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Families enjoy Marsh skate

A crowd of adventurous skaters hit the ice at the Dufferin Marsh on Saturday and enjoyed a bonfire with hotdogs, marshmallows and hot chocolate. Thanks to the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection for organizing a fun event on a beautiful winter day. This group took a break from the fun activity to pose for a photo.

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King maintains top water quality in villages

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King's water quality meets, even exceeds government standards.

Staff presented the 2024 Water Annual Summary Report to councillors recently, outlining the service and quality in local towns and villages.

Staff noted the Township of King consistently provides safe drinking water to residents, businesses, and visitors through the Ansnorveldt, King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg municipal water distribution systems. And the Township continues to meet or exceed all legislative requirements.

All regulatory sampling was conducted in accordance with regulatory requirements. There were three occurrences of Adverse Water Quality Incidents in King City last year, but they didn't pose a health risk to the public.

King maintains a large system. In King City it serves roughly 7,120 residents at 2,439 connection points. There are 66.88 kilometres of watermains under their control.

Staff noted the maximum daily flow of 5,780m³ occurred on July 26, 2024, with an overall average daily flow of 2,690m³, for the reporting period from January 2024 to December 2024.

King also maintains the local stations and work was

carried out last year at Manitou Dr. (end of cul-de-sac); Hogan Court. (end of cul-de-sac); 65 Springhill Dr. (in front of school). A station was removed at 28 Charles Street and another at Tatton Court was replaced.

Staff reported there were three watermain leak repairs completed in the reporting period – at Patricia Drive, Gilham Circle and 15th Sideroad.

Schomberg serves some 2,516 residents over almost 16 kilometres of watermains and 862 connections.

The maximum daily flow of 3,095m³ occurred on December 18, 2024, with an overall average daily flow of 1,967m³, for the reporting period from January 2024 to December 2024.

A Sample Station was installed at Osin Lion's Park, and another at 21 Main St. (on Highway 27). One sample station was removed at Summit Ridge Trail.

Nobleton serves roughly 6,860 residents over 45 kilometres of mains, and 2,085 connections.

The maximum daily flow of 4,604m³ occurred on June 19, 2024, with an overall average daily flow of 1,881m³, for the reporting period from January 2024 to December 2024.

A Sample Station was installed at MacTaggart (Park by hydrant); at Northcott Way (end of cul-de-sac), and at Hawthorne Valley Rd. (end of cul-de-sac). One station on Duck Trail was removed.

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COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Wednesday, February 19
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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- **Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment 2025-005** Re: 20 Doctors Lane, King City (File No. Z-2021-10)
- **Notice of Intention to Pass Amending By-law February 24, 2025 to Remove Holding (H) Symbol** Re: Fandor Homes (Via Moto) Inc.
- **Notice of Public Planning Meeting March 3rd, 2025 Concerning a Zoning By-law Amendment** Re: 125, 137-145 Dew Street, King City, ON
- **Notice of Complete Application Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application and Draft Plan of Subdivision Application** Re: 13711 Keele Street, King City (File Z-2024-16 and 19T-24-K01)
- **Notice of Public Planning Meeting March 3rd, 2025 Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment** Re: 16890 Jane Street (File Z-2024-13)
- **Notice of Passing of Heritage Designation By-law 2025-004 to Designate a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under the Provisions of Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 (Hogan's Inn)**
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Learn more about the impactful stories of early Black settlers of King by browsing archival images at the **King Heritage and Cultural Centre** from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5.

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Spend some cozy, quality time together on **Family Day, Monday, Feb. 17**, skating, swimming or playing shinny hockey, pickleball, basketball and (lots!) more sports. View schedules at king.ca/DropInPrograms.

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The King Township Municipal Centre and all libraries **are closed on Monday, Feb. 17.**



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Suspects facing multiple charges after a failed carjacking in King

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit have laid multiple charges against three men after a failed carjacking in the Township of King.

On Jan. 9, at 8:22 p.m., police responded to an attempted carjacking in the area of King Road and Highway 27. The victim was travelling on King Road when their vehicle was rear ended by the suspect vehicle. As the victim exited, two suspects approached wearing face coverings and at least one was armed with a firearm.

The suspects attempted to steal the victim's vehicle but were unsuccessful and fled with items belonging to the victim.

Through investigation, three suspects were identified.

On Feb. 5, a total of four search warrants were executed at two residences and in two vehicles in the City

of Toronto, where two suspects were charged. On Feb. 6, the third suspect was intercepted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in Houston, Texas. He was returned to Toronto and arrested by the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), who transferred custody over to YRP.

The males are all Chilean nationals, ranging in age from 22 to 25. They are charged with robbery with a firearm, disguise with intent, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, unlawful use of credit card, and one man was charged with possession of electronic device for motor vehicle theft.

Investigators with the Hold-Up Unit would like to thank the DHS and the CBSA for their assistance. Anyone with information is asked to call the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6630, or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. To leave an anonymous tip online, visit www.1800222tips.com.

Victims urged to come forward in fraud investigation

Police are asking anyone who has come in contact with a King man to come forward and help them in their investigation.

Investigators with the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau charged a man for criminal negligence and prescription fraud and are urging more victims to come forward.

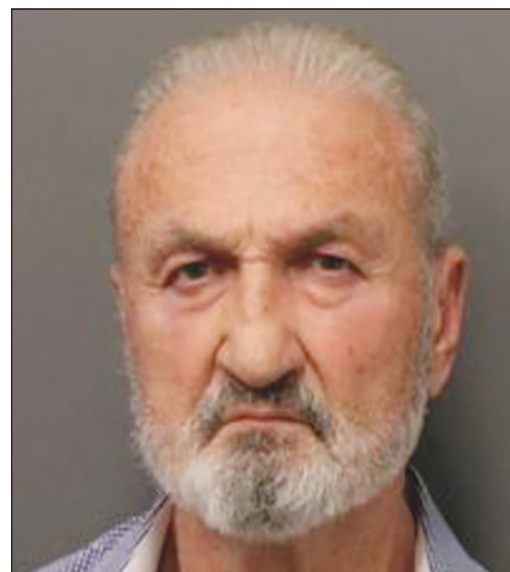
Back in December 2024, a victim reported to police they had experienced significant health problems after receiving treatment at a medical spa in the area of Hollandview Trail and McMaster Avenue, in the Town of Aurora.

The investigation revealed the suspect was issuing prescriptions by impersonating licenced medical practitioners and prescribed medications to the victim that were not applicable to his health.

Investigators are releasing the suspect's photo as they believe that there may be additional victims and are urging them to come forward.

They charged Georges Tsakiris, 65, of King with:

Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm, Assault Cause Bodily, Harm



Forgery x2, Utter Forged Document x2, Possess Identity Information for Fraudulent Offences x2, Make Document Without Authority x2, Personate to Gain Advantage.

Anyone with information is asked to call the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

Local water quality exceeds standards

From Front Page

In Ansnorveldt, 1.4 kilometres of mains serves 163 residents at 56 points. The maximum daily flow of 108m³ occurred on July 9, 2024, with an overall average daily flow of 43m³, for the reporting period from January 2024 to December 2024.

A Sample Station was relocated on Bernhardt Road.

The Township received re-accreditation by SAI Global in July 2022. A surveillance audit was conducted in 2023 and again on May 15, 2024. The 2024 audit identified zero non-conformities and one opportunity for improvement.

Staff noted that in 2025 the Township will start the re-accreditation process, which encompasses virtual and in-person audits conducted by SAI Global throughout April and May 2025.

A Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL) is issued for five years and the current one expires this Oct. 22. A renewal application for each Drinking Water System will be submitted on or before the renewal due date of April 22.

The water and wastewater budget are fully recoverable from the water and wastewater rate as part of the annual budget process.

"The Township of King remains committed to delivering safe and reliable municipal drinking water to all residents, businesses, and visitors. Through the Ansnorveldt, King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg water distribution systems, we consistently meet or surpass regulatory standards," staff said.



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Why 'doing nothing' just isn't an option

We are reminded, time and again, to use our time wisely while we're running around on this planet.

We should make the most out of every day, every hour in fact.

And yet, there are days, maybe even weeks, when we are struggling, and resort to just doing nothing at all.

While I enjoyed some time off over the holidays and embraced a few days of lounging, it did get "old," like cheese left out on the counter. I found I was sore and maybe even bloated after a week of inactivity.

Given we only have a limited time, this isn't very productive. Sure, we all need "down time," but that time can be better spent.

I agree that doing nothing can bring things into perspective. But life is about balance.

My oldest daughter, who's never idle and is constantly buzzing between yoga, zumba and various appointments, said "there's no fun in doing nothing."

She's right, of course.

I recall when I was in my late teens and early 20s, we hated being idle. We were always itching to just get out of the house and do something, even if it was only to meet up with friends and just "hang out."

We also knew our priorities and responsibilities. Chores first, then homework, then fun. That gave us a lot of motivation to actually do what was asked of us. Our parents made sure we didn't lollygag. In fact, they typically only had to ask once, just once. If they had to ask a second time, we knew we were in trouble.

While things have changed dramatically, we hang on to some of those lessons. Old school ideology tends to stick



Mark Pavilons

with us.

And today, it seems many have adopted the do-nothing strategy.

How is it that people – largely those in the civil service, banking or customer service areas – are content to do nothing? Sure, they tell you that "someone will look into this for you," but really folks, most often our request or inquiry disappears down some black hole in the department. Maybe it does get "bumped up" the ladder. Maybe it gets transferred to some desktop in the basement, of an office that's currently unoccupied.

These workers have a unique skill down pat – the art of doing nothing without feeling guilty.

In the "real world," if our boss asks us to do something we do it. We often

don't have a choice and do our best to comply.

Those customer service types have the public to answer to and not necessarily their managers. Requests fly into the company, while staffers are "responding to a larger than expected volume" of calls. I have never once heard the automated voice say "it's pretty slow today, you're next in line!"

If there's a high volume of calls, then perhaps hiring more people to answer them would be in order. In my opinion, there's no reason for someone to remain on hold for 30 minutes with banking institutions or government agencies who have the resources to meet any and all demands from their customers.

For banks, while they claim "your call is important to us," it really isn't. They don't care about Joe Average and his call about an unfair charge or overpayment. And if they do have to issue a refund or credit, they take their sweet time.

I really can't comprehend why electronic transfers or transactions take 7 to 10 business days to complete. It's the push of a button, through a pretty intelligent computer system. It's instant. I would even accept 24-36 hours, but no more. There's no excuse.

If you work for such an institution and can explain that to me, please get in touch. "I'll be right with you!"

Banks sure waste no time in debiting our accounts when we make a purchase or pay a bill.

Also, many customer service reps are reading from a prepared script, a "cheat sheet" if you will on troubleshooting. I'm sure there are several mentions in their hand books along the lines of "if it sounds too complicated, put them on hold and send them to another extension."

I'm not sure if "doing nothing" is similar to just showing up, but here's another thorn in my side. For trades such as plumbers and electricians, they typically charge \$200 or more for just

arriving at your door. I understand the term "service call," but were's the service in ringing the doorbell and stepping inside? The rest of the call is often less climactic, cheaper and done quickly.

Okay, some of us get paid to just show up to the office every day, but it's wrapped up in our pay cheques, not a separate bonus for gracing everyone with our presence.

Speaking of showing up at the office, none other than the President of the United States makes his daily trips to the office all about shock and awe.

There's no doubt that every time Donald Trump opens his mouth, our collected mouths drop wide open in disbelief. I can't imagine that his hair-brained ideas and orders are supported by his team and a host of politicians representing the people. Are Americans doing nothing to curb his willy nilly actions? Are they merely accepting the cutting of diversity funding, foreign aid and "invading" and "occupying" a foreign land and sending Palestinian refugees elsewhere?

And the world watches in horror and yet what are the repercussions? Trump has withdrawn the U.S. from the United Nations Human Rights Council, and has asked for reviews of the U.S. funding of UNESCO. He dismantled USAID, which spends roughly \$50 billion annually on foreign aid and development assistance.

Cost-cutting in the name of isolationism? In just a couple weeks, the U.S. has taken a giant leap backward, dragging the whole world down.

Standing by and doing nothing is a sin, almost as bad as committing the sin itself. Our history is filled with examples of the silent lie and acts of omission, to utterly disastrous ends.

Albert Einstein once remarked that the world is a dangerous place, "not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Let's stop doing nothing and do something, anything!

Workshops

King Township launches workshops to support sustainable farming practices

In a bid to bolster the agricultural sector's resilience and sustainability, King Township has announced a series of workshops in collaboration with the Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation.

These workshops are designed to help local farmers adopt regenerative and sustainable practices to better prepare for future challenges.

The initiative aims to provide farmers with expert support, share best practices and examples from peers, offer opportunities for collaboration and connection, and provide information about available funding opportunities.

The first workshop is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schomberg Community Hall. This session will focus on soil health and cover crops, crucial components for maintaining productive and sustainable farmland.

Farmers and stakeholders in the agricultural sector are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the resources and knowledge being offered. Registration is now open, and interested participants can sign up to secure their spot.

For more information, visit king.ca/ResilientAG.

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"It's okay to live a life most people don't understand."

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Our car culture is driving us to disaster

By David Suzuki

The Environment

The climate crisis is too big to be remedied by individual actions alone. It requires government policies and regulations and international cooperation in everything from research to global agreements. One critical area where individual acts (including public advocacy) combined with government policy can make a big difference is transportation.

Car culture has fuelled the climate crisis from the beginning. In the early days, large cars weren't built just for luxury and big families; they were built to burn as much energy-dense oil as possible, fuelling a massively profitable, mutually beneficial alliance between Big Oil and the auto industry. An entire way of life was built around it, in the United States and Canada especially — with motels, drive-ins, suburbs and strip malls.

Now, despite advances in electric and hybrid vehicles, tailpipe standards, better transit in some areas and more, emissions continue to rise, thanks largely to a boom in light truck and SUV sales. To keep the oil economy going, relentless advertising portrays trucks and SUVs as offering freedom, adventure and safety.

According to a recent David Suzuki Foundation report, light-duty trucks (including SUVs and minivans) are one of the fastest-growing sources of emissions in Canada's transport sector. Although emissions from cars went down by 47 per cent from 1990 to 2022, light duty truck emissions rose by 112 per cent. As of 2020, about 62 per cent of the light-duty vehicles on Canada's roads were trucks, compared to 27 per

cent in 1990.

The report found vehicle upsize has wiped out 39 per cent of fuel consumption reductions Canada would have seen from increased zero-emissions vehicle sales and fuel economy improvements.

As the study points out, the trend is global: "the proportion of SUVs has grown from 22 per cent of light-duty vehicle sales in 2005 to over 50 per cent in 2022." The average weight of vehicles has also increased. Between 2010 and 2022, SUVs represented the second-fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions globally, after the power sector — higher than heavy industry, heavy-duty trucks and aviation.

According to the International Energy Agency, global SUV oil consumption rose by 500,000 barrels a day from 2021 to 2022, "accounting for one-third of the total growth in oil demand."

SUVs are also less safe than smaller cars. Pedestrians, cyclists and people in smaller cars, especially, are far more likely to be injured or killed when struck by or in a collision with the heavier vehicle.

It's clear that individual choices in transportation — resisting the onslaught of consumerist propaganda — can help in the necessary transition to less-polluting, more climate-friendly ways of living. Getting away from unnecessary SUVs and light-duty trucks is a start. But simply buying smaller cars, or hybrid or electric vehicles, won't solve the problem. That's where governments come in.

If we're to move away from the absurd notion that every person needs a tonne or two of metal, plastic, fabric, electronics and other materials to move around — worse when it's inefficiently burning fossil fuels — we need efficient,

alternative ways to move.

Public transit is critical, along with good infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and people with mobility challenges. As we move toward these solutions, even those who need to drive, including emergency vehicle and taxi operators, will spend less time in gridlocked traffic, breathing less pollution. And considering the costs of a car and its depreciation, maintenance, insurance, parking, fuel and more, not having one can save a lot of money! Reducing car dependency also makes communities much safer.

Growing technology may also help. Autonomous or self-driving vehicles could make more efficient use of cars for modes like taxi and ride-share services. And better urban planning can create more walkable communities, connected with good public transit.

There's a real danger that some of the progress made on things like vehicle-emissions standards, alternative transportation infrastructure, public transit, congestion pricing and electric vehicle quotas could be overturned by electoral outcomes.

At the very least, we can all resist the corporate-consumerist push by Big Oil and Auto to keep us boxed into inefficient machines choking on fumes from gas-guzzling SUVs and trucks while we sit in gridlocked traffic. What's really needed, though, is to replace wasteful car culture altogether with the many safer, healthier, more cost-effective alternatives.

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Letter to the Editor

An election perspective from Concerned Citizens of King Township

As Ontario plunges into a provincial election this winter, what are the issues that are important to you and Ontario? What do you think should be highlighted and discussed with candidates and others in meetings, media, door-to-door, and in informal conversations?

As a citizen-based organization, Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) believes the collective voices of citizens need to be listened to and heard, and encourages the respectful sharing of perspectives on various issues of importance. Wisdom so often comes from the thoughtful counsel of many. A number of issues come to mind:

Attainable housing in Ontario to meet a wide variety of needs.

Well-designed communities that are healthy, walkable and liveable.

Effective transportation systems that reduce gridlock, sprawl and GHG emissions.

Long term preservation of the Greenbelt and valuable farmland.

Protection and enhancement of natural spaces to increase bio-diversity.

Accessible high quality health care when each person needs it.

Innovative businesses and projects with the future in view.

A diverse and sustainable economy that creates jobs and opportunities for everyone.

Affordable, clean, renewable, efficient and reliable energy.

Effective actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Likely you can list additional key issues.

Of note, the last Ontario provincial election (June 2022) set a record for the lowest voter turnout in an Ontario provincial election, as only 44.06% of the people who were eligible voted. CCKT encourages the electorate of the King-Vaughan Riding and beyond to become well-informed, and to act on the privilege and opportunity we have of voting in the provincial election.

Options for Voting: — Returning Office (Now until February 26).

Advance Poll (February 20 to 22); — Election Day (February 27).

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York expands traffic automated speed enforcement

The Regional Municipality of York is expanding its Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) camera program, installing 20 fixed ASE cameras on Regional roads across all nine local cities and towns, with three rotating mobile cameras in select community safety zones.

The expansion includes establishing an Administrative Penalty Tribunal to streamline payments and the dispute process.

As part of York Region's Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan, ASE's goal is to improve road safety and change driver behaviour. Aggressive driving, including speeding, represents 45% of severe collisions on Regional roads. When an ASE camera is in the area, vehicle operating speeds are reduced by approximately 10 km/hr and speed limit compliance increases by approximately 25%, which results in a significant decrease in the severity and incidence of speed-related accidents. This saves lives.

The Traveller Safety Plan was developed

in collaboration with the public, all nine local cities and towns, York Regional Police, school boards and other road safety partners.

"Traveller safety is a shared responsibility. Expanding ASE camera use across all cities and towns shows a continued collective effort to protect residents and enhance safety," said Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, Chair of Public Works - Transportation Services. "With growing populations, we are seeing a rise in both collisions and traffic volumes, underscoring the need for Vision Zero initiatives."

To streamline payment and disputes, York Region has newly established an Administrative Penalty Tribunal for automated traffic penalties, including driving through red lights and speeding. The tribunal will provide residents with a more efficient and accessible way to manage penalty orders.

Streamlined services include online and in-person options for payment and appeal, an accessible service counter at 17150 Yonge Street in the Town

of Newmarket and an enhanced case management system.

"This program is designed to be fiscally self-sustaining, ensuring resources generated from automated traffic penalties are reinvested into community safety initiatives," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the Region's Finance and Administration. "Our goal is to create a safer environment for all residents and the Automated Speed Enforcement program plays a crucial role in achieving this."

ASE program revenue supports road safety improvements as part of the Traveller Safety Plan, including intersection improvements like new traffic and pedestrian signals, protected left turn signals, street lighting and accessibility measures.

Residents and motorists can learn more on camera locations, the ASE program and pay penalties by visiting york.ca/TrafficCameraEnforcement

Fixed York Region Automated Speed Enforcement Locations

Mount Albert Road, east of Colony Trail Boulevard, Town of East Gwillimbury.

Mount Albert Road, east of Birchard Boulevard, Town of East Gwillimbury.

Glenwoods Avenue, east of Lowndes Avenue, Town of Georgina.

Highway 27, south of Park Heights Trail, Township of King.

King Road, east of King Boulevard, Township of King.

14th Avenue, west of McDowell Gate, City of Markham.

Bayview Avenue, north of Willowbrook Road, City of Markham.

Highway 7, east of Robinson Street, City of Markham.

Leslie Street, south of Highway 407, City of Markham.

McCowan Road, north of Carlton Road, City of Markham.

Mulock Drive, east of Fernbank Road, Town of Newmarket.

Bayview Avenue, north of Redstone Road, City of Richmond Hill.

Leslie Street, south of William F. Bell Parkway, City of Richmond Hill.

Major Mackenzie Drive East, west of Sussex Avenue, City of Richmond Hill.

Major Mackenzie Drive West, west of Lawford Road, City of Vaughan.

Rutherford Road, east of Islington Avenue, City of Vaughan.

Weston Road, north of Ashberry Boulevard, City of Vaughan.

Yonge Street, south of Arnold Avenue, City of Vaughan.

Aurora Road, east of McFarland Street, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Ninth Line, south of Millard Street, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Life challenges everyone

Own Your Space Psychotherapy

By Barry Maloney
BA PHED, RP

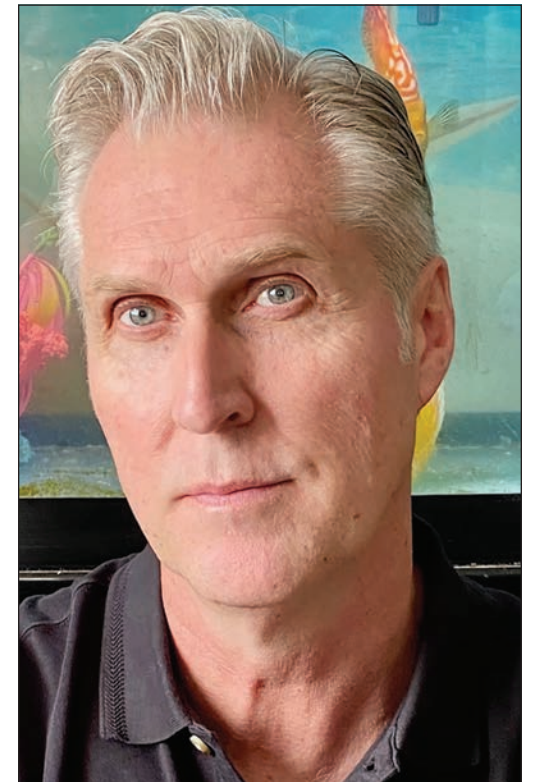
It has been almost four years since I last wrote in the King Sentinel.

My name is Barry Maloney, a psychotherapist based within the King City and Aurora area. Back in 2021 times were tough and now in 2025 life has gotten even tougher to exist in a financial manner. This translates into individuals feeling emotionally dysregulated with increasing anxiety, depression and less happiness, joy, and contentment with their lives. Many of us are either feeling guilty or ashamed of our feeling vulnerable with the pressures of simply paying our taxes, bills and buying basic clothing and groceries. This all leads our mind to thinking of having regrets of our past experiences and/or anxiety of future uncertainty.

I make a conscious effort to live in the moment as much as I can. There is a fair amount of strategies/tools that I teach in my psychotherapy practice, but I believe that it is very important to recognize when you may have these thoughts of "what if" and be able to immediately say to yourself "what if not."

To understand that life has its challenges and adversities for everyone, it is how we are receptive to our challenges and adversities and not being irrationally reactive to our daily thoughts of "what if," that makes big a difference in emotionally regulating in the moment. It takes a lot of courage to reach out to a psychotherapist and feel vulnerable but to also know you are definitely not alone. All the numbers are up when we discuss homelessness, food bank use and psychological distress. It is not enough in my professional opinion that we talk about this one day a year.

As a psychotherapist I hold appointments seven days a week for the elderly, couples, individual athletes and stu-



dents as well as other professionals such as firefighters, police officers, teachers, principals, doctors and nurses. There are really no bounds to finding a safe and secure space for anyone that needs to share their story. Everyone has some sort of trauma, either from childhood or right up to the present moment.

The unfortunate element of trauma is that what we do to survive our trauma may have been adaptive at the time, but we bring these behaviours and thoughts into our current lives which have maladaptive thoughts and behaviour. This is what we feel as emotionally dysregulated. A person may recognize this but only know how to emotionally regulate through all sorts of addictions which are unhealthy and only numb and mask how they feel about their trauma.

Barry Maloney is a certified in dealing with addictions, trauma and anxiety and depression. You can connect with him at barrymaloney22@gmail.com or call 289-221-4832. You can also visit ownyourspacepsychotherapy.com

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How you can support Ontario by buying local

By Ethan Wallace
Vice-President, Ontario
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Buying local has always been an important part of our agriculture and food production system. Consumer interest in particular in shopping closer to home for their food products has been on the rise over the last two decades or so – and that interest has been particularly strong in recent years.

We are particularly lucky here in Ontario. Our climate and our soils let us grow and raise more than 200 different food and farm products on the nearly 50,000 farms in our province. From fruits, vegetables, honey, plants and flowers to meat, dairy, eggs, fish and grains – and whether fresh, frozen, processed, pickled or canned, we are proud of what we can grow right here at home.

My family and I farm just outside of the small town of Seaforth, near Lake Huron. Every local food or farm product Ontarians buy supports farms and families like ours, as well as small businesses and rural communities right across our province.

And even though we're in the midst of winter, there is a wide range of locally produced food available. Apples, carrots, potatoes and root vegetables, for example, are kept fresh through innovative storage technologies so we can

enjoy them all winter long.

There is a plethora of Ontario meat and poultry in our grocery stores, butcher shops, farmers' markets and independent retailers, as well as a wide variety of eggs, and milk, cheese, cream, butter, yogurt and ice cream made from 100% Canadian milk.

Ontario's indoor produce sector provides produce like tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and strawberries; and vertical farms produce leafy greens, microgreens and baby greens. Many frozen vegetables and fruit are also grown in Ontario, and many wineries, breweries, distilleries and cideries use locally grown ingredients like grapes, hops, grains and apples.

So, what's the best way to buy local – and how can we know whether what we're buying is an Ontario or a Canadian product? Our food system isn't always the easiest to navigate in this regard, but here are a few ways you can find local products.

Shop at local stores, on-farm markets and farmers' markets and ask the employees there if you're not sure. Many Ontario agricultural organizations, like Ontario Sheep Farmers, have product locators on their websites to identify shops, markets, farmers and even home delivery companies that carry local products.

Other examples include Farmers' Markets Ontario's online market locator and Pick Ontario's florist finder to help you find locally grown flowers – great idea for Valentine's Day!

There are also a variety of logos that you can look out for when you're shopping that will help identify locally grown or made food and farm products.

Fresh produce, dairy, meat and other Ontario foods often carry the iconic green and white Foodland Ontario logo.

A blue cow logo certifies 100% Canadian dairy. Look for the VQA medallion to ensure the wine is made entirely from Ontario-grown grapes or a product of Ontario or Canada designation on fruit wines. You'll find Ontario or Canada Beef logos on locally produced beef, or the Ontario Corn Fed Beef logo at restaurants and Loblaws stores.

Ontario-raised pork will often carry an Ontario Pork logo or the logo of Ontario-based meat processors like Conestoga Meats or Sofina. Egg car-

tons will display a red maple leaf or the Egg Quality Assurance logo, and you'll find an Ontario Turkey logo on some of those retail products.

When it comes to flowers and floral products, look for a Pick Ontario logo or the words "Grown in Canada" on a container or tag.

On processed foods, "Product of Canada" means made in Canada with Canadian ingredients, and "Made in

Canada" means final processing took place in Canada – sometimes with local ingredients and sometimes with a mix of domestic and imported ingredients.

Ontario farmers are strong believers in encouraging everyone to buy local, Ontario products. When you do, you're not just buying what we produce, you're also supporting communities, families, and jobs right here at home – and we appreciate it.

Help plan growth in King to 2051 by taking online survey

King is planning growth until 2051 and need residents' help to shape the future of King Township as part of a review of the "Our King" Official Plan. Thank you to the residents who attended our three open house sessions in January (more to come this spring).

If you were unable to attend but want to share your thoughts on living, working, and moving in King, take our online survey to tell us: What's most important to you? What are the biggest challenges facing the Township? What's your vision for the Township?

To take the survey, visit <https://live.metroquestsurvey.com/?u=ioz09#!/?p=web&pm=dynamic&s=1&popup=WTD>

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Family Day activities and closure notice

Spend some cozy, quality time together on the Family Day holiday on Monday, Feb. 17, skating, swimming or playing shinny hockey, pickleball, basketball and (lots!) more sports.

Or brave the elements and explore the wintry outdoors at Cold Creek Conservation Area, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing across 7 kilometres of snowy trails. Snowshoe rentals are \$10 per person and ski and pole rentals are \$20 per person and can be rented for as long as you like during chalet hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit coldcreek.ca.

Pre-registration is required for drop-in recreational sports. Online registration opens 24 hours in advance of the drop-in program and is available 24/7 at townshipofking.perfectmind.com.

Pre-registration is not required for public swimming, skating or shinny hockey. All drop-in activities are included with a valid monthly RecPass otherwise pay-as-you-go fees apply. View schedules at king.ca/DropInPrograms

The King Township Municipal Centre and all libraries are closed on Monday, Feb. 17. Essential services, such as fire and emergency response and by-law and enforcement services, will continue uninterrupted. ServiceKING will reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m.



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Forum sparks dialogue on watershed protection, agricultural resilience

The Ontario Farmland Trust (OFT) is set to host its annual Farmland Forum on March 20, bringing together experts and advocates to explore the vital connection between watershed protection and the future of Ontario's farmlands. Taking place in Elora, at The GrandWay Events Centre, this full-day hybrid event will offer both in-person and online participation.

This year's theme, Watershed Wisdom: Water Protection's Role in Farmland Conservation, marks OFT's 21st anniversary by returning to the collaborative discussions that laid the foundation for the organization's work. With farmland loss accelerating, climate change intensifying, and unpre-

dictable weather events becoming more frequent, this forum is a timely call to action. The event will bring together farmers, conservationists, planners, and policymakers to tackle the pressing challenge of protecting Ontario's watersheds, which is a critical step in ensuring agricultural prosperity for generations to come.

"Having a resilient agricultural sector requires reliable access to clean water," says Martin Straathof, Executive Director of OFT. "Farmers have always been stewards of the land, managing ecosystems beyond their fields and working in direct relationship with the natural environment. Their role in Ontario's food security

and watershed management is essential. This forum is about bringing together the voices and expertise needed to shape a future where both farmland and watersheds are protected. Anyone who has an interest in engaging more with these intersecting issues should attend."

The Farmland Forum will feature keynote and panel discussions led by leaders in agriculture, conservation, and land use planning. A special plenary session will be delivered by Eli Enns, Co-founder and CEO of the IISAAK OLAM Foundation, offering insights on Indigenous-led conservation. Attendees, both in-person and virtual, will have opportunities to participate

in interactive roundtable discussions and breakout sessions, making this a unique space for collaboration and action.

For over two decades, the Ontario Farmland Trust has been dedicated to protecting farmlands and associated agricultural, natural, and cultural features through land securement, stewardship, policy research, and education. By convening thought leaders and change-makers at the Farmland Forum, OFT continues to advance its mission of securing Ontario's agricultural future.

Tickets and full event details are available at: ontariofarmlandtrust.ca/forum

New investments in housing-enabling infrastructure announced at conference

The Ontario government has announced new measures that continue its historic support for rural communities and residents at the 2025 annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference. These measures include a new Rural Economic Development Strategy, with \$10 million in annual funding in a new Rural Ontario Development Program aimed at supporting economic growth, workforce capacity and business development in rural communities.

The government is opening applications for the \$175 million Health and Safety Water Stream of the province's Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) starting February 12, 2025, to ensure communities across the province have access to safe drinking water, reliable wastewater services, and are protected during extreme weather events. This funding is

part of the government's historic ongoing investments to help municipalities and First Nations preserve and increase housing supply across the province.

The province has completed evaluating applications for funding from the \$400 million Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Stream of the MHIP and has approved 58 successful projects across 60 municipalities. These projects will help enable up to 160,000 new homes and ensure these growing communities are connected to reliable roadways. Successful recipients will be announced in the coming weeks.

Municipalities and First Nations will be able to apply for funding through the Health and Safety Water Stream to address outdated water, wastewater and stormwater facilities, replace local pipes and watermains, and make enhancements to shoreline and flood

mitigation infrastructure that will increase climate resilience. Eligible projects must be net new, rehabilitation or expansion projects. More information about the Health and Safety Water Stream is available at ontario.ca/housinginfrastructure.

Ontario is providing nearly \$2 billion in total through the various streams and intakes of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program to support housing- and community-enabling infrastructure and build more homes across the province. This is in addition to the province's \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund, which has awarded more

than \$285 million to municipalities for their performance against their 2023 housing targets.

With additional funding of \$18 million over three years to the Agriculture Drainage Infrastructure Program, more municipalities will be able to ensure adequate drainage, helping increase the productivity of Ontario's farmlands.

Ontario is investing an additional \$52 million in 2025 to help municipalities address the increasing operational pressures of Ontario Works program delivery so that vulnerable Ontarians can continue to get the financial assistance they need.

York attracting talented employees

Employers across the country and in York Region are facing many challenges when it relates to talent acquisition and retention, including a shortage of workers and/or skilled talent, housing prices and other issues. Solving these issues will require a fulsome approach that includes all levels of government, industry and academia partners, and most importantly the business community.

At a Regional level, York Link – York Region Economic Development held a kick-off meeting to start planning the Partners Engagement Plan, a key action item under the 2024 to 2027 York Region Economic Development Action Plan. The Partners Engagement Plan initiative will aim to engage a variety of community partners to help address talent gaps within our local business community.

They're working with partners like the Workforce Planning Board, WCG Services and others, to collaborate on the development of the Partners Engagement Plan. The objectives of the Partners Engagement Plan will be to:

- Raise awareness of existing and needed talent support initiatives at a federal, provincial, and municipal level.

- Create partnerships to build a unified response to help address talent shortages.
- Explore sector-specific opportunities with a variety of partners to target skill shortages.

York Region continues to have one of the strongest talent pools in the Greater Toronto Area, and the collective action from this partnership aims to support the business community in their efforts to address talent issues and strengthen the resiliency of the Region's workforce.



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King Township adopts a water financial plan

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King has created a water financial plan, to meet the requirements of the Safe Water Drinking Act.

Consultant Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) was retained by the Township to prepare a water financial plan as one of the submission requirements of maintaining and renewing a municipal drinking water licence as per the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.

The Financial Plan provides an in-depth analysis of capital and operating needs, a review of current and future demand versus supply, and consideration of available funding sources.

This detailed financial planning and forecasting in regard to the Township's water system has been completed based on the Township's Internal 2024 Water and Wastewater Forecast.

King Township provides its citizens with water services by way of four drinking water distribution systems: Ansnorveldt, King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

The Township sources its municipal water supply from York Region.

The MECP introduced a Municipal Drinking Water Licencing Program under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2020. All Municipal Drinking Water Systems in the province of Ontario must be licensed by the MECP.

Licences are valid for 5 years, in order to maintain the licenses, a Municipality must satisfy five key requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Staff noted the preparation of a financial plan is a key requirement for licensing and as such, must be undertaken by all water providers.

Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) was retained by the Township to prepare a water financial plan as part of the five submission requirements for the purposes of renewing a municipal drinking water licence.

This coming spring, the Township will be submitting its municipal drinking water license renewal application including the Financial Plan component.

The plan provides information that

describes the assets, liabilities, and accumulated surplus of the Township's water system. The first important indicator is net financial assets/(debt), which is defined as the difference between financial assets and liabilities. This, indicator, staff noted, provides an indication of the system's "future revenue requirement." A net financial asset position is where financial assets are greater than liabilities and implies that the system has the resources to finance future operations. The Financial Plan indicates that for 2025, the Township's water system will be in a net financial asset position of approximately \$2.6 million. The Township's net financial asset position is projected to decrease to approximately \$1.3 million by the end of the forecast (2032).

The "Statement of Operations" summarizes the revenues and expenses generated by the water system for a given period. The annual surplus/deficit measures whether the revenues generated were sufficient to cover the expenses incurred and in turn, whether net financial assets have been maintained or

depleted. The Financial plan shows the ratio of expenses to revenues remaining relatively stable from 81% in 2025 to 82% by 2032. As a result, an annual surplus position is forecasted for each year, ultimately reaching an annual surplus of approximately \$1.8 million by the end of the forecast period.

Staff said it's important to note that an annual surplus is beneficial to ensure funding is available for non-expense costs such as tangible capital asset acquisitions, reserve fund transfers and debt principal payments.

The Financial Plan indicates that for all years except 2026, 2030, 2031, and 2032, forecasted tangible capital asset acquisitions (net of amortization for the year) exceeds forecasted annual surplus, resulting in an overall decrease to the net financial asset balance over the forecast period.

The financial plan projects the cash position of the Township's water system to decrease from a positive balance of approximately \$4.9 million at the beginning of 2025 to approximately \$3.1 million by the end of 2032.

Honouring the rich heritage and lasting legacy of King's Black community

King Township is celebrating Black History Month this February by highlighting the rich history and significant contributions of the Black community, with a special focus on remarkable individuals who have left lasting legacies.

Throughout the month, King will highlight stories and archival images that showcase this vibrant heritage. This initiative is being led by the King Heritage and Cultural Centre – located at 2920 King Road – and the King Township Public Library.

For the month of February, the Library will be featuring Black History Month displays showcasing its collection at all branch locations. There will also be curated book lists available online at kinglibrary.ca.

Black history has a long legacy in King Township; as early as 1836 Black Canadians have called King home. Recent archival research has shown upwards of 100 individuals identified as Black around the time of the 1861 census and the effect these early Black settlers have had on the community continues to this day. They have been labourers, post masters, teachers and homemakers.

The museum will profile the legacy of Walter Rolling, the first Black teacher in King Township, who dedicated 40 years of service at Kinghorn Schoolhouse. Rolling's commitment extended beyond the classroom, as he served on various boards, including the King Public School Board. His impact on the community was profound and his dedication was honoured with a grand celebration in 1937, attended by over 2,000 people, including the Minister of Education.

Today you can still see his handwritten lessons on sections of chalkboard preserved at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre and there are a handful of his former students still living in King. Admission is \$5 per person and

the hours of operation are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The design of a new interpretive panel for Tasca Park, commemorating Eliza Lewis and John Welles, will be unveiled on the King Heritage and Cultural Centre's social media channels on Instagram and Facebook.

Lewis, born in 1806 in Pennsylvania, was likely born free in a state where slavery was declining. By 1850, she lived in Cambria, Pennsylvania, with her first husband, George Lewis, and their nine children. After George's disappearance, Eliza moved to King Township by 1861, marrying John Welles.

They lived modestly in a "shanty" on the 8th Concession, facing challenges but contributing to the community's history. The live installation at Tasca Park is scheduled for spring, and the community is invited to join in celebrating this significant addition.

Residents are encouraged to explore the exciting history in their own backyard by reading stories from the King Heritage and Cultural Centre online archives at kingheritageandculture.ca. This is a great opportunity to connect with the past and gain a deeper understanding of the community's heritage.

Residents who are interested in furthering research and engagement with the rich history of the Black community in King Township are encouraged to volunteer at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre.

"Black History Month is a time to honour and celebrate the remarkable contributions of the Black community in King Township. By sharing these powerful stories and legacies, we not only recognize the past but also inspire future generations. I encourage all residents to engage with the events and learn more about the rich history that has shaped our community," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini."

For more information, email heritage@king.ca.



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Arts & Entertainment

Fundraising concert coming in March

By Patti Skrypek

Christmas in King (CiK) is excited to unveil Concert in King, a brand-new fundraiser debuting on March 29, at the Kingbridge Centre in King City.

Building on the incredible momentum of past events, this year's premier evening will showcase the timeless sounds of Jason Moon and his Classic Troubadours, featuring the songs of Carole King, James Taylor, Jackson Browne and Joni Mitchell, ensuring a night of unforgettable entertainment for our amazing community.

CiK has a proud history of engaging the community with events that both delight and make a difference.

Their last two Comedy in King events were smashing successes, with last year's show raising more than \$12,000, a 35% increase from the previous year.

Before that, their Holiday Light Tours brought festive joy to King Township for three consecutive years.

This tradition of community-driven fundraising has allowed them to provide critical support to King Township families during the holiday season. Proceeds from Concert in King will help them continue this mission, ensuring that everyone in our community has a brighter holiday season in 2025.

They are so very grateful for their sponsors – Arts Society King, HosPall Private Homecare, Trisan Construc-



tion, Private Wealth Management Spence Lockie Group and Hockley Valley Brewing Co. Without their generous support, this event would not be possible!

Join them March 29 right here in King City for an unforgettable evening

of music and community spirit. Tickets are just \$60 each with all net proceeds going to make the holidays brighter for King Township families. Get your tickets today before they sell out at christmasinking.ca. See you at Concert in King!

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CDS presents 'Radium Girls'

Come and see The Country Day School's Grade 10-12 production of Radium Girls.

The show runs Feb. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m., and March 1 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.cds.on.ca/tickets for \$20.

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage – until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease.

Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumours could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees.

As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

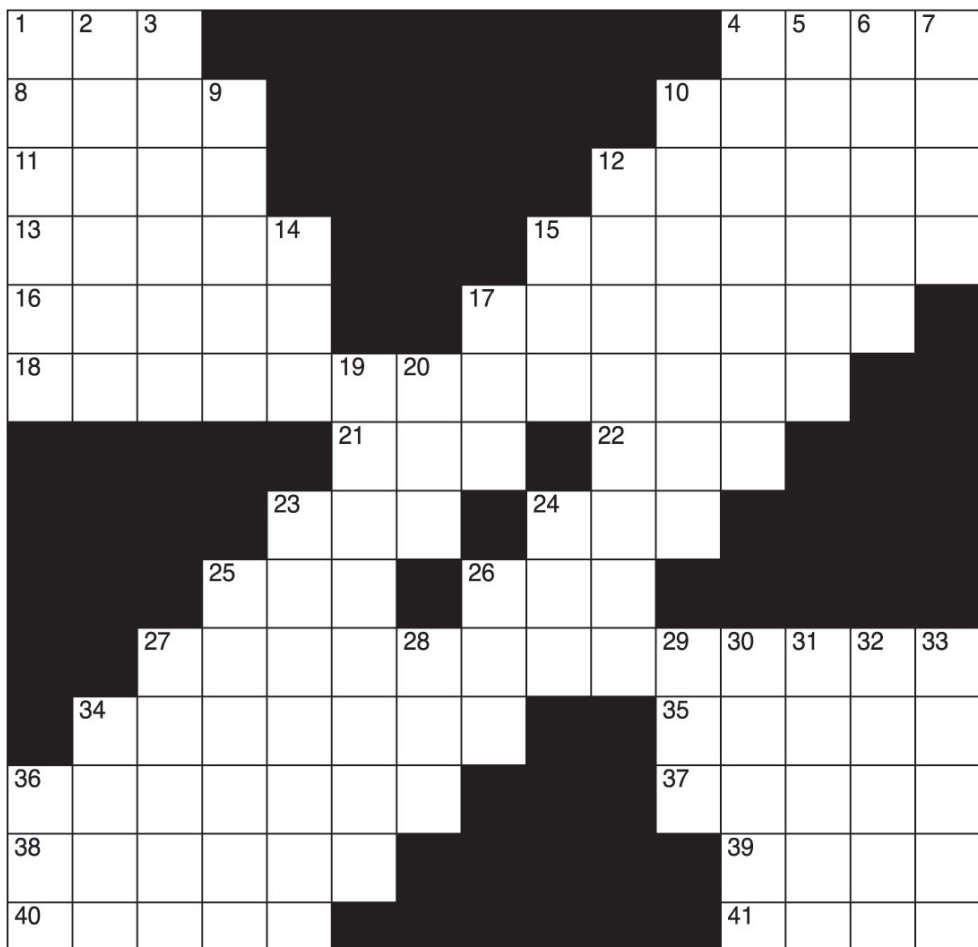
Radium Girls is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece for a company of actors, who play more than 30 parts – friends, co-workers, lovers, relatives, attorneys, scientists, consumer advocates, and myriad interested bystanders. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, Radium Girls offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science.

Performances are open to the entire CDS community and the public, and will run on Thursday & Friday, February 27 and 28 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 1 at 1:30 p.m. and will take place in The Country Day School's Performing Arts Centre at 13415 Dufferin Street in King. Tickets can be purchased at www.cds.on.ca/tickets

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CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 252210 • Solution in Classifieds



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racquet sport group (abbr.)
- 4. Norse god of thunder
- 8. Russian industrial city
- 10. What's good for the ___
- 11. Round-ish shape
- 12. Baltimore MLBer
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Burned with water
- 16. Intestinal issue
- 17. Take the lead
- 18. Prove oneself worthy
- 21. None
- 22. Tax collector

CLUES DOWN

- 23. Swiss river
- 24. Gymnast Raisman
- 25. Baby's dining accessory
- 26. Canadian beer distributor
- 27. Iconic American tourist destination
- 34. More expansive
- 35. Alert
- 36. Popular boots
- Doc ___
- 37. Showings
- 38. Conclusion
- 39. Share a common boundary
- 40. Shooting sport
- 41. Popular side dish
- 42. Global energy firm
- 43. Chronicles (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 19. Empowering
- 20. Space station
- 23. Disorder
- 24. State of fuss
- 25. Footwear for babies
- 26. Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
- 6. Johns Hopkins Hospital founder
- 27. Drove
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Male parent
- 9. Island person of the Bering Sea
- 30. Utter obscenities
- 31. Type of verse
- 32. Unpleasant person
- 33. One who settles down
- 34. Founder of source-based history
- 36. A way to snarl

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

Garden Club champions engagement at mixer

By Anna Santarossa

Members of the Nobleton and King City Garden Club were thrilled to participate in the Agri-Tech Networking & Employment Mixer, an event dedicated to fostering innovation, sustainability, and professional connections in the agricultural technology sector.

Hosted by Boreal Farms, STEM Minds, and Seneca Polytechnic, the event brought together industry leaders, students, and community organizations to explore advancements in agri-tech and career opportunities in the field. For the Nobleton and King City Garden Club, this was a perfect platform to promote their mission of environmental stewardship and community engagement.

Attending this event allowed the Nobleton and King City Garden Club to engage with like-minded individuals and organizations that are pushing the boundaries of agricultural technology while maintaining a deep respect for nature.

As part of their participation, club members connected with students, who showed great enthusiasm for the guest speakers and educational workshops that the club regularly offers. Many students expressed interest in learning more about environmental conservation, the role of pollinators

in agriculture, and the importance of green spaces in urban planning. The event provided an excellent opportunity for the club to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards while highlighting the valuable learning experiences the club offers to the community.

The Agri-Tech Mixer underscored the importance of collaboration between community groups and the tech-driven agricultural sector. By attending, the Nobleton and King City Garden Club reinforced its commitment to fostering a greener future while serving as a valuable educational resource for students and like-minded individuals.

Through their workshops and guest speakers, the club provides a platform for those eager to expand their knowledge of environmental sustainability, conservation, and innovative gardening techniques. Their presence at the event not only inspired the next generation to take an active role in sustainability efforts but also highlighted the club's role in equipping them with the knowledge and skills to make a meaningful impact.

If you have any questions about the Nobleton & King City Garden Club or would like to join, please feel free to reach out to the club at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com



Anna Santarossa, Wendy O'Niell and Brandon Hebor led the discussion during the meeting.

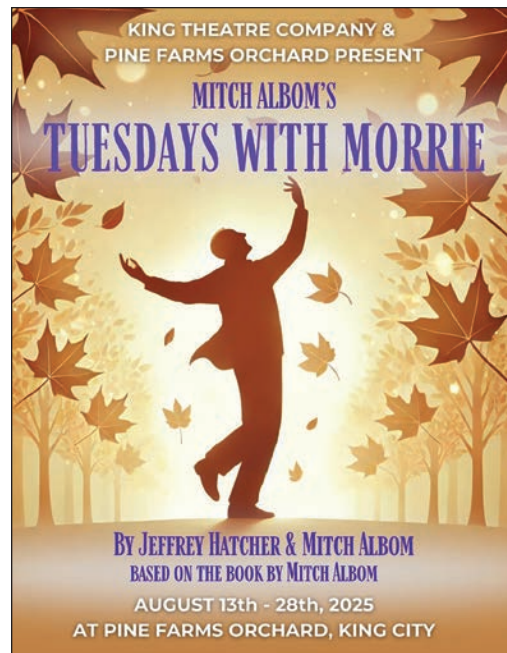
King Theatre offers great lineup in 2025

King Theatre Company is proud to present a thrilling lineup of professional productions in 2025, featuring intimate, powerful storytelling in unique and historic settings.

They're bringing talented artists from across Ontario to King Township to showcase these incredible productions.

"ART," by Yasmina Reza (April) – A smart, witty, and wildly entertaining comedy about friendship, taste, and the true value of art. When Serge buys an all-white painting for an outrageous sum, his closest friends Marc and Yvan are baffled. Is it genius or a joke? Their heated debate spirals into a hilarious and revealing battle that questions the very foundation of their relationship. Don't miss this Tony Award-winning modern classic!

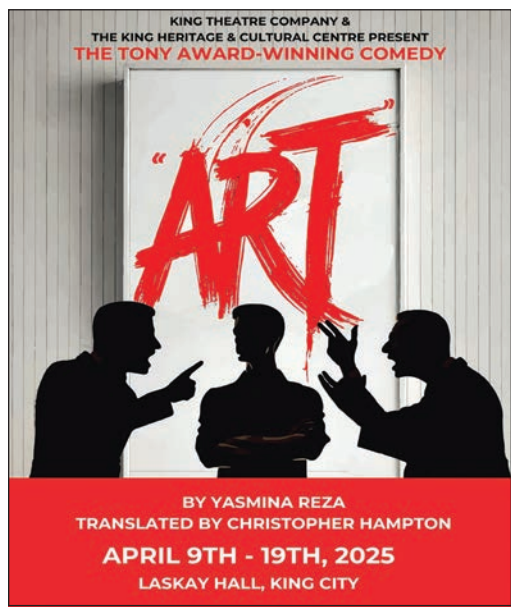
Tuesdays with Morrie by Jeffrey Hatcher & Mitch Albom (August) – Following their sold-out hit Salt-Water Moon, they're returning to the breathtaking Pine Farms Orchard for this deeply moving and life-affirming play based on the best-selling memoir. When Mitch reconnects with his former professor, Morrie Schwartz, what begins as a simple visit turns into a series of profound, life-changing conversations. Heartfelt, funny, and profoundly touch-



ing, Tuesdays with Morrie is a must-see theatrical experience.

A Christmas Carol, adapted by Jacqueline Goldfinger from the Novella by Charles Dickens (December) – The timeless holiday classic comes to life in a unique and intimate staging at Schomberg Community Hall. Follow Ebenezer Scrooge's transformative journey as he's visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. This production is the perfect way to celebrate the holidays with the whole family.

Join them for a season of unforgettable theatre! Tickets are now on sale for ART. To learn more, visit www.kingtheatre.ca



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TIME: 2:00PM-4:00PM

Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Happy Valentine's Day all, I hope you all find yourselves a Valentine and get lots of love and chocolate.

February is the month of love, but sadly we aren't being shown much by our neighbours to the south. In response we are now all united and showing love to our Canadian companies. Let's keep that rolling and to that end, we have many great local businesses that we can support and show our love too, as well. Maybe get your Valentine's flowers, and gifts. Keep shopping Canadian and shopping local; now is the time we need to all come together and fight back against this economic threat.

This weekend all three distribution centres of the King Food Bank will be open. Anyone is king who is not registered but needs help, please register by email at ktfoodback@gmail.com. All

residents of King are welcome.

Cold Creek Maple Syrup fest is back! Make sure to check it out on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can get more info at king.ca/events.

King is offering "RecPass" which gets residents unlimited access to drop-in recreational programming – including swimming, skating, shinny hockey, sports and access to sports equipment and classes, "RecPass" is valid at all King Township recreation facilities. Available for sale in person or online at king.ca/RecPass. There are also lots of new activities added to the King rooster, check out the list of at king.ca/recreation.

King Township also has an "On-Request flexible ride-sharing service." Rides when you need them within designated service areas throughout King Township – no application needed. You can travel between addresses or connect with YRT routes where direct transit isn't available. The hours are Monday to Friday from 5:30 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. You can book your trip one day ahead on the YRT On-Request app or call 1-844-667-5327. For more informa-

tion, visit yrt.ca/OnRequest.

Schomberg Horticultural Society is looking for new members and invites everyone to come out and "Learn to Grow a Dream Garden" on March 25 at the Schomberg Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. The cost of membership is \$20 each or join as a family for \$30. Who doesn't want a dream garden, I know I do and if you're like me and got one of the food recyclers from King, this is a great way to use all that compost you've made.

The Dufferin Marsh be hosting "Great Backyard Bird Count" on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m., which is the Family Day weekend, so a great event to do with the entire family. Please meet at the Schomberg Public Library.

Schomberg Euchre Club

The Euchre group is open to all, and 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. We've been having a record turnout lately, so feel free to join, we can always add more tables.

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we were treated by our resident "life story editor" Carol Hindley, who presented the life story of one of our cherished members, Barbara Burt. It was a wonderful presentation of a life well lived. Carol has a few more to present and I know we all look forward to hearing them all.

The good news is that our "Kitchen Party" on March 22 is now completely sold out, it sold out in 2 days! If you're interested on being added to the wait list, please call King Seniors at Alicia at 905-833-6565.

If you're a local business and would like to sponsor one of our 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

Our Tightly Wound Ukulele club will now meet at 3 p.m. on Thursdays. If you're interested in learning to play and you're a member, feel free to come out. If you're not a member, you can sign up at Trisan or one of our meetings.

Due to popular demand, we have now added "Hong Kong Mahjong" to the mix of activities for our 55+ crowd here in Schomberg. It will take place every Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Monday, February 17 – Speaker – Ian Hamilton, author of crime/mystery. Best known for Ava Lee: a crime series that follows Ava Lee, a Chinese Canadian forensic accountant whose job it is to pursue bad debts.

Monday, February 24 – 10 a.m. – Workshop – making a Newfoundland Ugly Stick. Registration is required by Feb. 17.

Annual fee is \$20 per person for residents, and \$25 per person for non-residents.

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.

Pizza shops support King Food Bank

As Valentine's Day nears, share the love and help feed the community with the King Township Food Bank's Hearts for Hunger campaign. Your pizza dinner comes with a side of generosity!

As part of the Hearts for Hunger campaign, three amazing local pizzerias – Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse, Schomberg Village Pizzeria, and Si, Lo So Pizza – Pasta – Panini – are serving up to help fight hunger in our community.



For a limited time, every heart-shaped pizza sold will contribute to the King Township Food Bank, ensuring that families in need receive essential support. Whether you're planning a cozy dinner at home, a fun night with friends, or just craving some delicious pizza, this is the perfect way to share the love while mak-

ing a difference.

A huge thank you to Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse, Schomberg Village Pizzeria, and Si, Lo So Pizza – Pasta – Panini for stepping up and giving back in such a delicious way. Your support helps bring food essentials to those who need it most.

So, what's for dinner? Pizza with purpose! Order yours today and help us spread the love, one slice at a time.



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Do these colder months make you feel like hibernating? You're not alone. Join us at the Amica Aurora Promenade Presentation Centre (or online) for an inspiring session by **MY RECREO's Victoria Muir-Burcea.**

In her presentation, *The Gifts of Winter: Embracing the Season of Renewal*, she'll show us that winter offers unique opportunities for nurturing our body, brain and mindset, as we explore ways to stay energized, healthy, and motivated.

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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 lead the service this morning continuing with a new series entitled, "The ABCs of Discipleship." This Sunday's letter is F for "Forgiveness," from Psalm 32 and Romans 8:1-11.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed

Buy your tickets for King's Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest

King Township's Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest promises a day stacked with sweet memories, and pancakes! The family-friendly event will take place on Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area, located at 14125 11th Concession in Nobleton. Get ready to indulge in a day filled with sweetness, laughter and family fun.

Buy your tickets now at coldcreek.ca/MapleSyrupFest.

Fuel up for the festivities with a scrumptious pancake breakfast, being served from 10 a.m. until noon outside of the Education Centre. Once your belly is satisfied, embark on a journey to become a bona fide maple syrup expert. Join guided hikes through the sugar bush, witness tree tapping demonstrations and immerse yourself in lessons at the evaporator.

Cold Creek Conservation Area offers an array of activities to keep the whole family entertained. Let the little ones enjoy face painting while you bask in the magic of the strolling magic show. Explore the vendor market featuring local artisans and discover unique treasures to take home. Weather permitting, try archery, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing across 7 kilometres of marked, snowy trails. Snowshoe, ski and pole rentals are included in the event ticket cost and can be borrowed from the chalet, open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at coldcreek.ca/MapleSyrupFest until 11 p.m. on February 28. The cost for individual tickets is \$12 and a family of four costs \$40. Children three years of age and younger are free. Tickets prices increase to \$14 a person at the door. Free parking is available on-site.

It's not too late to participate in the sweetest event of the year. Local businesses and artisans can still submit a vendor application for the Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest. For more information, email events@king.ca.

Driver sentenced in fatal King crash

A 19-year-old driver has been sentenced to over four years in jail after he was found guilty of Dangerous Operation that resulted in the death of an 18-year-old girl and seriously injured three others.

On Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024, shortly before 7 a.m., police were called to the intersection of King Road and 8th Concession, in the Township of King, for a single vehicle collision. When officers arrived, they found a black Infiniti G37 had struck a light pole. There were six occupants in the vehicle at the time. A female was pronounced deceased at the scene, while three others suffered serious injuries. The driver was uninjured.

Through investigation it was learned the vehicle was travelling over 200 kilometers per hour prior to the collision.

Denrick Rose, from Brampton, was charged with Dangerous Operation Cause Death, Dangerous Operation Cause Bodily Harm x3 and Fail to Comply with Release Order. At the time of the collision, Rose was on a release order for previous unrelated charges. He has remained in custody since his arrest.

On Feb. 3, 2025, Rose was sentenced to 4.5 years in prison and a 10-year driver's licence suspension.

York Regional Police reminding the public that excessive speeding is the most common contributing factor to fatal collisions. Your decisions behind the wheel can determine the future for you, your family, and for other motorists.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

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 Grade 7 to 12 are invited to our YouthConnect every other Friday. Join us as we explore questions about life, faith, and Jesus with the youth Alpha program.

St. Mary's Church

Winter coats, snow pants, hats and mittens drive: The Knights of Columbus are hosting this drive. There is a box in the foyer of the church. Church is open all week from 9 to 5 so please drop off your gently used items.

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

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

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

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

Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey

Please register for each program you plan to attend. Materials and food are purchased according to the number of people registered.

All Educational Thursdays are \$1 for members, and \$2 for non-members.

Indoor Bocce is now available every Thursday, upstairs in the large room in the Nobleton arena from 10 a.m. to noon.

February 13 - Art with Angela. Learn the technique of painting a planter pot. Once painted you will take your pot home. Cost TBD, which include all materials and instructions. Register by February 10 so materials can be purchased.

February 20 - Osteoarthritis, presented by the Arthritis Society of Canada. Learn about the impact of OA if left unattended. Discuss the management of OA to improve your quality of life. This presentation will be done on zoom.

February 27 - Crime Prevention. YRP, Presented by Constable Danielle Froud. Topics will include fraud & scams, distraction thefts, vehicle safety, and information on the Community Safety Data Portal.

March 6 - The History of Tattoos and their Artistic Expression. Presented by Sapphire. Tattoos have gone through movements and trends. Come out and listen to this information.

March 13 - Ageism and Abuse Elder Prevention. Presented by Yellow Brick House. Learn the relationship between ageism and how it is impacted by abuse in this interactive workshop.

March - 20 The History of the King Heritage & Cultural Centre. Learn about the museum in King and the research that they do and the history of this centre. A representative from the museum will do a presentation.

March 27 - Spring Floral Painting with artist Angela Del Borrello. Step by step instructions will be provided by Angela on how to do an acrylic floral painting. Cost is \$10 which includes

all materials. Registration required by March 24.

Nobleton Lions

Poker players mark your calendars for Friday, Feb. 28 for the Texas Hold'em Poker Fundraiser at the Nobleton Arena. A buffet dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. with poker under way at 7:30. For tickets, which must be purchased in advance, first come, first served, please contact Lion Rick Zuzek at 416-859-1922 or any other Nobleton Lion.

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 on January 28.

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.com. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)

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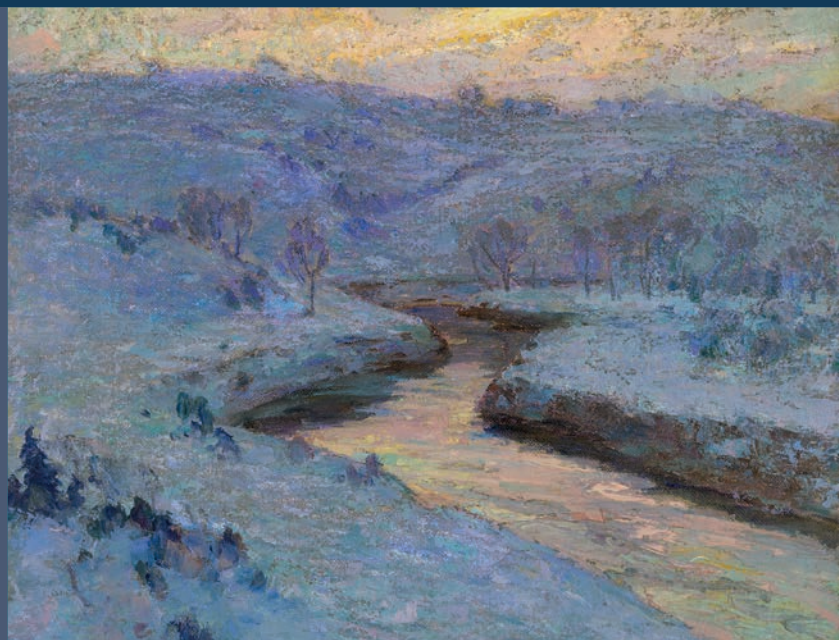
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Lychek scores four in Cougars' 10-6 romp over Caledon

By Jim Stewart

Matthew Lychek fired four goals, including three in 62 seconds, to pace Schomberg to a 10-6 win over Caledon at the Trisan Centre on Thursday night.

Lychek's natural hat-trick was at the core of Schomberg's six-goal eruption in the first period. The veteran centre noted that his last three-goal game was "Way back in minor hockey – over four years ago. This was my first hat trick in the PJHL. It's a special one because of it coming on one shift. It was crazy out there."

The durable Lychek – who has appeared in all 40 of Schomberg's games – scored his fourth goal to close out the second period: "It was my first four-goal game in junior hockey. It felt good. I think my fourth goal was the best one of the night." It was hard to argue with Lychek's assessment. Goal #4 was the result of a nifty three-way passing play. Cougars' leading scorer Luke Szabo head-manned the puck and fed speedy Ethan Tierman to create a 2-on-1. Tierman's perfect pass set up Lychek who one-timed the puck past Caledon goaltender Mason Milone with eleven seconds left in the second period to give Schomberg a commanding 9-4 lead.

Thursday's scoring hero praised his team's offensive outburst, but was unimpressed by the Cougars' overall performance against the Golden Hawks: "It was good to score ten tonight, but you can't give up six goals. We could have played better as a team."

The Cougars' effort in the first period was exemplary. Three minutes into the game, Jacob Sakitkowski's 9th of the season set the tone and William Lessard's unassisted goal 37 seconds later set the stage for Lychek's lightning-fast natural hat trick. The three-year PJHL veteran tickled the twine at 10:42, 10:56, and

11:44. Notably, Lychek scored three different ways: a one-timer courtesy of Carlo Lioni's sweet feed, a deflection off an Anthony Nascimento blast, and a skillful backhand to seal the 'natty hatty'.

Lioni slammed home a rebound with under four minutes left to give Schomberg a 6-0 lead. Caledon Captain Cam Noonan swept by two Cougar defenders off the left wing and snapped a shot over Anthony Paolini's right shoulder to get the visitors on the scoreboard at 1:22.

The teams traded goals in the second period. Caledon's Josiah Dunkley fired a wrist shot from between the circles that beat Paolini cleanly 43 seconds into the second period. However, less than a minute later, Schomberg converted a power play opportunity when Szabo's hard pivot in the slot and snap shot past Milone restored the Cougars' five-goal lead.

On a breakaway, Nascimento's wrist shot was saved by Milone, but the crafty Cougars' centre banged in his own rebound to make it 8-2 mid-way through the middle frame.

A pair of goals five minutes apart by Caledon's George Varahidis pulled his club to within four, but Lychek's fourth of the night closed the period emphatically for the Cougars.

Lychek was in on half of his team's 10 goals. His five-point night included an assist on Szabo's power play goal at 6:35 of the second period that provided Schomberg with an 8-2 lead. The veteran centre noted that the Cougars could not let up against a team like Uxbridge on Saturday night. The keys to victory versus the Bruins were clear to Lychek: "We need to take less penalties – we have to be committed to staying out of the box. We need to find a way to finish like we did tonight. We created lots of chances the last time we played against them."



Cougars' veteran forward Matthew Lychek's four-goal performance led the way in Schomberg's 10-6 win over Caledon.

Lychek's words were prescient as the Cougars followed the prescribed recipe in a tidy 4-1 win over Uxbridge at the Trisan Centre. Schomberg avenged a 4-0 loss suffered at the hands of the Bruins on January 30 and it was a diligent squad that defended home ice on Saturday.

Bruins forward Darin Bain opened the scoring at 18:18 of the first period, but the Cougars answered with three consecutive goals to stake themselves to a 3-1 lead mid-way through the second period.

With helpers from Jordyn Palazzo and Nascimento, Lioni's 14th of the season

tied the game with fourteen seconds left in the first period. The trio of Szabo, Tierman, and Lychek clicked on the power play when Szabo tallied his 18th at 6:31 of the second period. Seven minutes later, Kailyn Magee, with assists from Jared Leite and Michael Ciaravella, gave the Cougars a two-goal lead when he beat Bruins' goaltender Robby DiMaria.

Schomberg sealed the deal in the third period and checked both of Lychek's game plan boxes. They drew only three minor penalties against their East Orr division rivals. The Cougars also finished their scoring opportunities by scoring 4 goals on 28 shots, thus solving DiMaria who had stymied Schomberg in their last meeting.

Schomberg goaltender Nicolas "Marvelous" Morvan stopped a penalty shot by Colin Glecoff at 14:23 of the third period to stifle a Bruins' comeback and made 29 saves to earn the W. Lioni completed the scoring at 18:54 when he notched his second of the game into an empty net.

The third-place Cougars (22-15-2-0) wrap up the home portion of their regular schedule on Thursday, Feb. 13 when they host the first-place Clarington Eagles (33-6-1-0). Puck drop at the Trisan Centre is 7:30 p.m.

Women take over the curling rinks in King

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The Women's Mini Major league had their final game of the season this past week hosted by the King Curling Club.

Two teams were represented by each of the four clubs that are apart of this region that included Orangeville, Chinguacousy, York (Newmarket) and King.

Team King 1, consisting of Skip Kim Baldasarra, Gina Strano, Michelle O'Brien and Joanne and were sitting in first place going into their final game and up against Team York. After a rough first end, King earned one in the second, stole another in the 3rd and collected 2 more in the 6th and final end. King 1 is proud to have played each end as though it was a tie game

but in the end, it would be York claiming victory of the contest. Even with the loss of the game, K1 already had a healthy lead in points to remain in first place overall and will now advance to the playoffs.

King 2, which was led by Skip Pauline Van Roon and her squad of Lynda Thompson, Sandy Fennell and Linda Similas, were in a very tight match. Orangeville jumped into a 4 point lead in the first end but K2 retaliated and earned a deuce in the 2nd. Orangeville collected 2 more in the 3rd then King earned a big 3 in the 4th. Then the game got very exciting in the 5th with multiple rocks in play when Pauline Van Roon orchestrated a beautiful draw behind guards to sit one for a possible steal.

The Orangeville Skip followed with the same shot only to bump the King stone further in for the count. Van Roon delivered a guard on the opposite side of the house to block the draw path and after a miss by Orangeville, King stole the end to tie the game. The final end also resulted in a pile of gravel around the rings with King at one point sitting with 4. In a game that included micro misses, Team Orangeville collected the win on the last shot.

Truly a game of never giving up with an abundance of excitement for the spectator.

Spiel the Wine

The 7th Annual Ladies "Spiel the

Wine" bonspiel, hosted by the King's Ladies league, was held this past Saturday. The ever-popular sold out event seen 64 enthusiastic women who not only love the game of curling but who love their wine, too.

Teams from York (Newmarket), Fenelon Falls, Bradford, Richmond Hill, Coldwater Milton and King played 2 games, enjoyed lunch, prizes and of course wine tasting. Each year the level of noise at ice level as well as in the upstairs lounge seems to get louder and louder; a true testament from the success of the event.

Early Draw winners were Team McKenzie, a robust team of women from the host club King, that won both their matches. Congratulations to Sheila McKenzie, Karen Mellow-Gagliardi, Stacey Franchetta and Michelle O'Brien.

Second draw winners were Team Stronach that consisted of Kelly Stronach, Carol Morawetz, Edith Mussato and Teresa Steenhoek.

This year's theme for the event was French Wine, and the women didn't disappoint when it came to the best dressed costume contest. First draw winners were Team Sheardown that included Sue Sheardown, Ann Gerrits, Cindy Phillips and Judy Tripp while Kelly Stronach, Carol Morawetz, Edith Mussato and Teresa Steenhoek won the 2nd draw for best costume.

Event coordinators were Beth Egan, Pam McKinley, Lynda Thompson and Kathleen Gorsline. Local sponsors included James Morning & Sons Ltd., Party Magic, Lynda Thompson Realty, Raven Hill Woodworking, Delmanor, Schomberg Pub and Silver Birch Contracting. Huge thanks were extended to their team of volunteers that were recruited from the clubs Men's League as well as many others that led a helping hand. Special thanks to Ice Technician Richard Quick and his assistant Emily Peelar with their dedicated time and efforts in the ice preparation.

King Curling is very fortunate for the many members that volunteer their valuable time throughout the curling season and making the club the successful club that it is.

Rebellion's 6-4 loss to Buzzers hampers playoff hopes

By Jim Stewart

Despite a 49-save performance by goaltender Tre Altman, the King Rebellion did not enhance their playoff chances on Sunday afternoon in a 6-4 loss to the St. Michael's Buzzers.

The Buzzers came into King City hot off a decisive 6-2 victory over the Aurora Tigers on Tuesday and an 8-0 shelling of Caledon on Friday during which they scored four short-handed goals against the last-place Admirals.

Coincidentally, Caledon provided King with much playoff drive help when they edged ninth-place Georgetown 5-3 on Thursday, but the young Admirals were no match for the sixth-place Buzzers the next night.

St. Mike's two-game surge continued into the Zancor Centre on Sunday when the visitors scored 45 seconds into the OJHL contest. Toby Adamson tipped Anthony Francella's blast from the right point above King netminder Tre Altman's glove and into the top left shelf. It was Francella's 40th assist of the season.

Rebellion Captain Jake Anderson tied the game 1-1 when he fired a shot from the left point that flew through a sea of blue and white jerseys past Buzzers' goaltender Jonathan Frattoroli. Ryan Fairbairn and Antonio Cerqua earned assists on Anderson's 3rd of the season.

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Michelle O'Brien of King Team 1 delivers her rock during the Women's Mini Majors final game of the season.



King Curling Clubs Team 1 are this year's Women's Mini Majors League Champions. League convenor Christine Warner congratulates Joanne Anderson, Kim Baldasarra, Gina Strano and Michelle O'Brien.

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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

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Last Sunday we heard an impactful message from Rev Bruce Roffey. We were reminded that in coming to God with our concerns, our grief and our problems of life, our All Knowing God will provide us with what we need, which is not always what we ask for. Trust in God that he knows your and He is always there, a light for our path, ever giving and forgiving.

Sunday, Feb. 16, Rev Andrew Lee will preside over worship. All are welcome at worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. and we invite all to join in some fellowship time in the auditorium following the service for conversation and company.

The date for the Annual General Meeting at King City has been set for March 2 immediately following the worship.

For any pastoral care needs please

contact Rev Andrew Lee through the church office. 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 this season to make an effort to contribute to the King Township Food Bank. Information is available at ktfb.ca The donations to the King Township Food bank continue to be 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 "Greater - The Book of Hebrews." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We invite everyone to the next Open

Closet Outlet on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Restrictions apply. For personal use only.

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

Thursday, February 20 - 10 a.m. - Annual General Meeting - This meeting updates members on actions of the board over the last year and approves the slate of officers for 2025. There will be information on the results of the recent survey and what is ahead for Township Seniors. Our guest speaker, Dena Silverberg from Older Adults Centres' Association of Ontario, will discuss the topic "Social Prescribing for Older Adults." Refreshments will be provided following the meeting. Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, February 21 - noon (note the new starting time) - Potluck Lunch. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert to share. This is an opportunity to relax and enjoy good food and good company.

Wednesday, March 5 - 1:30pm - Belly Dancing - This is an opportunity to hear the history of belly dancing, view some of the interesting accessories, learn some basic moves and then dance! What do you need - comfortable clothes and shoes and a triangular or rectangular hip scarf if you have one. Modifications will be provided for participants with canes or walkers. Please pre-register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, March 7 - 10am - Presentation by Hospall - Michelle Frauley will discuss the specialized Private in-Home care that the service provides for your loved ones - where they feel most comfortable, safe and independent. Refreshments provided. Please pre-register 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. - Crochet class.

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

Lesley Morris returns this Sunday with her layman's perspective on our faith to lead the service at 11 a.m. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon. At our annual meeting last Sunday, there was a hopeful discussion concerning the future of York Pines. The service on Feb. 23 will contain a memorial for our former music director, Ted Anderson.

A Bible reflection group continues Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at King City United on Elizabeth Grove. It explores eco-theology and the concept of Forest Church with Rev. Andrew and Rev. Ross Carson leading the discussion. The group will run for two more weeks. Bring your lunch.

Our next Fellowship Lunch is on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 12 p.m. at In This Corner in Schomberg. Come and bring a friend. Let the office know if you plan to attend by calling 905-727-8118 or emailing yorkpinesuc@gmail.com.

Could whoever borrowed our snow shovels from the front porch please return them. God bless you!

Sacred Heart Church

Reminder: Faith & Family Gathering Friday, Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall for children and families. Also, Family Day Movie on Monday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. presenting "The Wild Robot." Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided in the Parish Hall.

Adult Faith & Educational Meeting & Pot Luck Supper Saturday, Feb. 22 after 5 p.m. Holy Mass. Theme entitled "The Bible My Fatherland."

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Buzzers down Rebellion

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Alas, King played with fire and got burnt when Ronan Clarke and Artem Narbekov drew a pair of hooking penalties 36 seconds apart to provide the Buzzers with a 5-on-3 advantage. Jayden Connors found open space in the King triangle defense and whistled a wrist shot past Altiman to give the visitors a 2-1 lead at 14:14 of the first period.

Altiman - the fifth-ranked goaltender in the 24-team OJHL based on his .925 save percentage - was a very busy goaltender on Sunday as the Buzzers peppered him with 44 shots in the first 20 minutes of play. Only Altiman's heroics kept this game close for the home side.

The Buzzers added to their lead in the middle frame when Gabriel Flaminin fired his 14th of the season at 2:59. Less than two minutes later, St. Mike's leading scorer David Elmy beat Altiman to give the visitors a 4-1 lead. Elmy's 38th goal of the season moved the smooth-skating forward into fourth place in the OJHL scoring race with 70 points.

The feisty Rebs narrowed the mar-

gin to 4-2 when Mikhail Zakharov, set up by Marshall McCharles and Owen Bruining, fired the puck past Frattoroli. However, the Buzzers restored their three-goal lead when Ethan Nobes scored at 14:39.

The Rebellion got their second goal of the game from the defensive corps when Evan Hjelholt scored 3:44 into the final frame to narrow the Buzzers' lead to 5-3 and King pulled out all the stops in its playoff push by extracting Altiman early for an extra attacker.

Sadly, for the local fans assembled in large numbers at Zancor, William Kerr fired the puck into King's empty net to make it 6-3 for the Buzzers at 18:42. The never-say-die Rebellion tallied a power play goal at 19:11 when Justin Pavese scored his 10th of the season, but that was as close as King could get. Despite the untimely loss on home ice, the Junior A Rebellion (20-22-1-5) retained the eighth-playoff seed with a four-point lead over Georgetown (18-22-2-4).

King hosts Mississauga on Friday, February 21 in its third-last home game of the regular season. Puck drop at the Zancor Centre is 7 p.m.



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

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for Morning Worship and to stay for coffee time afterwards. Our Pastor is the Rev. Alison Agnew, who continued with the Book of Exodus, chapter 17 which has many relevant points for us today.

You can hear her message on YouTube by going to our website and clicking on the YouTube frame. (st andrews-king city.ca)

Life Connect is on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call Kathy at 905-833-0391 for directions to Renate's house. We have a great time discussing questions from the sermon, growing in friendship and learning more from God's Word.

The King Churches "Souper Bowl Challenge" ended last Sunday, Feb. 9. A photo was taken of our donation to the King Township Food Bank. What a blessing!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) is February 23 after our morning worship and pizza lunch! We hope you will join us as we review our 2024 reports and look forward to God's blessings and guidance as we move into 2025.

For pastoral care please call the church office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew: 905-833-2325.

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Please join us for a special service of Healing Prayer on February 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Holy Holy - Sermon by Rev.

Erin Martin on Isaiah 6 - His Vision of the Lord.

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"Even Isaiah felt unworthy before the throne of God. He knew the world he came from was riddled with fear, anger and violence and yet somehow he found himself in the presence of the Holy One.

"In the gospel of Luke, Peter shouted

to Jesus 'Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.' And In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul called himself unfit even to be called an apostle because he had persecuted followers of Jesus. Other notable figures in the bible who believed that they were similarly unworthy include Moses, Gideon and Jeremiah.

"What does that mean for us? In Isaiah's vision, one of the Seraphs flew over him and touched his lips with a burning coal. The Seraph said, 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out.' This was an outright declaration of redemption. Jesus did the very same thing for all of us. Jesus made those declarations of redemption and holiness for every single person from the beginning. Jesus is the one who redeems and restores us to wholeness and holiness.

"Paul said, 'by the grace of God I am what I am ... I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.' Today God is calling us, each of us, to do something.

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LUXURIOUS 'FERNBROOK' EXECUTIVE HOME

This brand-new luxury home features \$200K+ in upgrades on a prestigious Princeton Heights lot. Enjoy a chef's AyA kitchen with premium appliances, a family room with a gas fireplace, and a covered loggia. Upstairs, 4 spacious bedrooms with ensuites and a lavish primary suite with a spa-like bath. Prime location near Yonge St, transit, shopping, golf, and top amenities!



PRESTIGIOUS CUSTOM HOME, 82X150 FT LOT

Welcome to a custom-built residence in St. Andrews-Windfields, Toronto. Highlights include soaring ceilings, a grand foyer, spacious bedrooms, and a walk-up basement with bars, sauna, and floating stairs. Nestled on an 82x150ft lot near top-rated schools, parks, and transit, this luxury home offers endless renovation potential. Envision your dream here!



TRANQUIL BACKSPLIT WITH SCENIC YARD

Discover this 4-level brick backsplit home in Ballantrae, Whitchurch-Stouffville. Boasting 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and oversized windows, it's filled with natural light. Highlights include a functional kitchen, family room with fireplace, and a primary bedroom with balcony views. Conveniently located near schools, parks, and essential amenities!



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FERNBROOK HOME WITH \$200K UPGRADES

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