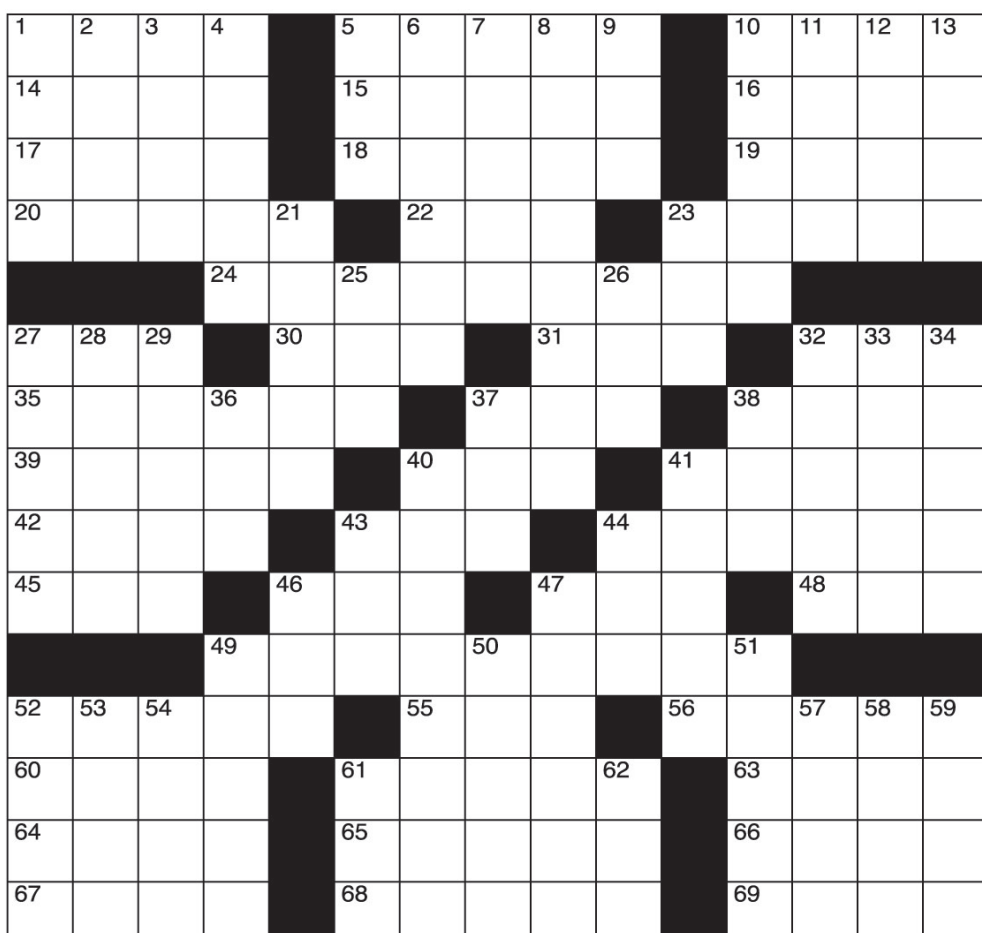
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46. Mark Wahlberg comedy
47. Mock
48. When you expect to get somewhere
49. Songs
52. Pair of small hand drums
55. Play
56. Sword
60. Evergreens and shrubs genus
61. Filmed
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
65. Pores in a leaf
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. Snakelike fishes
68. Pretended to be
69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Piece of felted material
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Aquatic plant
4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
5. Body art (slang)
6. One who follows the rules
7. Ordinary
8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title
9. Relaxing space
10. Japanese socks
11. Indian city
12. Rip
13. Icelandic book
21. Satisfies
23. Where golfers begin
25. Small amount
26. Snag
27. Determine the sum of
28. A distinctive smell
29. Exposed to view
32. Stain or blemish
33. Small loop in embroidery
34. River herring genus
36. Large beer
37. Deep, red-brown sea bream
38. Partner to cheese
40. At a deliberate pace
41. Gurus
43. Of each
44. Angry
46. Popular beverage
47. Flower cluster
49. Blocks
50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. A (usually) large and scholarly book
53. Popular soap ingredient
54. NBA'er Bradley
57. Popular movie about a pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Not a sure thing
61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
62. Father

Annual Trees of Giving display, fundraiser now on

Do you believe in magic?

The King Heritage & Cultural Centre is thrilled to present its annual fundraising display of Christmas trees. Community groups and local businesses have decorated the trees along the theme of magic and will compete for the title of Best in Show as voted upon by visitors!

During Trees of Giving, admission is free for visitors, who are encouraged to purchase tokens to vote on their favourite tree. Each year, the KHCC Board selects a fundraising recipient such as the Food Bank, Hope House Hospice and the CMHA in previous years. The magic of Christmas continues this year as all funds raised will help send a child (or children) who need inclusion support to camp in summer 2025.

On display daily (Tuesday to Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) until December 13.

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- Soft, extra plush blankets and throws.
- Grip socks men and women (all sizes)
- Short sleeve t-shirts for men (all sizes and any colour)
- Short sleeve nightgowns for women (all sizes and any colour)
- Combs and brushes
- Adult colouring books
- Virtual goggles
- Gift cards from major retailers to make purchases for household items such as towels, sheets, grocery items, kitchen supplies, etc.

Doane House Hospice

- Amazon or Chapters gift cards to purchase supplies such as grief books
- Play-Doh
- Colored sand
- Medium and large watercolor paper pads and large sketch pads
- Small canvases
- Small art journal books
- Gift cards for major retailers to purchase art supplies, garden materials, etc.
- Scrapbooking materials
- Colored, construction paper
- Paint in small containers
- Paint brushes

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Ontario Streams celebrates 2024's conservation projects

By Jim Stewart

More than 60 diligent conservationists – an amalgam of restoration ecologists, biologists, hunters, anglers, business owners, award winners, podcast personalities, urban activists, forest managers, and community volunteers – attended the Ontario Streams' AGM at the Islington Sportsmen's Club in Caledon East.

Madeline Michaud, Project Biologist for Ontario Streams, explained how the group's conservation efforts in 2024 targeted the restoration of habitat for four endangered species: Redside Dace – described by Michaud as “the canary in the coalmine;” Atlantic Salmon – “an ecologically-significant species;” Brook Trout – “a cold water fish that is suffering due to warming waters,” and the Jefferson Salamander which Ontario Streams has “helped since 2022 by closing roads to protect it from a fragmented habitat due to road construction.”

Michaud also presented six significant numbers to encapsulate the success of Ontario Streams' initiatives over the last 12 months:

305 contractor garbage bags full of litter removed from riparian habitat; items taken from river or creek banks included five shopping carts, treated lumber, and furniture.

12,713 native trees and shrubs planted over 6.2 hectares over three regions from Brampton to Whitby representing a 5% increase over 2023 planting initiatives.

78 habitat enhancement structures were built to improve 855 meters of riverbanks, including the use of 2,706 donated live Christmas trees that were used to shore up banks and encourage natural plant growth along the river.

20 detrimental in-stream blockages were removed to prevent backwater flooding and sediment loss.

3,750 community members engaged in over 100 stewardship and outreach programs.

8,915 square miles of habitat enhanced for native species by removing invasive species such as European Blackthorn, Japanese Knotwood, and Phragmites.

Another key initiative announced by Michaud was Ontario Streams' new partnership struck with the University of Toronto during 2025 and she continued her engaging 'conservation by the

numbers' seminar by explaining her organization's two more important rehabilitation programs pertaining to the Atlantic Salmon and the Jefferson Salamander.

Michaud provided insights and data into the Atlantic Salmon Rehabilitation Program during which “736 fry were released from incubation tubes which had a 15% survival rate, four schools were engaged in a classroom hatchery program which produced a 33% survival rate, 321 yearlings were released as part of a 2023 pilot project, with more yearlings to be released in four weeks and more fry to be released in 2025.”

The Ontario Streams biologist provided updates on the Jefferson Salamander rehabilitation program which included “monitoring the effectiveness of eco-passages to support safe migration and reduce road mortality.” Ontario Streams also “collaborated with the University of Guelph to take tail tip samples to create genetic profiles of the salamander population” and differentiate the Jefferson Salamander from two similar-looking salamanders that share habitat.

Keynote speaker Demiesha Dennis, founder and director of Brown Girl Outdoor World, offered insights into the importance of outdoor recreation and conservation programs for marginalized communities. The accomplished fly angler indicated “That the stickers on my laptop tell you that I love fishing” and she noted humorously that “I recently got my hunting license because the apocalypse is coming and I need to be prepared.”

The charming conservationist, who founded BGOW in Toronto in 2018, discussed her organization's simple origins as a hiking group who enjoyed the outdoors at conservation parks in the GTA. Dennis noted that BGOW has engaged in invasive species removal including buckthorn at a recent Ontario Streams tree-planting session: “We show up at events to create relationships.”

Dennis also related to attendees the joys associated by her group's recent trout fishing trip to Temagami, but focused on BGOW's enduring objectives: “We're building trust with conservation organizations, to work alongside you to create a positive impact. We want to do work that is long-term, sustainable, and



leads to future growth.”

Dennis's spirit of conservation was evident to those gathered at the Islington Sportsmen's Club's clubhouse as she noted somberly that “I saw the decline of trout and turtles in the Humber” and called for unity among conservationists: “The work of conservationists is not a solo story. It's important to tell folks that they have a lot in common. We are all part of nature and we need to work together to protect it.”

Three groups were recognized by Ontario Streams Communications Coordinator Kat Lucas for their part in protecting nature. The 2024 Volunteer Award was given to Construct – Blue Door. The 2024 Partnership Award was given to the Islington Sportsmen's Club and Lucas noted that “Ontario Streams has worked with ISC since 2010.” The final plaque, the 2024 Stewardship Award, was presented to representatives from York Regional Forestry who, Lucas observed, “have planted 20,000 trees in York Region.”

The highlight of the AGM was the on-site tour of the Atlantic Salmon hatchery. Ontario Streams General Manager and Restoration Ecologist Doug Forder introduced the five pillars of the Atlantic Salmon restocking program. Forder explained that Ontario Streams has “selected three genetic variants of Atlantic Salmon that are suited to hatchery life and surviving in the river.” All were on display in the hatchery. He also noted his organization's role in “main-

taining water quality in the Humber and enhancement of the habitat for Atlantic Salmon” and pointed out the third pillar is to encourage “the natural reproduction of the Atlantic Salmon to show the Humber River can be a sustainable habitat.” Forder added that “education and outreach programs” along with “monitoring via electrifishing to find fish from different classes” are the fourth and fifth pillars of Ontario Streams' Atlantic Salmon program.

The conservationist discussed the urgency to restock the Atlantic Salmon – hundreds of which swam in tanks in the hatchery prior to their introduction to the headwaters of the Humber: “The Atlantic Salmon was one of the first species to disappear from Lake Ontario. They are in decline globally and even in places like Scotland where they used to dominate waterways, they might be gone in ten years. The Atlantic Salmon is important ecologically – they bring their energy and nutrient recycling as they swim upstream.”

Forder thanked Cabela's Canada and Bass Pro Shops, two significant sponsors whose financial support has been used to improve the infrastructure of the hatchery. The new equipment and pools were on display as conservationists were able to see the stages of growth of a fish that at one time filled the Great Lakes. The restoration ecologist delineated the crucial weeks ahead: “Lots of fine work has to go into this program to make sure that the fish have a good chance to survive.”

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Kotyk plays OT hero in Cougars' thrilling 3-2 victory

By Jim Stewart

Rookie defenceman Henry Kotyk fired the game-winning goal in overtime to lead the Schomberg Cougars to a thrilling 3-2 win over the Uxbridge Bruins on Thursday night. Pugnacious power forward Joey Furlano was one fight short of a 'Gordie Howe Hat Trick' by contributing a goal and an assist to the Cougars' attack.

Jordan Palazzo opened the scoring with his tenth of the season. The dramatic victory vaulted the Cougars (10-8-2-0) back into third place in the East Orr Division standings.

Kotyk's game-winner was the crescendo to an entertaining PJHL tilt at the Trisan Centre. With 2:09 remaining in 3-on-3 overtime, veteran center Luke Szabo won the neutral zone draw back to Kotyk, the speedy rookie found open ice between two Bruins, and snapped a shot from between the circles over the shoulder of Uxbridge goaltender Robbie DiMaria. Kotyk described the goal that set off a raucous celebration by his black-jerseyed teammates: "After Luke won the faceoff, I saw the opening on the ice and I could see their goalie was screened. There was small opening, I shot it through the screen, and I don't think he (the Bruins goalie) was expecting it."

Kotyk contrasted the Cougars' big win on Thursday with a 7-0 loss on November 1 to the Bruins in Uxbridge: "We stuck to our game plan tonight and we played hard. Everyone wanted to be here. We had a different kind of energy and we took away their open ice which they used against us in Uxbridge where we gave up too many breakaways. It was an important win for us in the standings. We're in this."

The rookie defender also complimented his goaltender Nicolas Morvan who turned aside 32 of the 34 shots he faced and was named First Star of the Game by PJHL staff: "Morvan's really athletic. It feels so good to have him as our goalie. We have so much trust in him and he made some great saves tonight to keep us in the game."

Cougars' Captain Jordyn Palazzo continued his hot offensive pace when he opened the scoring on a breakaway goal at 4:31, assisted by Furlano. It was Furlano's 11th assist of the season. However, Jack Kemp's unassisted goal at 13:10 pulled the Bruins into a 1-1 tie heading into the first intermission.

The Cougars restored their lead on a power play goal at 17:59 of the second period. Veteran defenseman Reese Muir made a nice move off the blue line and fired a wrist shot from between the circles. A trio of Cougars crashed the net and banged away at the rebound. The goalmouth efforts of Aiden Miller and Cougar leading scorer Anthony Nascimento were repelled by DiMaria, but the third time was the charm when Furlano knocked home his fifth of the campaign to put Schomberg up 2-1.

With the Cougars clinging to their one-goal lead, Furlano was called for slashing at 16:31 of the final frame. Twenty-six seconds later, Kemp finished a nifty passing play when his one-timer from the slot slipped past Morvan. Kemp's second goal of the game sent the game into overtime, but Kotyk's heroics saved the day after the blown lead late in the third period.

Schomberg's 2023-24 Captain Adam Miller took in the game at Trisan on Thursday night. The amiable Cougars' leader watched his team's big win and dropped by during the post-game interview to offer hearty congratulations to OT hero Henry Kotyk.

Kotyk's efforts were even more notable on Thursday night, given that the Cougars' top-scoring defender Carter Longland has been sidelined with a separated shoulder.

Schomberg will host 'The Battle for Second Place' when they welcome the Georgina Ice (11-5-1-0) on Thursday, Nov. 28. Puck drop will be 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre. The Cougars trail the Ice by two points in the standings. Clarington Eagles (19-2-1-0) lead the East Orr and have the fourth-best winning percentage (.886) in the 63-team PJHL.



Joey Furlano (3) powers his way to the Uxbridge with Jordan Bonner (26) in hot pursuit. Furlano scored a goal and an assist in Schomberg's 3-2 OT win.

King loses 2 of 3 to stall ascent to the OJHL West playoff race

By Jim Stewart

The King Rebellion took center stage in Caledon on Thursday night with a new cast of characters to battle the Admirals at the Mayfield Icebox. In a flurry of mid-season transactions Tuesday and Wednesday, the Rebellion procured Dalton Kane and Jacob Xu from the high-flying Trenton Golden Hawks, along with the Aurora Tigers' leading scorer Justin Pavese.

When King opened the scoring at 3:42 of the second period, all three newcomers contributed. Xu beat Caledon goaltender Black Sloan for his fourth of the season; assists were earned by Xu's new line-mates Kane and Pavese.

However, Admirals' forward Eric He scored 41 seconds later to tie the game and Caledon took a 2-1 lead when Curtis Freeman notched his first goal of the season at 7:10 of the final frame.

The Rebellion roared back with

three unanswered goals to secure the road victory against the cellar-dwelling Admirals. Marshall McCharles's power play goal @ 9:52 tied the game 2-2. King forward Mikhail Zakharov scored the go-ahead goal at 12:34, and Evin Kojokaro's tenth of the season – into an empty net at 18:59 – quelled the Admirals' feverish comeback attempt. Hence, Kane, Xu, and Pavese triumphed 4-2 on stage in Caledon in their debut performance for the Rebellion.

However, the good feelings from "opening night" did not transfer to the troupe's next two tilts.

After a disappointing 4-0 setback to the Raiders in Georgetown on Saturday night, the Rebellion recalibrated on Sunday afternoon versus the Oakville Blades (6-11-3-1) in a significant game on home ice. Alas, the Rebellion fell again for the second time in twenty-four hours in a 3-2 double-overtime heartbreaker.

Levity on Thursday was followed by tragedy on Saturday and Sunday as King's Junior A squad took one step forward and two steps back in 96 hours.

After King spotted the Blades a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Matteo Gauthier and Jack Dean, Kane continued to contribute to his new club by notching a short-handed goal at 7:40 to pull the Rebellion to within one of the visitors. Five minutes later, Marshall McCharles tied the game with his eighth of the season and the evenly-matched teams took the 2-2 tie through the third period and into overtime.

Oakville lugged a five-game losing streak into the Nobleton Community Centre on Sunday afternoon, but the Blades ended their string of futility dramatically when Kyle Kussman buried the game-winner with 1:43 left in the second overtime period.

The Rebellion earned a point in the narrow loss to Oakville and secured 5 of 8 points in their last four games. However, their ascension to a playoff spot in the competitive OJHL West got a little harder after Sunday's disappointing result versus the 10th-place Blades (7-11-3-2). 9th-place King (9-14-1-4) remains seven points out of a playoff spot, trailing the 8th-place Buffalo Junior Sabres (14-11-1-1)



Lead Diane Bracken, Vice (spare) Glen Allen and Skip Tom Allen (left) scored an 8-ender (all of their own rocks counted closest to the button in one end) and will now be recognized with pins and certificates from the Ontario Curling Assoc., Curling Canada as well as their names on the King Curling Club 8-Enders Plaque for the achievement. Team Allen counts 8 rocks in one end during their regular season play. An achievement that compares to golf's hole-in-one.



8-ender club welcomes new members

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

Heads are turning and there's a lot of talk about the Wednesday evening Social League.

For the second time in a year, this Social League has registered another team into the "8-Enders Club." The scene took place Nov. 6, early draw, sheet I with Teams Allen and Zimmer. Upon arrival to the club, no one had thoughts that this night would be history in the making, but it did.

An 8-Enders in curling is when one team has all 8 of their own rocks in the counting position (closest to the centre pin) rare and is in comparison to golf's a hole-in-one. Most of us dream about getting one, and for those that earn it, well its something that can be talked about for many years. Congratulations to Skip Tom Allen, Vice

spare Glen Allen, and Lead Dianne Bracken (absent was Tracy Taveres and Nick Keehn).

This accomplishment is recognized in both the Ontario Curling Association and Curling Canada with pins and certificates as well as their names engraved on the KCC 8-Enders plaque.

League games

Continuing with the Wednesday evening excitement this past week's regular schedule of games resulted in some very exciting contests with the sharing of points end after end, and come-from behind scores for the win.

On Sheet K Team Coseni versus Boutin was a game for the audience to view. Right out of the hack Team Coseni jumped to a 4 point score in the first end. Spare Skip Jacob Schneider led team Coseni that included Michelle

O'Brien (spare) and husband and wife Ross and Judy Tripp.

Team Boutin, led by Skip Richard Boutin, Rabindra Gunraj and spares Karen Latwinka and Sheila McKinley, managed to earn 2 in the second and 2 more in the 3rd to tie the game. Schneider collected 1 in the 4th and 2 more in the 5th, sealing what they thought was now again a comfortable 7-4 lead. Boutin, who's known for never giving up and finding a way to the button strategized for a multiple score in their final end. All 4 cylinders were fired up with McKinley, Latwinka, Gunraj and Boutin placing their rocks where they needed to be. Schneider, with the hammer, missed his last shot by a hair allowing Boutin a 5-point score for the win. Rabindra Gunraj commented that "it was really a great back and forth game, we got lucky in the last end to score 5 for the win."



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, Dec. 1 we welcome back Scott Martin as our guest speaker on the first Sunday of Advent. This begins the countdown to Jesus's birthday and on this first Sunday we celebrate with hope the wonders that his ministry brought to the world.

Worship begins at 10 a.m. and all are welcome to join. Sunday School takes place during the same hour and for information on the Sunday School please contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

We encourage all to express any generosity and excess that they may have by contributing to the King Township Food Bank. The donations to the King Township Food bank this fall are needed in greater quantities than ever before and the community can make a significant difference if it works together to continue 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

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark Nowell will be speaking on our Christmas series; "Journey to the Nativity." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

We invite everyone to our Christmas Eve service at 6:30 on Dec. 24th.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

The 10 a.m. Mobility Matters class is full. There is still room in the 11 a.m. class for those interested in participating in this popular activity.

Friday, December 6 - 10 a.m. - This is our annual refresher course in CPR presented by the King Fire Department. It is not a certification course but an opportunity to practice our skills.

To ensure there is enough equipment for all, please RSVP to 905-833-6565. Refreshments will be available.

Sunday, December 8 - 2 to 4 p.m. - Annual Christmas Open House. Once again, we will be entertained by Russ Clayton and enjoy a sing-along. The first hour will be entertainment and the second will be social time with delicious Christmas treats. Our sponsors for this event are: Chartwell Oak Ridges Retirement Residence, Richview Manor Retirement Residence and Edward Jones. Spaces are limited so please register by November 30 by calling 905-833-6565.

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

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

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

Tuesday mornings: 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 kingcityseniors@gmail.com

York Pines United

It is First Advent with a Communion service this Sunday. We will begin decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon. Next Sunday is White Gift and Hungry Sunday. Every year, York Pines adopts a family from York Support Services Network. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 for more information.

In preparation for Christmas, Rev. Andrew is offering ukelele lessons at our sister church King City United on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Ukeleles can be provided. Contact him at either church to confirm.

Our Christmas Fellowship Lunch is

on Friday, Dec. 13 at noon at the Newmarket Swiss Chalet. Come, bring a friend and enjoy their Festive Special. Let the office know if you plan to attend.

Schomberg AA meetings

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

Sacred Heart Church

December events: 1) Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of November 30 and December 1. Kindly bring any baked goods to the hall prior to Mass. Coffee & fellowship is hosted by the CWL with proceeds toward charities.

2) Holy Redeemer Pilgrim's Choir Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 8 after 10:30 Mass with light breakfast, carolling and pictures with St. Nicholas.

3) Youth Bowling with Fr. John, Friday, Dec. 13, 7-10:30 p.m. Contact derosemille@gmail.com.

Save the date: Sacred Heart Church Spring Gala, Saturday, May 24, 2025, featuring international opera singer Sara Papini.

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

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

December is around the corner! The First Sunday in Advent is this Sunday, Dec. 1 and it is Communion Sunday with Rev. Alison Agnew presiding. The church is located at 13190 Keele St., adjacent to the St. Andrew's Park. Our worship service Sunday morning is at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, stay for coffee time.

Please note: December 15 is our Christmas Party and will take place during our church service at 10:30 with refreshments, lots of carols, the Christmas Story of God's Grace and little gift bags. We hope to see you there!

Pastor Alison continued her sermon series on Moses in the book of Exodus. We read about the Last Plague, the importance of the Firstborn Lamb and the importance of shed blood and how it relates to Jesus's death for humankind. The Sunday services are recorded each week and posted on our website. Have a look! (standrews-kingcity.ca Click on

the YouTube frame.)

The last Life Connect group before December Break is on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at Renate's home closeby. Call 905-833-0391 or the church office if you need directions. This group discusses questions based on the previous Sunday sermon over great coffee, tea and cookies. There's lots of participation, laughter and learning. We close with a prayer time for family, friends, neighbours and our community.

Ladies, all are welcome Saturday morning, (9:30 to 11:30) November 30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian church in Nobleton on the King Rd. Pastor Alison will lead "Refresh." Come and enjoy refreshments and a time for singing God's praises, hearing Alison's devotional and a time of prayer!

Donations for the King Township Food Bank are being collected at our Church. Please call the office first if you wish to donate during the week 905-833-2325 and visit the Food Bank's website at ktfb.ca. to determine which foods are needed. Also, look at christmasinking.ca if you would like to participate as a donor. These donations are due by December 9 for the Festive Food Hampers and December 10 for Gifts.

If you have any questions or if you need pastoral care or prayer, please call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 for the Rev. Alison Agnew or phone one of the Elders.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Pikangikum is an isolated Indigenous reserve in northern Ontario which All Saints has been supporting in various ways for many years. This year a donation of \$2,500 will be sent to Living Hope Native Ministries in support of youth programs.

Not of this world - sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on John 18 - Jesus interviewed by Pilate.

"Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Jesus's response is a clear statement that this world and its powers, ultimately have no authority over Jesus. Perhaps Jesus was saying that were he and his followers of this world, then naturally they would use the primary tool this world provides for establishing and keeping power which is violence.

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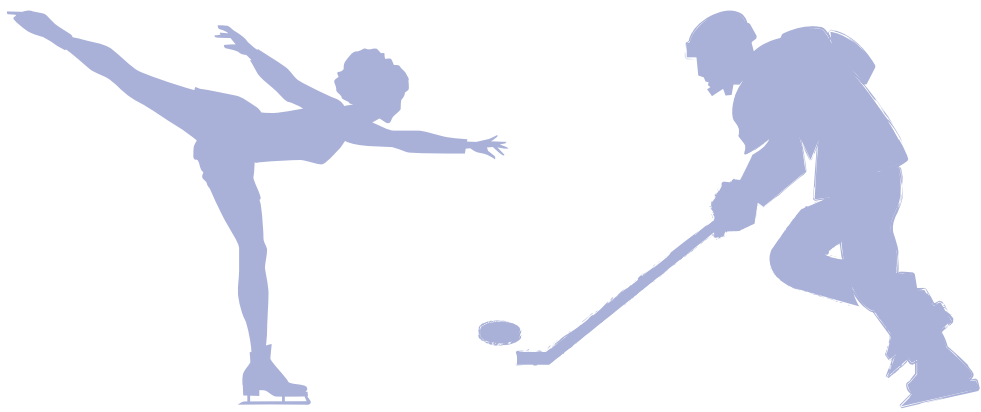
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

This Sunday, Dec. 1, at 5 p.m. is the official Schomberg Tree Lighting at the corner of Main and Dr. Kay. It's a big tree with lots of decorations – you can't miss it. Tim Hortons is providing hot Chocolate and cookies, so make a note to head down and practice your ohhs and aahhs before you head out. Also, make sure to dress warm because it looks a bit cold with a 50% chance of snow. You must admit, Christmas trees look better with a little snow on them.

Then the following Saturday marks the official start of Schomberg Christmas season with A Main Street Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 7. Yes, and I've

seen that pesky Grinch making appearances as well, make sure if you see him to let him know that he does “stink, stank, stunk.”

The day parade starts at 4: and the highlight of the day, The Parade of Lights starts at 7:30. There is live entertainment, carol singing, a Christmas marketplace. They need volunteers for the day parade, so you can email amscontact@gmail.com, if you're interested in helping or if you have a student that needs some volunteer hours.

A reminder King Townships winter parking restrictions which run until April 15. On-street Parking between 2 and 6 a.m. is prohibited to allow for snow clearing; even on-street parking permits are invalid, and the fine is \$100. Make sure you inform your family and any overnight guests.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 313 Main St., will be hosting their gift basket and bake shop/café during

Wednesday morning or early afternoon when the quilters meet (at Nobleton).

Want to get in the Christmas spirit? There is a pot-luck lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. Pot-luck means bring food to share. If you arrive by 11:15 a.m., you can enjoy the Front Porch Harmony, entertaining with Christmas songs. Lunch will be at 11:50 a.m.

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be pancakes, sausages and bacon. This event is free. Donations are accepted for the Christmas in King program. The need is exceptionally great this year. We need helpers. High school students will receive volunteer hours for high school. Contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442 if willing to help.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. Please be at St. Mary Magdalene. The entertainment is Kleinburg Treble Makers. The meal is chicken broccoli casserole with red peppers with rice, followed by apple cranberry crisp. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. Families are welcome to this free event. December's

Main Street Christmas Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., downstairs. Then upstairs they'll be having a soloist, Jennifer, at 5 p.m.. At 5:25 there will be a Christmas sing-along with John and Evelyn and at 6 another soloist, Jonell. At 6:25 p.m., the Bondhead Olde Tyme Fiddlers (John, Evelyn, Janice, Ed and Lynn) perform. Make sure to check that out while you're attending Main Street Christmas and get a basket or two for those hard to buy for friends and family.

King Township is hosting a Blood Donor Clinic at the Trisan Centre, Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great chance to get on Santa's nice list. You can make an appointment by calling 1-888-236-6283 or registering at blood.ca

Schomberg Euchre Club

The Euchre group is open to all, and

theme is the Daring Journey to Bethlehem (Christmas). One of the activities is always decorating cookies in the theme of the month. In place of story time, we will be doing a rehearsal with the large stick puppets for the Christmas puppet show on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 11:15 a.m. Please contact me 416-316-5064 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to let me know that you intend to come or for more info. We need to know numbers to have enough crafts and food for all.

There will be a delightful children's Christmas puppet show on Sun. Dec. 15 at 11:15 am at Nobleton United Church. This is a joint service with Schomberg United followed by a lunch of pizza, salad, and an ice cream bar and some fun Christmas games. Come and make a friend.

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.

is 7 to 9 on Friday nights, at the Trisan in Room A. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, women, all you need to know is 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+

This past Monday we had a wonderful glass workshop with Wendy Emery, where we made “suncatchers.” Wendy is such a wonderful teacher it was so much fun. I did a Hummingbird, which my husband thought was a frog – he's getting his eyes tested next week. Everyone did a wonderful job, and they all looked amazing.

If you're interested in sponsoring one of our speakers or events, please reach out to me at sporter5952@gmail.com or Lynn Bird at klbird@hotmail.com. We are always looking for local sponsors.

Bridge will continue each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Schomberg Community Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 4 – speaker Dr. Marie Adams, Retired professor, and Author – “Our Son The Strange.”

Sunday, Dec. 8 – Theatre Orangeville, Sleeping Beauty, A Fairy Tale It's \$40 registration to klbird@hotmail.com

Monday, Dec. 9 – trivia with Maggie and Lynn to be held at the Trisan Centre in the Curling Lounge.

Monday, Dec. 16 – Festive Season Luncheon- further details to come.

Ukulele Classes for our very own “Tightly Wound” club is back at it and getting ready to entertain the group in November, so please make sure you don't miss practice every Thursday from 2 to 3:30 at the Schomberg Community Hall, any member is welcome to grab a Ukulele and come join us.

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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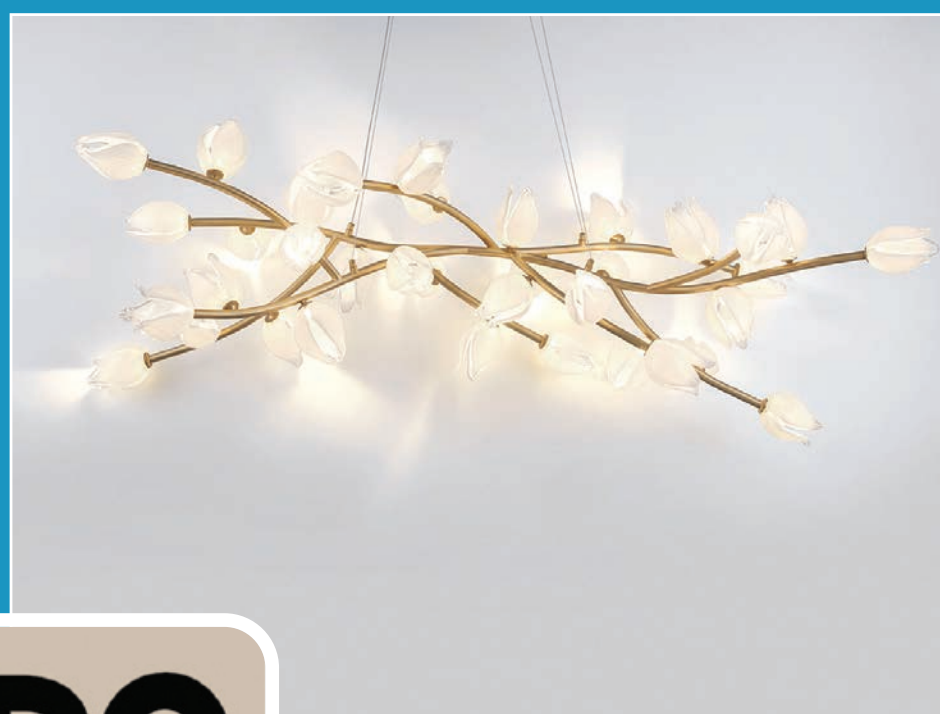
By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. “Advent” is a Latin word. “Vent” is from the Latin verb “venire,” meaning “come.” The “Ad” is from Latin, meaning “to.” So we prepare to “come to” the manger with Christ's birth.

Dojoin us at our service in Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. or our service in Nobleton at 11:15 a.m. and stay afterwards for some refreshments and chatting.

The next Bible study series is on Advent (led by Rev. Richard Gardner, with lots of sidetracks) starting this Thursday, Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. in Schomberg, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, enter by back door. The location will alternate each week with Nobleton United Church. The group will ponder about its meaning and how it shapes and affects our daily lives. There are people coming from the Community and you would be welcome too.

We are collecting new socks for men and women through a program called “Inn from the Cold.” If you would like to support this initiative, please bring the new warm socks or underwear for males or females to Sunday service (either Schomberg or Nobleton) or on



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message from Acts 27.1-28.16 entitled, "Come From Away."

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our Junction Ministries serve our children's and families each Sunday. FirstLink is our staffed ministry time with our youngest attendees, and Junction is an age appropriate time of teaching with our elementary aged children.

Our mid-week LifeConnect small groups are an opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to our YouthConnect every other

Friday, the next one being Nov. 1. Join us as we explore questions about life, faith, and Jesus with the youth Alpha program.

Need a morning out? We are inviting all women to join us for a morning of worship, prayer, conversation, and refreshments on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our theme will be "Refresh!"

St. Mary's Church

Bible Study: Genesis Part 1: Creation. This takes place Monday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. to Dec. 9 and break Jan. 13 - Feb. 24 (inclusive). It will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church (basement classroom). The cost is \$50.

Topics include the six days of creation, the Garden of Eden, and marriage.

Please contact Gillian Vivona at 416-671-1540 or gillianvivona@gmail.com for registration and inquiries.

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

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violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate ... Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.'

"And so today, even though many of us are angry, afraid, weary, and saddened by all that's going on in the world right now; I ask you to love. I ask you to Pray that God will change the hearts of those who feel that violence is the only course of action left to them. Jesus our king demonstrated power and strength through weakness and vulnerability. He established justice through mercy and built the kingdom of God by embracing a confused, chaotic, and violent world, taking its pain into his own body, dying the death it sought, and rising again to remind us that light is stronger than darkness, love is stronger than hate, and that with God, all good things are possible.

"Today we declare our citizenship in God's kingdom, which is not of this world and so let's go from here doing everything in our power to bring forth that wonderful kingdom on earth."

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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

Please continue to register for each program. All events \$1 for members & \$2 for non members unless otherwise indicated.

Nov. 28 - Addressing "Ageism," with speaker Jenna Wickens, Certified Professional Consultant on Aging. Learn about our positive age benefits & more.

Dec. 5 - Art with Angela Del Borrello. Paint your own "Winter Scene" to display in your home. "Your own creation for others to admire." Cost is \$10, which includes detailed instructions & materials. Please register by Nov. 30 so materials can be purchased. There will be an additional surprise.

Dec. 12 - Christmas Party. Come festive and join in with fun, games and more. A hot lunch will be provided. Please bring a dessert or salad. Special Guest Councillor David Boyd. This will be our last day until January 2025.

Thank you, comments & suggestions always welcomed.

Joanne Bailey, 416-706-9375 or email jbailey133@yahoo.com

Men's volleyball

All men are welcome to play Volleyball on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in Schomberg. Please call Bob if you are interested at 647-546-5406.

Nobleton Lions

Christmas is not far away and the Nobleton Lions are planning some events that entire families can enjoy. First, on Dec. 8, you're invited to visit the Lions booth at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Nobleton Gazebo for some hot chili. Then on Saturday, Dec. 14, time to be confirmed, come out for a visit with Santa and a skate at the Nobleton Arena.

The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com

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

north of the arena. The next meeting is November 24.

To view more information about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website at www.NobletonLionsClub

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 p.m. 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 the Nobleton library and other King Township libraries. 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 2025:

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.



King's Corners

From Page 16

David J. Lose writes: 'Jesus is not of this world. Therefore, his followers will not fight for him because to bring the kingdom about by violence is to violate the very principles of this kingdom.' I think this is a perspective we all need to hear right now.

"The world is dominated by the view that the only answer to violence is more violence. The result of which is death and the suffering of innocents. I think it's important for us, and especially any of us with power and influence, to think about the difference between justice and perpetuating more violence. As Martin Luther King Jr., a champion for Christian non-violence, wrote,

"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through

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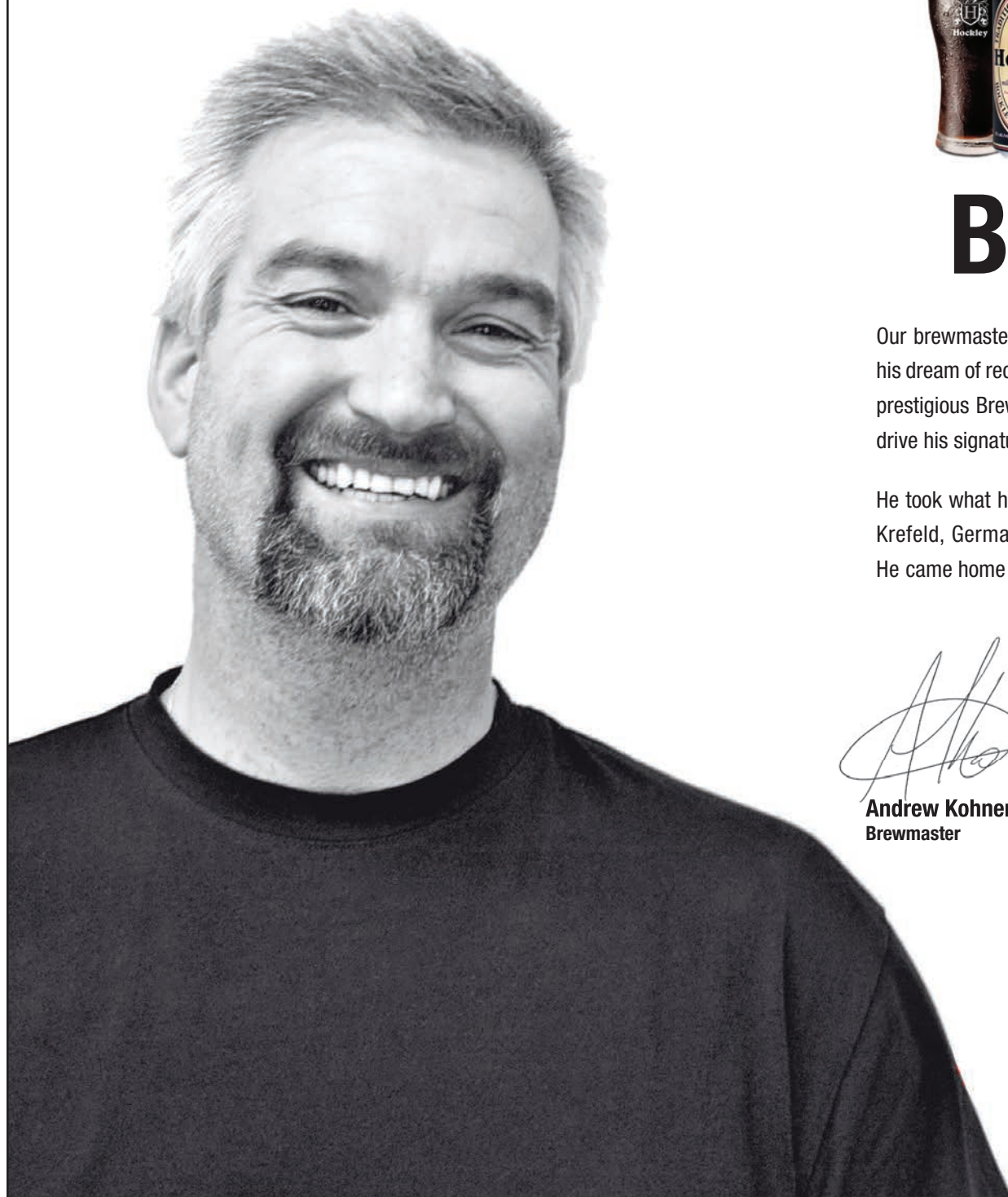
He took what he could from there and ventured to Scotland, Cornwall, and ultimately to Krefeld, Germany, working in the same brewery that had belonged to his ancestors. He came home to Canada for Hockley.

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Holiday festivities in full swing at One of a King Holiday Market

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Blue Butterfly Tea brings awareness to children's grief

King Township's first Blue Butterfly Tea for Children's Grief Awareness was a resounding success.

Organized in conjunction with Hope Hospice House, the event aimed to enhance grief literacy so children can be better supported through loss. The afternoon's itinerary included presentations, interactive exhibits, and traditional afternoon tea.

Among the attendees was special guest, Rishma Govani, who shared her book, "The Stars That Shine for You" with all in attendance.

King's Blue Butterfly Tea opened up an important conversation surrounding grief and created a compassionate space for our community to gather and learn about how it affects nearly 3,000 children in York Region each year. Together, we can continue to explore ways to support one another through loss.

Children are often what leading Thanatologist, Kenneth Doka, describes as "forgotten grievers"

whose grief is disenfranchised – that is, not acknowledged or supported – because people don't realize the impact of loss – death or otherwise – on children's worlds, believing that they are unaffected or incapable of grief.

The afternoon event featured presentations from Julia Zinn, the Help Us Understand Grief (HUUG) Counsellor for children, youth, and families at Hope House.

"Enhancing grief awareness in York Region – including awareness of children's grief – helps us establish a compassionate community where nobody has to face grief alone," said Zinn.

Hope House Community Hospice (formerly Hospice King, Aurora, Richmond Hill) provides innovative, personalized compassionate support – at no cost – to people diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, their families and caregivers, and those who are bereaved. For more information, visit hopehouse-hospice.com



Heidi Bonner, Rishma Govani and Julia Zinn helped bring the message of support at the Butterfly Tea event.

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From the town of Hillsburgh come north on Trafalgar Rd (Reg Rd 25/Cty Rd 24) to the Erin/East Garafraxa Townline. Turn east and go 1.4km to 8th Line. Then south 1km to sale on east side of road. OR from Hwy 109 (at Waldemar) come south on Cty Rd 24 (Regional Rd 25) for 10km to East Garafraxa/Erin Townline. Turn east and go 1.4km to 8th Line. Turn south and come 1 km to sale on East side of road.

**** SALE TO BE HELD IN HEATED SHOP****

Vehicles (all sold as is): 1967 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow sedan, 4 dr, 107K mi; 1979 Lincoln Continental Mark 5 coupe, cloth int, 400 V8; 1999 Mercedes SLK 450, 2 dr, hard top; 1999 Mercedes CLK 430 convertible, black, leather, 295K km; Mitsubishi Fuso cube van, 8'x16' box, diesel, lift gate; 2015 Dodge Outdoorsman 4x4 truck, Eco-diesel, 4 dr, white, cloth int, 334K km; 1999 Dodge Ram 3500 Cummins dually, 12ft flatbed, 74K km, white; 2006 Ford F450 diesel ambulance, converted to camper. **Tractor:** MF 240 tractor, single remote, R: 13.6-28, 794hrs, very nice; **Trailers:** 2013 5th wheel flatbed trailer, 14000lbs, ramps, tandem, 22'x8'; 2014 Wildwood 281 XLite 30ft travel trailer; (3)storage trailers 2-46', 1-40'; 5'x7' landscape trailer, mesh floor & rear ramp; steel 3'x5' trailer. **RTVs/ATVs/Snowmobiles/Golf Cart, +Acc:** Kubota 1100 RTV, diesel, 4x4, 400hrs, cab, heat, A/C, hydr dump; JD 825i 4x4 Gator, hydr dump; Toro Workman MDX, hydr dump; 2005 Skidoo Rotax 1000 SDI, 3572 mi; 2002 Skidoo Legend Rotax 600, 12,000km; 1977 Skidoo Elan 250; MFC50 4-wheeler; Golf cart, Yamaha gas motor, bench seat, box; ATV snowblade; Can-AM 6ft snowblade for side-by-side. **Lawnmowers:** JD 3325 reel mower; JD 1600 diesel mower 11'cut; JD lawnmower for parts; Kubota T1770 riding lawnmower, 17hp, 48" cut. **Mach/Equip/Accs:** Hyster 50 propane forklift; (2) wood hay wagons; front mount skidsteer 6ft bushog, hydr drive; Sullair 425 diesel compressor on trailer, JD engine; skidsteer mount tree shear; JD 54" riding mower snowblade; mounting harness; payload snowblade. **Shop/Farm Rel:** (NIB-new in box): 25'x50'x16'h Quonset hut-brand new (has all parts); 1100 sq ft mezzanine with galvanized flooring; Generac generators-2000 & G8000; B&S TMG-GWC5 woodchipper, 420cc engine; gas hedge trimmers (Stihl HS45, Echo HC150); Echo gas leaf blower; (4)Dri-Eaz turbo dryers; tool box; hardware; qty transfer hose; stone; paving slabs; paving bricks; uncut firewood; asst lumber & building supplies; sandblasting cabinet -NIB; propane heaters; (2)Saracco ind size sandblasters; KEW 0940C elec pressure washer; asst hand/power tools; HD ext cords; Honda EB10000 generator, 450hrs; chainsaws-Husqvarna, Stihl; Tomcat GTX 30D floor sweeper; John Bean brake lathe FMC 601PF; fuel tank with elec pump; qty ladders; (90) 4x5 round bales first cut hay. **Misc/Furn:** Pool table, wood bed, 5'x8'; golf clubs(R); chairs; wood table; dressers; cooler for golf cart; canoes- 2-Evergreen,1-Sportspal; (4) hitching posts from Windsor Raceway.

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708 OBITUARIES

Susan Carol McCutcheon
(née Wassink)

Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

Born and raised in Kettleby, ON by her loving parents, the late Bill and Barbara Wassink. She lived her entire life on Jane Street. Cherished wife of Gary, beloved mother of Adam (Andrea) and Meghan (Alexandre). Doting grandmother of Eva and Emily. Susan will be sadly missed by her brother John (Karen). She was predeceased by her brother Robert (Christine).

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of Thompson Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, ON L4G 6W8. A Celebration of Life will be held at this location on Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Sharing of memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting Susan's online memorial at www.thompsonFH-Aurora.com

710 CARDS OF THANKS

In memory of Norma May Varcoe

We as Norma's family wish to express our appreciation to all family, friends, and community members who have offered such kindness, support, and messages of sympathy in our time of loss. It means a lot to us that so many people took the time to attend Mom's funeral and share their special memories of her with us. Your support has been a great source of comfort as we celebrated her life and memory. We especially wish to thank the Staff at Good Samaritan Nursing Home for Mom's great care and comfort, the Blue Mountain Manor for the heartwarming care she received while there, and the entire staff at Rod Abrams Funeral Home Tottenham for their guidance and professionalism. Your support for Norma will be remembered in our hearts.

Sincerely,
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ELEGANT FAMILY HOME WITH SALTWATER POOL

Beautifully upgraded 4+1 bedroom home on a quiet street backing onto a peaceful walking trail with no rear neighbors. Features a chef's kitchen with high-end appliances, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, and an open-concept layout. Includes an in-law suite with a walkout. Backyard oasis offers a saltwater pool, patio, and scenic conservation views.



EXQUISITE NEW BUILD IN OAKRIDGE

Magnificent newly built 'Regal Crest' home in OakRidge Meadows offers 10ft ceilings, gourmet chef's kitchen, and a spacious open concept layout. Features include 4 bedrooms with ensuites, main floor office, and 2nd floor laundry. Enjoy nearby nature trails, Lake Wilcox, and convenient transit access.



PREMIUM FEATURES, PRIME LOCATION

Welcome to this stunning 4+1 bedroom, 4-bath executive home in Vaughan's desirable community. Boasting a gourmet kitchen with Viking appliances, an open-concept family room, a luxurious primary suite, spacious bedrooms, and a professionally finished lower level, this home offers elegance, comfort, and convenience near parks, schools, Maple GO, and more!



BRAND NEW HOME ON SPACIOUS DOUBLE LOT

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.



SPACIOUS CORNER SUITE WITH VIEWS

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PEACEFUL BUNGALOW RETREAT NEAR LAKE

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TRANQUIL BACKSPLIT WITH SCENIC YARD

This charming 4-level brick backsplit with a double garage is nestled in Whitchurch-Stouffville's sought-after Ballantrae community. With 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a bright open-concept layout, cozy fireplace, spacious kitchen, balcony, and scenic yard views, it perfectly blends comfort, convenience, and character.



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