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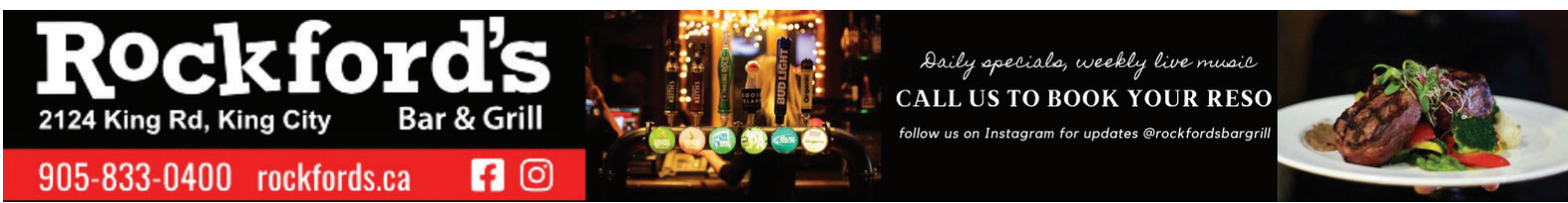
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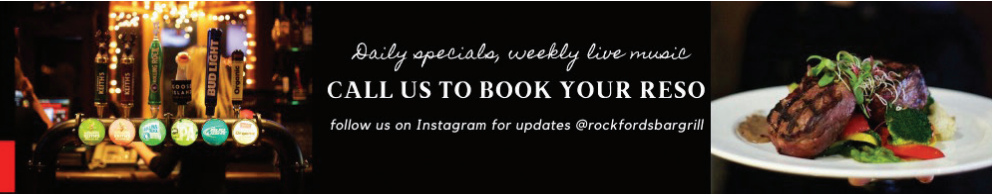
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## Community grant program now taking applications

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This initiative is designed to empower residents, organizations and community groups by providing streamlined access to funding and support. By merging four distinct funding streams into one centralized, online platform, Enrich King makes it easier than ever to obtain the resources needed to bring impactful projects to life.

The deadline for applications is Nov. 1, and they can be submitted at enrichking.ca.

The Enrich King program, launched in 2024, revolutionized access to funding and support for residents, businesses and community groups in King Township. By allowing users to apply through a centralized, online platform, the initiative streamlined the process of obtaining funding, donations and in-kind services from the Township and its partners.

Each program within Enrich King has multiple streams of funding tailored to diverse needs, ensuring a broad spectrum of support for King's community members.

The Community Grant Program prioritizes activities, events and initiatives that support goals such as Active

Living, Inclusion and Access, Connecting People and Nature, Supportive Environments, and Recreation Capacity.

The Community Assistance Program offers financial support for participants of community group programs or activities who need help paying for registration fees or equipment.



The Community Improvement Plan helps eligible businesses receive grant funding for initiatives such as new signage and enhanced accessibility features.

The Heritage Grant Program provides grants for the cost of alterations or other works that conserve and maintain the heritage attributes associated with Designated properties.

Grants of up to \$1,500 are available for special initiatives, community events and developing inclusive communities, and up to \$5,000 for environmental initiatives.

Enrich King also includes a Community Group Affiliation Policy, aimed at established or new community groups whose mandate is to provide recreational, art, cultural, heritage, social, environmental, and/or sport programs and services that benefit King Township residents.

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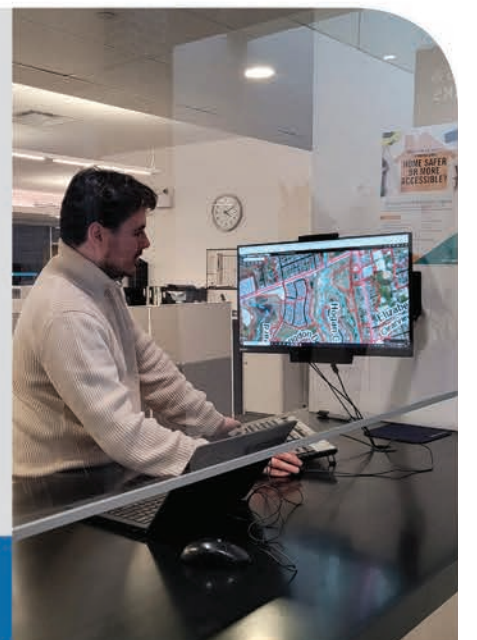
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# Second-degree murder charge following arson in King

Investigators with the York Regional Police Homicide Unit have charged a 22-year-old man with second degree murder, following an arson at a restaurant in Nobleton.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, shortly before 3 a.m., police attended a restaurant in the area of Highway 27 and King Road for reports of a fire. When emergency services arrived, the premise was fully engulfed in flames.

King Fire and Emergency Services were dispatched to a fire at Sasso's Trattoria & Wine Bar on Highway 27 in Nobleton. The first units arrived on the scene at 3:02 a.m., finding the building fully involved in flames.

KFES noted a total of 37 firefighters from three fire stations responded to the incident, using 12 apparatus. The cold weather, snow and wind added to

the challenges faced by the firefighters during the operation.

The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal is on the scene and will be investigating the cause of the fire.

King Fire and Emergency Services Chief Courtney Allen would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the dedicated firefighters, York Regional Police, York Region Paramedic Services, Ontario Hydro and Enbridge Gas for their swift and professional response.

Police said the circumstances surrounding the fire are considered suspicious and the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal has been engaged.

The identity of the deceased person will not be known until a positive identification has been made by the Office of the Chief Coroner.



## Grants benefit the community

From Front Page

Affiliated Community Groups have access to various tools and resources, including discounted municipal space and funding support.

Over \$16,000 was granted in 2024 to various groups for community events and other impactful initiatives. Here is a summary of some of the funded projects:

**Alzheimer Society of York Region:** Minds in Motion program, providing physical, social and cognitive stimulation for residents with dementia and their care partners, reducing social isolation and promoting emotional wellbeing.

**Hope House Community Hospice:** Blue Butterfly Tea event, enhancing grief literacy and humility in York Region by creating a supportive community for bereaved children and youth.

**Jane's Walk King Township:** Local chapter of Jane's Walk, focusing on community-led walking conversations.

**Kettleby Cemetery:** Annual Remembrance Day service held at Kettleby Cemetery.

**Kinsland Community Garden:** Creation of a pollinator habitat and fruit tree planting, as well as the development of a tool library and site infrastructure enhancements at this King City community garden.

**King Township Food Bank:** Annu-

al Back to School program, providing backpacks and school supplies for students from JK to Grade 12.

**King Theatre Company:** Inaugural production of "Salt-Water Moon," held at Pine Orchard Farms in King City.

**Nobleton Firefighters Association:** Annual Nobleton fireworks show on Victoria Day.

**Schomberg Agricultural Society:** Schomberg Agricultural Fair; a long-standing local tradition celebrating agriculture, art and talent.

**Schomberg Horticultural Society:** Annual Garden Tour event held across the Township.

**Schomberg United Church:** Lunch program for Township Seniors.

**Schomberg Village Association:** Annual Main Street Christmas celebration.

**Yellow Brick House:** "Break the Silence - Step in My Shoes" walk, raising awareness of domestic abuse.

For more information about the Enrich King program, visit [enrichking.ca](http://enrichking.ca) or email [communityservices@king.ca](mailto:communityservices@king.ca).

"The Enrich King program is a fantastic example of how we can come together as a community to support and uplift one another. By providing accessible funding and resources, we are planting the seeds for a brighter, more connected future for all residents of King Township," said Mayor Steve Pellegri.

Through investigative efforts, a suspect was identified and charged.

YRP charged Saeed Alshoubaki, 22, of Mississauga, with Second-Degree Murder and Arson.

Police said this incident is considered targeted and investigators are asking anyone who was in the area at the

time to check their security cameras or dashcam footage.

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

## Snow clearing efforts in full gear

King Township has been actively addressing snow clearing following the two significant winter storms on Feb. 13 and 16 that left a total snowfall accumulation of over 60 centimeters.

A Significant Weather Event was declared on Feb. 12 and remains in effect until King's winter maintenance crew digs the Township out of these storms and returns the network to a state of good repair.

Road crews have worked tirelessly to remove snow as well as manage drifting snow across the network. As of Tuesday, 907 truck loads of snow have been removed from the network thus far with a focus on servicing sidewalks, boulevards, parking laybys, crosswalks, bus stops, intersections, hydrants and cul-de-sacs.

With temperatures warming up, crews are now focused on opening up catch basins to allow the melt to drain properly. King Township asks that residents assist and clear snow from any catch basins near their property.

The team continues to work with the Region to remove snow on sidewalks along Regional roads.

King thanks residents and businesses for their patience and co-operation during the largest snowstorm in years by not parking on roads and refraining from pushing snow onto roadways.

Snow removal oversights can be reported to ServiceKing by calling 905-833-5321 or emailing [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

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## Are we all more closely connected than we think?

*"You are, in fact, part of the glorious oneness of the universe. Everything beautiful in the world is within you."*

— Russell Brand

Stuck in our own heads, it's easy to get distracted by our self-centredness.

To us, and our brains, we are all that really matters. Everything else is just a bonus.

We are ego-centric by nature – we view the world through our own, unique lenses. Of course these lenses are biased, jaded, and shaped by our personal experiences. They're never the best representation of the world around us.

There's no way to know why we were designed this way, other than perhaps for self-preservation.

It's one of the greatest stumbling blocks of humankind. Why doesn't everyone see things the same way?

If we had that problem licked, there would be no conflict, war, hunger and crime.

While we're wandering around this earth on our unique life's journey, we're often not alone. We have to emerge, like the proverbial butterfly from a cocoon, into the world of other people, other opinions, other sources of energy and emotion.

We are social creatures and our very survival depended on our ancestors forming groups and societies for mutual well being.

You don't have to be a scientist to grasp the interconnectedness of all things – a powerful concept that suggests everything in the universe is connected, and our actions and choices can have a ripple effect on the world around us.

I often think of the ripple in the pond scenario to see just how far the rings spread. I also loved skipping rocks over the water, just to see what strange forces kept it from sinking.

Richard Feynman, in his lecture "The Relation of Physics to Other Sciences," said our individual and group divisions in life are artificial and arbitrary.



Mark Pavilons

We can be broken down into physics, biology, psychology and even astronomy. It's the recipe we're all made of.

The universe made us all the same. Every human has the same internal organs, requires food and water, and lives a similar life cycle. Our design is quite impressive.

We are 99.9% genetically identical to every other person on the planet. So we base the differences we see on only a 0.1% difference, a statistically tiny amount.

As human beings, we all share emotions, which tend to guide our lives. We all understand happiness, anger, love, and fear. We enjoy food and tap our toes to music. We are in awe of Mother Nature. We like how a new piece of clothing makes us feel.

We all share this planet as our home, a miraculous ball of life that was created some 4 billion years ago, by powers we may never fully comprehend.

We all rely on "Mother Earth" to provide us with clean air, nourishing foods from the soil, and fresh drinking water.

Our particular orbit gives us four seasons and our closeness to the sun maintains all life.

We are not made to be solitary creatures, rather we have an innate ability to connect with others. We need others as much as we need food.

Our relationships – a connectedness – give our lives meaning, give us love, and allow us to grow. Our connections to others enhance our well being. We help one another grow and enjoy new experiences.

In a way, we are all responsible for opening the eyes of our loved ones, exposing them to life's wonders. That's perhaps not a job we signed up for, but we've slid into the role effortlessly.

Again, one has to ask why ego-centric beings can be so giving, thoughtful and compassionate to others. It's almost the biggest catch-22 of our species.

Experts say everything we do has an impact on others, just like those ripples in the pond. If you are an artist or writer, your work serves to inspire, evoke emotion, perhaps even creates change. A builder can enjoy what she has created out of brick and mortar. A scientist unlocks hidden secrets for all humankind.

Sure, you can live in relative obscurity, but some believe who you are matters and we're constantly in a "dance" of mutual influence. We matter to one another.

Despite our inherent qualities that bring us together, we've created barriers to keep us apart. Some believe the internet – the greatest info sharing platform in our history – is actually making us more reclusive, and giving us a false sense of connectedness. Personal interactions are vital.

Just look around at your own community. While many discuss issues and exchange info via local social networks, we also go out to the local coffee shop, attend town hall meetings, participate in fundraisers and fun public events.

These are what connect us – not an invisible signal through our smart phones.

When we reach out and bond with our co-workers, cashiers, and fellow parishioners, we expand our communal ties. I believe the words "community" and "connection" are one and the same.

If connecting with large groups isn't your "thing," then reach out to Nature, where you'll always find a warm welcome. Nature – from tree roots and hummingbirds to veggies and squirrels – are also among our friend groups. It's uncanny how wild animals know to approach a human for help. And yet we don't extend the same courtesy.

Connecting with others isn't difficult but it does take effort. Go out of your way to be kind to others and listen to the person who's speaking. Share a story or joke and remind your family members you always have their backs.

The Theory of Everything (TOE) is a hypothetical idea in physics that fully explains and links everything in the universe together. While that formula is currently elusive, certain facts remain.

Everything in the Universe only exists because it is in relationship to everything else. Nothing exists in isolation.

According to Margaret J. Wheatley, "we have to stop pretending we are individuals that can go it alone."

While quantum mechanics is still in its infancy, some scientists believe that our consciousness, like energy, is embedded in the quantum structure of reality. Rather than simply ceasing to exist, our consciousness transforms in a new form after the body dies.

Perhaps, since we're all connected – our consciousness and memories will return to the universe, being placed on a massive bookshelf of the ultimate cosmic library, with the subject of ourselves filtering back into the pool of everything.

### Letter to the Editor

## CHATS CEO updates community

As we navigate political and economic uncertainty, it is crucial that home and community care remains a priority in Ontario's healthcare system.

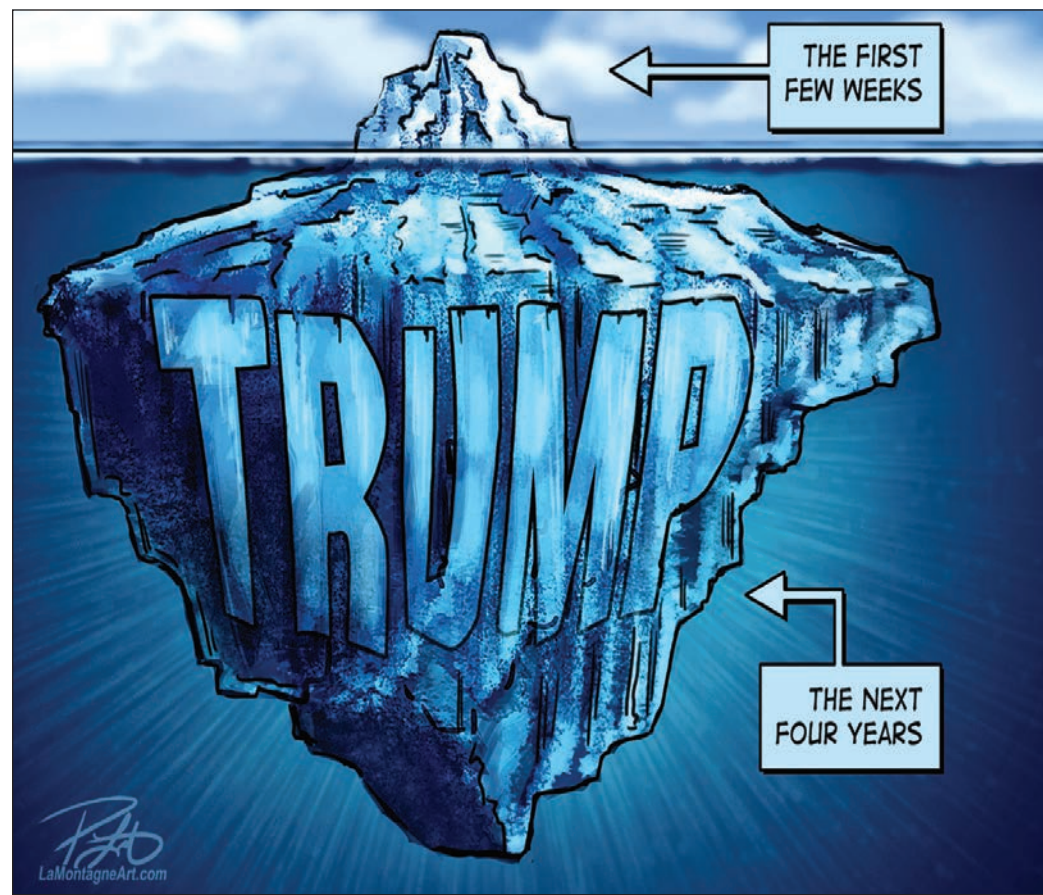
At CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors – we are closely monitoring developments that may impact our ability to provide essential services to older adults and caregivers.

Every year, CHATS supports over 8,500 seniors and caregivers across York Region and South Simcoe, providing critical services such as Meals on Wheels, Assisted Living, Home at Last hospital transitions, respite care, transportation, and social programs. These services allow older adults to remain in their homes safely while reducing pressures on hospitals and long-term care facilities. However, the demand for home care is rising, and waitlists for services have increased up to eight times in some areas.

To address these urgent needs, CHATS is joining the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) in the "Everyone Needs Home and Community Care" campaign. This advocacy initiative urges candidates in the upcoming provincial election to pledge their commitment to strengthening home and community care services. We need your help to make home and community care a key election issue. Visit [www.investinchats.ca](http://www.investinchats.ca) to learn more and take action.

At CHATS, we know that every senior's story matters. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to advocate for the needs of older adults, share real stories from our community, and provide ways for seniors and caregivers to make their voices heard.

Christina Bisanz, CEO CHATS



### Quote of the Week

*"If it's not yours, don't take it. If it's not right, don't do it. If it's not true, don't say it."*  
Japanese wisdom

### Trivia Tidbits

*Four Brown brothers settled north of Lloydtown in 1839, giving rise to the village of Brownsville.*

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Results from last week's poll:

### Did the snow dampen your Family Day activities?

a) Yes 25%

b) No 75%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Did you vote in the Provincial election?

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b) No

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# Re-imagining trade for people and the planet

By David Suzuki

## The Environment

Today's global trade system is rooted in the 1947 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The idea then was that fostering interdependencies between nations would suppress the risk of world wars — 75 million had just died in the Second World War — and protect our common humanity from the atrocities of genocide, mass bombings, starvation, disease and conflict.

Global trade has since morphed into a regime that facilitates human and environmental exploitation, Indigenous dispossession and economic colonialism. Free trade has perpetuated global systems of toxic production and consumption rooted in oil, gas and coal extraction. Rampant exploitation of natural resources has left us in a world of unprecedented, raging global conflict.

Change is imminent, and Canada's next government must make our country a global leader in re-imagining trade for people and the planet.

Given our shared border with the United States — the longest in the world — the next Canadian government must prioritize preventing U.S. human and environmental rights repression, catastrophic deregulation, assaults on vulnerable groups and populist economic policy from extending into Canada. With the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement up for review in 2026, our upcoming political leadership has an unprecedented opportunity and responsibility to launch a new trade paradigm for Canada.

Instead of looking to renegotiate incremental improvements to CUSMA — a trade agreement that has predominantly propelled economic growth patterns rooted in resource extraction, land and water dispossession, environmental degradation and suppression of Indigenous rights — Canada should re-imagine its trade policy through a human rights, environmental and intergenerational equity lens.

Canada needs to break away from the hegemonic hold of the U.S., as our prosperity has never been more intimately linked with our capacity to uphold strong democratic institutions, respect and fulfil Indigenous rights, accelerate climate action and halt biodiversity loss.

Progressive new trade policies and agreements driven by global environmental objectives, as well as de-

cadec-old attempts through the United Nations General Assembly to reshape the global trade system and decolonize it, offer some direction.

The governments of New Zealand, Costa Rica, Iceland and Switzerland recently introduced an Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability that breaks ground by envisioning trade through a climate-protection lens. Despite some weaknesses, it's the first treaty to introduce legally binding trade rules on fossil fuel subsidies. It eliminates trade barriers on an unprecedented number of environmental goods and services and introduces eco-labelling guidelines.

Unlike predominant trade agreements whose opening lines refer to the importance of liberalizing trade for robust economic growth, ACCTS immediately points to “the urgent action all nations must take to combat climate change as well as loss of biodiversity, pollution and other serious environmental challenges.”

The preamble goes on to recognize “that trade and trade policy can and must support climate change mitigation and adaptation, pollution prevention and control, and the sustainable use, protection or restoration of biodiversity, ecosystems and natural resources, including water and marine resources.”

It also mentions the “importance of active stewardship, guardianship and protection of natural surroundings” and emphasizes “the essential role the environment plays in the well-being of citizens and communities, including Indigenous Peoples, among others, and the importance of their contribution to efforts to pursue sustainable development objectives.”

In contrast, the re-negotiated (in 2020) CUSMA preamble doesn't even mention global environmental objectives. Protecting human, animal and plant life is secondary to trade liberalization objectives, and environmental protection is seen primarily through the prism of national environmental law enforcement, rather than adoption of ambitious, climate science-aligned trade rules and economic policy. And while Canada entered into CUSMA's 2018 negotiations intending to secure

extensive protections for Indigenous rights, the final agreement fell short of reaffirming the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, or the fundamental principle of free and prior informed consent.

We need to end economic globalization patterns that enrich polluting industries and the wealthy while harming the vulnerable working world. Canada should not only diversify trade, it should align itself with countries ready to centre human and environmental rights in trade policy. Rather than try

to appease increasingly fascist foreign governments, we should be halting centuries of resource and labour exploitation. At the very least, Canada must follow the lead of countries such as New Zealand, Costa Rica, Iceland and Switzerland and make human and environmental rights part of trade agreements.

*David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Quebec and Atlantic Canada Director General Sabaa Khan. Learn more at [david Suzuki.org](http://david Suzuki.org).*

## ‘Pizza with a Purpose’ helps the King Township Food Bank

This Valentine's season, love wasn't just in the air — it was baked into every heart-shaped pizza shared!

A huge THANK YOU to Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse, Schomberg Village Pizzeria, and Si, Lo So Pizza, Pasta, Panini for making this year's Hearts for Hunger fundraiser a success. With their generosity — and the incredible support from our community — \$400 was raised for the King Township Food Bank.

“We're very grateful for the pizzerias that stepped up to support our cause and thrilled by the community's enthusiastic response,” says Meline Beach, volunteer director of fundraising at the King Township Food Bank. “With such positive feedback, we hope to make Hearts for Hunger an annual event, expand our reach, and welcome even more local businesses to join the cause.”

From every pizza ordered to the efforts of local pizzerias, this fundraiser proved that it truly takes a village to make a difference. When a community comes together, the impact goes beyond dollars raised — it brings people together, supports a meaningful cause, and showcases the power of collective effort.

“It's always better to give than to receive, especially, when it's from the heart,” says George Lindner of Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse. “Being part of this fundraiser was an honour, and we're so grateful to our customers for their support.”

Thank you to everyone who ordered a pizza with purpose. Even small acts can have a big impact.

“It's heartwarming to see how our community comes together, says Yanni Kara of Schomberg Village Pizzeria. “Thank you to everyone who ordered—your generosity will make a real difference for those in need.”

Local pizzerias provided the platform, patrons supported the cause, and the funds raised will help the King Township Food Bank meet its mandate, every month, to provide a week of non-perishable foods, fresh produce, pet kibble and paper products to residents of King Township registered with the food bank.

“Good food brings people together,” says Gianpaulo Comisso of Si, Lo So Pizza, Pasta, Panini. “A huge thanks to our amazing patrons!”



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# War has stalled, ceasefire on the horizon in Ukraine?

By Gwynne Dyer

## World Issues

It's taking Donald Trump a little longer than the 24 hours he said he would need to end Russia's war in Ukraine, but his 90-minute phone call with Vladimir Putin comes as no surprise. Neither does the fact that no Ukrainian was on the call, although Trump did brief Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky about it afterward.

In some senses we are all back in the 1930s on this issue, because nobody is asking for justice or seeking the protection of international law for Ukraine. Might makes right, at least here and now, and the question is only whether Russia, with Trump's help, is powerful enough to force Ukraine to accept a disadvantageous ceasefire.

A permanent "peace" deal is extremely unlikely, because neither side has gained a victory decisive enough to achieve its full war aims: for Kyiv, the liberation of all its Russian-occupied territories including the eastern Donbas and the Crimean peninsula; for Moscow, the subjugation of all Ukraine and its

reintegration into the Russian empire.

Ukraine never had a hope of recovering the territories it lost when Russia seized them in 2014. Most of their residents were ethnic Russians, descended from those who settled Crimea after it was conquered from the Tatars in 1783 or from others moved into the Donbas by the Soviet state in the 1920s and '30s to run the region's new coal mines and steel mills.

Putin thought he had a window of opportunity to seize all of Ukraine in a surprise attack in early 2022, but his intelligence was faulty. Russian tanks got into the suburbs of Kyiv for a time, but the Ukrainians fought them to a standstill and subsequently recovered about 40% of their newly lost territory (although none of their 2014 losses).

And that's where the war of movement stopped, in mid-2023. All the fighting since then, with total casualties in the low hundred of thousands on both sides (not the "millions of deaths"

invoked by the ignorant Trump), has yielded Russia further advances amounting to less than one per cent of Ukraine's territory.

The war has reached stalemate, so it might as well stop for a while, and that's what is likely to happen. A ceasefire along the present front lines will satisfy nobody, but it's the only line that everybody can agree on – and everybody along that line will stay armed to the teeth.

What will they be waiting and hoping for? Not so much a shift in the military balance – if a threefold superiority in troops and weapons didn't bring Russia victory, a fourfold superiority will probably not do so either – but a shift in the domestic politics in Moscow or Kyiv.

Perceived defeat acts as a solvent in any political system, and both Putin and Zelensky will be seen to have failed so the positions of both will be under threat. Zelensky is likely to go first, but Ukraine's democratic politics offers a better prospect for an orderly transition than Russia, where a decaying oligarchy has little chance of a peaceful political renewal.

Ukraine is unfortunate to have Donald Trump as the self-appointed arbiter of its fate, for his admiration for dictators in general and his servile attitude towards Putin in particular suggest that he will not defend Ukraine's interests very well.

However, he can't just sell the Ukrainians down the river. They wouldn't accept that, and his own self-image will

not permit it. A different American or European leader might manage to get Ukraine a 10% better deal, but the room for manoeuvre for leaders on either side is very limited. It's the circumstances, not the people, that will define the outcome.

Meanwhile, the notion that Russia is about to embark on a campaign of conquest – "Today, Ukraine! Tomorrow, the World!" – has set alarm bells ringing in former Russian colonial possessions like Poland and bordering countries like Finland. That's why both of those countries joined NATO, as did most of Russia's other neighbours.

But as an actual strategy, territorial expansionism makes no sense for the real Russia of today, a de-industrialized country that makes its living by exporting natural resources and has an economy the same size as Italy's. It can barely sustain a war with Ukraine, a country with only a quarter of Russia's population. So Ukraine will be put on hold for a while, and what else will Russia do in the meantime? Very little, in all probability, because it's not really an imperial power any more. As the wars in Kenya and Cyprus were to Britain and those in Algeria and Vietnam were to France, so the wars in Georgia and Ukraine are to Russia: late imperial reflexes.

*Gwynne Dyer is an author, historian and independent journalist. Gwynne Dyer's new book is "Intervention Earth: Life-Saving Ideas from the World's Climate Engineers."*

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### Police investigating arson of King homes

Investigators with the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are seeking suspects and witnesses after two homes were the target of arson attacks in the Township of King.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at approximately 6:30 a.m., police responded to a new-build residential area, near 15th Sideroad and Charles Baker Drive. When officers arrived, they found two homes engulfed in flames. The houses were under construction and unoccupied at the time of the fire. No one was injured.

Video from the area shows two suspects arrive in a newer-model grey Dodge Durango. The suspects exit the vehicle and each retrieve jerrycans from the trunk. They then approach two separate homes and light them on fire before fleeing east-bound on Bud Willmot Way.


Video of the incident can be viewed here: [https://youtu.be/\\_OzL0IOIbn0](https://youtu.be/_OzL0IOIbn0)

The suspect vehicle is described as matte grey, 2021-2024 Dodge Durango, possibly SRT model. It's a four-door sport utility vehicle, with black alloy rims, hood air-intake vent and sunroof. The male suspects were wearing all-black clothing and face masks. Each was carrying one yellow and one red jerrycan.

Investigators believe this is a targeted incident and are appealing to anyone who may have information or video from the area to come forward.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).




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# Building relationships to get results is vital

By Drew Spoelstra  
President, Ontario  
Federation of Agriculture

It's been a year since I was chosen to lead the Ontario Federation of Agriculture as its president, and as we prepare for our annual general meeting next week, it's a good time to reflect on what's been a busy 12 months in this new role.

Advocating for Ontario farmers is a business based on relationships and during this first year, my biggest focus and that of our board has been around building and fostering those relationships as we work toward achieving results for farmers.

We've had some great opportunities this year to build better relationships and encourage a greater understanding of Ontario agriculture with the Premier, provincial cabinet ministers, parliamentary assistants, and elected officials of all major political parties.

We've also built a productive working relationship with the new minister at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and his team, and we're active locally and nationally on issues that matter to our members.

Growing our partnerships, for example, with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Association of Ontario Municipalities is bringing broader perspectives to discussions around farmland, energy, railway issues and more.

Within our own sector, I'm proud of our efforts to work closely with the leaders of other farm, commodity and agricultural organizations to support each other's work. We're also doing more to connect and partner with outside stakeholders who share our goals and interests on issues like natural gas expansion, farmland preservation, and electricity generation.

Our relationship-building approach and goal of having productive conversations has led to positive results in several areas. We've seen changes in provincial land use policy, continued investments in natural gas and rural high speed internet expansion, and a pause on wetland mapping.

It's also a cornerstone of our work on ongoing issues like taxation, drainage, storm water management, railway crossings, hydro corridors, encouraging greater promotion of local food, wildlife damage, access to veterinarians and more – all issues that our membership has told us are important and need the OFA to take an active part in.

Regardless of the specific issue, how-

## King's Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest is this Saturday

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](http://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](http://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.

For more information, email [events@king.ca](mailto:events@king.ca).

## Agriculture

ever, what we really want and need as a sector is to ensure that new regulations or policies are developed through a lens of food production and support rather than hinder farm businesses.

We need investments in the agriculture industry that appreciate and support the current economic strength of our sector as well as lay the foundation to realize its growth potential and what that can bring to the provincial economy.

Challenging market conditions and rising costs across the industry that are

putting pressure on farm profitability are an ongoing concern and we continue to advocate for action that will support the sector.

The upcoming election cycles both provincially and federally will provide us with additional opportunities to highlight these challenges and how we can create solutions to support producers across the province.

The relationships that we are building are incredibly important as we work to support the industry. OFA cannot do it alone. We need collaboration and the desire for collective approaches across the agricultural sector and between industry and government so we can meet

and exceed the targets that have been set out in the growth strategies for agriculture.

As a farmer in Binbrook, I take great pride in growing crops, raising beautiful horses and producing high quality milk and beef. As leading farm advocates, our team at OFA is proud of the work we do in many areas and grateful for the support and guidance of our membership.

I appreciate the opportunity I've been given to serve as president of this organization and I'm proud to represent Ontario farmers in front of government, with partners and stakeholders and to Ontarians across the province.

## Cenotaph Centennial sees Aurora, King and Stouffville come together

By Brock Weir

Aurora, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville will mark the 100th anniversary of its shared Cenotaph, located at the heart of Aurora's Peace Park, in 2025 with a series of observances in all three municipalities.

The Cenotaph was dedicated by the three municipalities on October 3, 1925 in memory of the men who paid the ultimate sacrifice for King and Country in the First World War.

A ceremony marking the centennial anniversary will take place at the monument 100 years to the day this fall, but that is just one way the three communities will mark the landmark's milestone.

"The municipal collaboration is huge. It happened a couple of years ago when we did the Korean Memorial, we did it 100 years ago, and we're doing it now, so that is a really important story," says Michelle Johnson of the Aurora Museum and Archives, who is leading the commemorations. "It's the idea of where you come from – where you live and where you choose to belong. A lot of the names on the memorial are spread across three communities, some people may have lived in King but attended school in Aurora – and it's been 100 years since Aurorans, Whitchurch-Stouffville residents and King residents have continuously gone to this specific piece of land for the same purpose: to remember, to grieve, to pay respects."

Ahead of the anniversary itself, site work will take place to improve the

Cenotaph and Peace Park space. There will be new hardscaping to increase accessibility, a deep clean which Johnson says will be carried out using the same products used to keep the Lincoln Memorial in tip-top condition, and some masonry fixes that are part and parcel of maintaining a century-old monument.

Once this work is carried out, a temporary exhibition will be installed on site, featuring reproductions of photographs and items from the Museum collection, by the late summer, where it will stay in place into the fall for the commemorative ceremony itself.

A travelling exhibition will tour King and Stouffville into the fall, along with a launch of a digital version online.

The Town of Aurora will also put out a call for a new monument to join the park, which is complemented by the Altar of Sacrifice, unveiled to pay tribute to those who fell in the Second World War; the LAV, which serves as a memorial to the Afghanistan conflict; and most recently, the Korean War Memorial.

"We're looking to include a memorial to honour Indigenous veterans as well," says Johnson. "There isn't anything right now that points to their contributions since settlement, so we will be putting a call out next year for proposals for that memorial and plan to include a memorial of that nature for the 100th anniversary of the park and the memorial. That gap, I think, is obvious and we're looking to fill that."

As plans continue to fall in place, Johnson says the three municipalities are "really excited to reaffirm these links."

In Whitchurch-Stouffville and King, these links will be reaffirmed through a street banner program in the neighbouring municipalities paying tribute to those who are memorialized in Peace Park, lying in Aurora, the community central to both.

"These stories will be in these communities and the communities will be reminded of that history which, as a historian, I am very excited about and we're happy to be collaborating together," says Johnson.

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## Permit allows for work to proceed at church cemetery

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King council approved a Heritage Permit for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery, to allow certain work to proceed on the site.

Staff noted the permit is needed for the removal of a portion of the eastern fence to accommodate access to the site for servicing/routine maintenance and general public pedestrian access.

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery is an inactive, small, mid 19th to early 20th-century community cemetery located at 13470 Dufferin Street. Measuring 55.62 by 133.5 feet, it is situated to the north and the rear of the adjacent (former) St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, on the west side of Dufferin Street, south of the 15th Sideroad on part of the east half of Lot 9 Concession 3, in the one-time community of Eversley.

The cemetery has design and physical value as it is a good example of a small, mid 19th-century, local community cemetery situated in a rural setting. While most markers are sandstone and limestone, several monuments are more elaborate granite and include decorative fencing. The parallel layout of marker and grave sites in a setting of mature trees serve as reminder of the "orderly, peaceful setting" intended for the dead and the visiting loved ones left behind.

The cemetery has historical and associative value as it is the burial site of many of the early settlers of Eversley.

The cemetery was established in 1834

on land later purchased from Joseph Wells in 1843. The original property included the 1848 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The approximately 48 headstones and monuments date from 1838 to 1910 and include the 1851 tombstone, engraved with a score of music, of Henry Frost the originator of music education in Ontario schools, the 1877 tombstone of the Reverend John Tawse who preached here for 23 years, and of his three wives.

Closed in 1958, the cemetery was purchased in 1960 by Lady Flora McCrae Eaton who, in 1967, donated it to the York Pioneer and Historical Society.

The cemetery has contextual value for its more than 190 years influence on the continued rural character of the immediate landscape. Its pastoral treed setting adjacent to the former church serves as a spiritual and visual landmark and important reminder of the rural past to the community.

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2024 notes that protected heritage properties, which may contain built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes, shall be conserved where they have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest for the important contribution they make to our understanding of the history of a place, an event, or a people. As the subject property has been identified and determined to have cultural heritage interest and value, the property should be considered for protection to meet the policies of the PPS.

Township staff are satisfied that the

proposed works would respect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and are consistent with the objectives of the PPS.

As per the procedures adopted by Council, a heritage permit is required for any new construction works such as new additions, raising the height of a building, or new exterior architectural detailing and features.

The owner of the subject property and has consulted with its municipal heritage advisory committee with respect to the existing designation bylaw for the property.

The overall heritage objectives for the property will be maintained.

The works to remove the fencing will be done by parks staff and there would be no additional cost.

## Ontario farmers less confident in farm sector outlook, survey says

Rising costs and political and economic uncertainty are slowing Ontario farm business growth, according to the latest Farm Business Confidence Survey conducted by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

Compared to the previous year, Ontario farmers are focusing on maintaining the status quo and dialing back expansion and investment in their farm businesses. They're also less confident in the sector's outlook than they were a year ago.

Respondents also indicated little change in their top two policy priorities overall, once again ranking reducing farm taxes as the top issue affecting their business, followed by supporting farmers with energy costs. Rounding out the top three this year is protecting the right of property access, dropping last year's third spot priority – encouraging Ontarians to buy local food – into fourth place. In Northern Ontario, compensation for wildlife damage continues to rank as a leading priority.

"Feedback from our members is important to help guide the OFA's priorities and activities, and these survey results confirm our ongoing focus on key issues like farm business profitability and rural infrastructure support," says OFA President Drew Spoelstra. "With the provincial election currently underway, it's an ideal time for our members to bring these issues to the attention of candidates on the campaign trail and help shine a spotlight of agricultural and rural issues."

OFA will be releasing results in a webinar to be hosted on Feb. 20 from noon to 1 p.m. by senior policy analyst Ben Lefort.

The online survey of more than 1,000 OFA farm members was conducted from Dec. 2 to 20, 2024.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture represents 38,000 farm families across the province and serves as the leading advocate.

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Ask King Zoning offers a variety of contact methods, including phone, on-line meetings, email and in-office meetings at the King Township Municipal Centre. This service allows users to schedule a convenient time to discuss their zoning inquiries with a zoning staff member.

In alignment with King Township's commitment to transparency and service excellence, these contact methods are part of the broader Service Profiles initiative, which details service offerings, types and categorizations, governing legislations, service levels, and associated standards.

The purpose of this service is to address zoning by-law questions and determine building standards such as height, coverage and setback controls, along with permitted property uses.

Users can select their preferred contact method and schedule a date and time for their consultation. Planning inquiries relating to the Our King Official Plan, development approvals, etc. should be directed to our Ask King Planning service.

This service is available to home and property owners with specific questions or comments related to their property or other lands within King Township. It also supports individuals needing help navigating and understanding the zoning process, as well as realtors, architects/designers, consultants and others with questions on behalf of their clients.

For more information or to schedule your service, please visit [king.ca/AskKingZoning](https://king.ca/AskKingZoning) or call ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.

"The Ask King Zoning service is a fantastic resource for our community. It ensures that residents and professionals alike have easy access to the information they need to make informed decisions regarding building and renovations. We're committed to providing excellent service and support to everyone in King Township," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

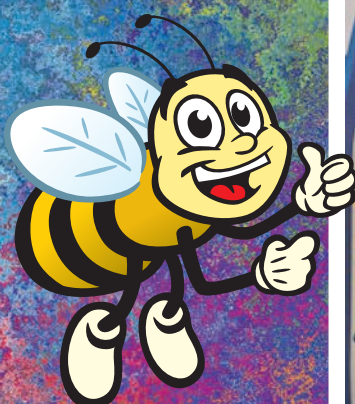


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# Mental health leaders celebrate half-century as difference-makers

By Brock Weir

As we mark 25 years into a new century, Kim Lewis marks time through a slightly different lens.

As the Senior Director of Services for Regional Programs for the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS), she laughs as she says she began her work on local mental health programs in a “whole other millennium.”

She and Lisa Wood, the CMHA-YRSS’ Youth Programs Coordinator are marking significant milestones this year, celebrating an impressive 25 years each dedicated to addressing mental health in the communities they call home – and, after a collective half-century with the CMHA-YRSS, they’re focused firmly on the future.

“When you look back, it’s amazing to be here for this long and see the impact that we have had and the work that we have done within the community, to see our programs grow and thrive, and to see the impact we’ve had with our clients,” said Wood at the organization’s Aurora headquarters last week.

“I think, as kids, we were always kind of helping others in the community as a family or doing things for other organizations and I think that is where the seed was planted for me, just seeing the work that we do here, the amount of people that we help, and I just think it’s a gift for people to help others. Having that one-on-one conversation and seeing people make meaningful changes has had a real positive impact on me.”

When Lewis, a resident of Georgina, joined the team, they were an agency of just 18, talking about how they can be an information resource for the community and “not necessarily as big in service delivery.”

“Over the years, to see the agency grow by leaps and bounds has been pretty phenomenal for me,” said Lewis. “To be a part of that growth has been really exciting, especially in the real, innovative community development that the CMHA has been involved in and supporting people in York Region and South Simcoe.”

Growing up, Lewis recalls a time when mental health was an issue rarely talked about – and, if the subject was ever brought up, it was almost always discussed behind closed doors. This helped guide her in the direction of social work and social services, she said, and fight for a renewed focus on mental health.

“The need never goes away for help,” agrees Wood, an Aurora resident. “It’s important for us to be there for them and to support them as they go along their journey in mental health and see them recover. I think there is a lot of stress and anxiety out there and a lot of it has to do with social media, expectations...the world has changed so much that I think it is important to be there.”

Indeed, the demand for service is ev-

er-growing.

The growth of both demand – and the need – within the communities they serve only underscored for the CMHA-YRSS that they need to think “differently and innovatively” to be, as Lewis said, “able to provide people the right type of care at the right time, and really looking at breaking down waitlists for services when people need it the most.”

“Like some of the other changes we’ve seen is a growing number of individuals who are surviving homelessness and the fact that things are unaffordable,” she continues. “Food is unaffordable, rent is unaffordable, and it’s really coming together as a community of healthcare professionals to support people who are surviving homelessness and that is something I have seen us doing really well over the last little while – and not just CMHA, but with our community partners.”

As they look ahead to the next five, 10, 20, and 25 years, these dedicated care providers are anticipating a “coordinated system where there’s the right type of care at the right time and place” to address the mental health needs of the community.

“Hopefully people will have more access to our programs and more availability and just being there for people for when they need us at that point in time,” said Wood.

Added Lewis: “I think continuing to remove that stigma around mental illness is something we focus on every day and removing barriers to service. If we understand there is a wait list for service, how do we do things differently to be able to support people differently? It’s really exciting to think about access to care. I wish I could flash forward and see five years from now.”

One certainty on the horizon within the next five years is the completion of a new York Region Mental Health Hub in Newmarket, which has been a long-held ambition for the CMHA-YRSS.

The mission of the Hub is to ensure someone’s first crisis is their last crisis, bringing that coordinated system into fruition.

And, after 25 years with the organization, they are waiting for doors – and a brand-new chapter – to open with great anticipation.

“For me, it’s about helping to reduce the stigma towards mental health,” said Wood. “There are so many assump-

tions that people have about people with mental illness and I think being a part of that de-stigmatization; what people think about others is important and just to be there for folks as they go through their own journey, and that is what’s kept me going, as well as awesome colleagues! To think about where we started 25 years ago, we were a much smaller organization, and we’ve grown with the changes as we have gone along with society, and seeing it going for an-

other 25 years is going to be pretty awesome.”

Added Lewis: “I love to come into programs and to be present, just to see what is going on, to reconnect with people who are using services that I haven’t seen in a long time, and it’s really impactful to hear people say how much they value the services and supports they receive. I think that’s what keeps me going: hearing people’s testimonies about our journeys.”



## Lions boost fundraising efforts

The Schomberg Lions were proud to present Cyndy Rowlands with a donation to her birthday fundraiser, supporting Diabetes Research Institute Foundation Canada.

Rowland’s birthday fundraiser was a wonderful initiative to support a great cause. By choosing to donate to the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation Canada, Cyndy is helping to bring us closer to a world where diabetes is no longer a life-altering disease.

The Diabetes Research Institute Foundation Canada is a reputable organization dedicated to funding research aimed at finding a cure for diabetes. The foundation supports various research projects, including islet cell transplantation, immunomodulation, and regenerative medicine.

Cyndy’s fundraiser, supported by the generous donation from the Schomberg Lions, will contribute to the foundation’s efforts to advance diabetes research and improve the lives of those affected by the disease.

“It’s heartwarming to see individuals like Cyndy using their birthdays as an opportunity to make a positive impact!”

Shown are Jody Walker, Mike Baird, Gord Dobson and Cyndy Rowlands.

## New lanes will help to relieve gridlock in the GTA

The Ontario government has completed major widening projects on Highways 400 and 404 as part of its plan to tackle gridlock and support the safe movement of people and goods in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The new lanes will allow cars and trucks travelling north and south to benefit from faster, more efficient commutes, supporting the GTA’s growing population, and connecting people to more housing and jobs.

Construction crews have finished widening nine kilometres of Highway 400 from Major Mackenzie Drive to King Road, with crews adding one new general-purpose lane in each direction. Highway 404 has been widened 11 kilometres from Highway 407 to Stouffville Road, adding a new High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction which can be used by cars, taxis, motorcycles and other vehicles.

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$28 billion over the next decade to repair, build and expand highways, roads, and bridges across the province.

Dufferin Construction Company was awarded the contract to widen Highway 404 from Highway 407 to Major Mackenzie Drive. Brennan Paving and Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract to widen Highway 404 from Major Mackenzie Drive to Stouffville Road.

Green Infrastructure Partners was awarded the contract to widen Highway 400 from Major Mackenzie Drive to King Road.

A report from the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis found gridlock is costing Ontario’s economy \$56 billion a year.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Great Backyard Bird Count draws widespread support

By Jim Stewart

The Great Backyard Bird Count – coordinated by Birds Canada, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and the National Audubon Society – took place over the Family Day Weekend amid snowy conditions across Ontario.

Local conservationists contributed their bird counts from the comfort of their kitchens overlooking backyard feeders or many braved the elements and ventured intrepidly into field, forest, and watershed habitats to garner data from Feb. 14-17.

Olivia Carvalho, Community Engagement Specialist for Birds Canada, noted the importance of global events like the Great Backyard Bird Count: “The most important part of the GBBC is connecting more people with birds! When individuals feel connected to conservation, that’s when we see at home changes for bird conservation taking place. Bird populations are constantly changing. No single scientist or team of scientists could hope to keep track of the complicated patterns of movement of species around the world. The information from Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) participants, combined with other surveys, helps scientists learn how birds are affected by environmental changes. The information you send in can provide the first sign that



Here, 3-year-old Everley Cousins fills the feeder during the Great Backyard Bird Count organized by Birds Canada and Cornell Ornithology Lab.

individual species may be increasing or declining from year to year. Data gathered over many years help highlight how a species’ range may be expanding or shrinking. A big change, noted consistently over a period of years, is an indication that something is happening in the environment that is affecting the birds and that should receive attention.”

Carvalho added that “Great Backyard Bird Count information allows us

to look at what kinds of birds inhabit different areas, such as cities and suburbs compared to more natural habitats. It gives a snapshot of global bird populations ahead of spring migration. But really the greatest benefit here is that hundreds of thousands of people around the world turning up on the same weekend to help birds – there is a global community you are tapping into here by participating.”

The CBBC is a fun family event and it was one that I enjoyed with my three-year old granddaughter who bundled up for the snowy conditions to fill our five feeders prior to our observation period. After thawing out, we sat at our kitchen table in northwest Aurora, she circled color illustrations of feeder birds – photocopied from the Fall Edition of Birdwatch Canada – that visited the backyard on Monday afternoon, and I kept count of the greatest number of types of birds that appeared at one time.

In blustery, whiteout conditions, we circled and numbered 2 Northern Cardinals (male and female), a charm of 12 American Goldfinches, 1 House Finch, 3 Mourning Doves, 1 Black-Capped Chickadee, 5 European Starlings, 1 White-Breasted Nuthatch, and 1

Red-Breasted Nuthatch.

Many of our regular customers at the feeders were no-shows on Monday. Missing in action, although we logged their appearances on Friday prior to the snowstorm, were the Red Bellied Woodpeckers, Downy Woodpeckers, Hairy Woodpeckers, and Dark-eyed, Slate-Colored Juncos. Our usual pair of Blue Jays did not drop by for their Choice Blend peanut and sunflower fix.

Undaunted by this lower-than-usual number, we filed our findings via the eBird app connected to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, transmitted our field observations, and became part of a world-wide, comprehensive conservation database.

According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, “268,700 people around the world submitted eBird checklists, 253 countries and sub-regions participated, and 7,857 of the world’s bird species were found as of Monday night.”

In addition to participating in events like the GBBC, Carvalho invited local birders to participate in other BirdCanada programs to promote conservation: “It’s not too late to join FeederWatch for this season! You can register here: <https://www.birdscanada.org/you-can-help/project-feederwatch>.”



Preparing for spring

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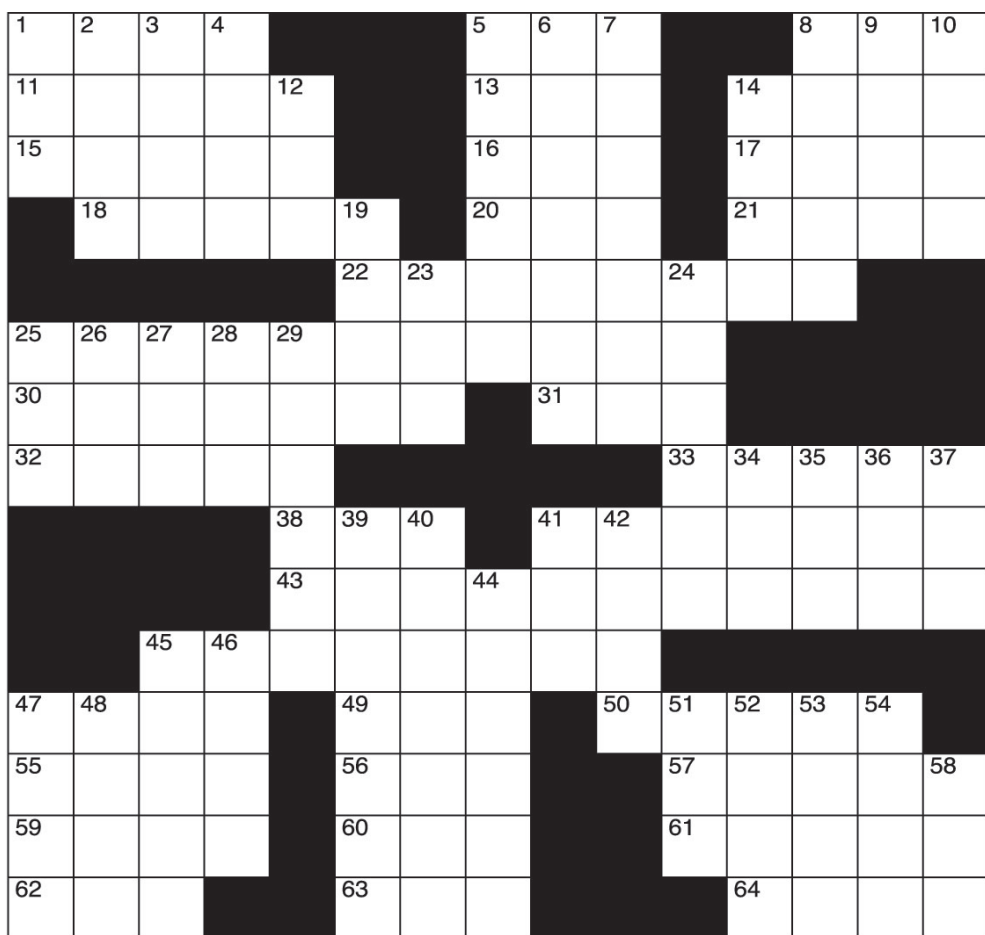
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- Soul and calypso

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- Continent
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- Poisonous plant
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- Hebrew calendar month
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- One point south of southwest
- Small island (British)

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

# Council designates three local heritage buildings

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Three King properties are being recognized for their historical significance.

Council recently agreed to designate Hogan's Inn, Crawford Wells General Store and Post Office in King City, and the George Pringle House in Nobleton, under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Staff pointed out all three have been studied and contain cultural value and written letters have been mailed out to all property owners to inform them of the Township's desire to consider the properties for heritage designation. The property owner at 12981 Keele Street is not in support of the designation of their property. No other owners for the other properties have provided feedback with regards to the designation of their properties.

The properties are currently "Listed" on the Heritage Register, containing buildings and structures constructed during the early to mid-19th century. These properties feature some of the earliest buildings and structures constructed in the Township's early settlement history. The historic properties continue the trend and theme of commercial use or residential use along the major road intersections of King Road and Keele Street in King City or King Road and Highway 27 in Nobleton.

## The Crawford Wells General Store and Post Office

The Crawford Wells General Store and Post Office is a well-known local landmark and one of the oldest buildings in the village. It was the former general store and post office.

It was built in King City on land granted in 1833 by the Crown to James Lloyd. In 1863, Benjamin Lloyd bought the present lot. It is believed that Benjamin Lloyd built the store shortly after he bought the land. Lloyd owned it for 33 years and was a general merchant and postmaster in King until 1885. In 1889, the property was sold to James C. Stokes, who would become the new postmaster in King City until 1901.

In 1900, Stokes sold the property to James Archibald McDonald, who purchased it for his two sons, John and Frank McDonald. The property would remain in the McDonald family and continue its use as a general store and



post office until 1914 when John passed away. John's son Wells (Topsy) and a nephew, Crawford Wells would later run the business.

The Crawford Wells General Store and Post Office has served the community of King City for over 100 years as a commercial general store and post office. It provided goods for sale such as fabric, clothing, literature, gifts, household items and food. It acted as a Post Office, which was located in the south wing of the building. As well as being the centre of business in King City, the store also provided a social meeting place for the community to gather. A post office was also established in the general store in the one storey wing of the building, where John McDonald would act as postmaster while Crawford Wells would manage the retail and merchandise of the general store. The home of the Wells Family was located on the west side of Keele Street where it is currently used as a coffee shop and known as the Roost Café.

As well as being a General Store and Post Office, the building was the residence of the store keeper and his family for many years. The second storey provided a kitchen, bedrooms and living area for the Wells and numerous families before them. This second storey was used as a "tea room" and shoppers would be able to go upstairs and sit down to a cup of tea and biscuits.

To the rear of the lot stands a large drive shed assumed to have been built the same time the store was. Store own-

ers would have stored their wares and carriages here. When mail and delivered goods came to King City, it is likely that they would have been delivered to this building.

A number of years after its construction, the building was possibly used by the community as a dance hall. Both buildings have historical significance because they formed as a nucleus in King City and served as a gathering place for early community life.

The building is representative of a vernacular 19th century commercial property and rests on a stone foundation. The building consists of two sections: the two-storey wing which was used for the general store and the one-storey addition to the immediate south, which was used as the post office.

The building also has architectural value as a representative and rare example of a surviving "boom-town" architectural style in the former post office wing of the building. The Boomtown architectural style was a typical architectural style of small rural commercial buildings and was characterized by a decorative false front façade covering a more humble, building behind it such as one with a typical gable roof. This architectural style was typical of many commercial buildings across Ontario in the 19th century.

A verandah extends across the front of the building with steps for access on either side and is supported by columns. The building has a triangular pediment and large commercial win-

dows at the front of the building which was common for commercial general stores in the 19th century. The building features ship lap horizontal clad siding and a chimney.

## Pringle House

Located on the west side of Highway 27, south of Wilsen Road in Nobleton is the George G. Pringle House.

The Pringle Family was one of the original prominent families who immigrated to Canada and settled in Nobleton in the 19th century. The family also acquired several farm properties in the Nobleton area and the offspring of the family would later become shop owners, carpenters and active members of the community.

The subject house on the property has a direct association with George G. Pringle, who was born July 22, 1849 on Concession 9, Lot 8 to George Pringle and Susannah Bell. His father was well known in the county and working as a farmer. George G. Pringle's grandfather, William Pringle, came to North America from County Queens, Ireland in 1817.

George G. Pringle purchased the lot from Nicholas James Armstrong in 1877 and the house was most likely built between 1877 to 1878. It was occupied from 1878 to 1885 by the Pringle Family until the time it was sold to Jacob Gould in 1885.

The George G. Pringle House is one of the few remaining buildings in Nobleton which represents the Victorian Style with elements of Gothic Revival and is historically one of the remaining buildings from the 19th century.

He was listed as a farmer, carpenter and local merchant in Nobleton. He also ran a large general store in Beeton on Main Street.

Pringle was also the President of the Tecumseth Society and his wife Mary Isabella Bell from the Bell family who owned land and a hotel at Bell's Lake, north of Nobleton. Bell's father, Walter James Bell was a hotel keeper at Bell's Lake in the Township of King. Following this, Pringle would move to Beeton where he would continue as a merchant and grocer as recorded in the early Ontario directories.

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# Local landmarks speak to King Township's history

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It's constructed with buff brick construction and features a steep pitched front gable roof with bargeboard trim while resting on a stone foundation. The design of the house mirrors the architectural style popularized in the 19th century Canada Farmer publication in the 1860s, which encouraged and promoted a template for a simple rural farmer's cottage and dwelling. The George G. Pringle House is one of the few remaining buildings in Nobleton which represents the Victorian Style with elements of Gothic Revival.

## Hogan's Inn

The structure known as Hogan's Inn at Four Corners, at 12998 Keele Street, is worthy of inclusion on the Register.

Issac Dennis built the Inn circa 1855 and was later passed on to John Hogan. The Inn was built for travelling patrons who would stop to stay overnight at the Township and was built when the Northern Railway came through the Township in the mid-19th century.

Hogan's Inn was one of the more popular inns in the original Village of Springhill. Hogan's Inn originally also included stables, above which was used as a dance hall by the community. Dennis

gave the Inn to his daughter Agnes and her husband John Hogan as a wedding gift and they ran the hotel business for approximately 50 years.

The building was later purchased by George Philips and George Armstrong in the 1900s, who continued the operation of the hotel business and established a horse drawn bus service between the railway station for its customers (present day location of the Metrolinx GO King City Station). The property yields information regarding the demographic and economic growth of the village in the second half of the 19th century when hotels were a key physical feature in the downtown for their provision of lodgings for both visitors and as boarding houses for local workers.

Hogan's Inn is representative of Georgian architecture with Neo-classical influences and was built circa 1855. It features a two-storey red-brick building, symmetrical elevations with dual window openings on both sides of the central main entrance facing Keele Street, a gable roof with cornice returns. The building is rectangular in shape and also features symmetrical dual chimneys. Above the central entrance of the front façade, there are three windows openings.

The north and south elevation of the



building features window openings and two small attic windows on each elevation. The windows feature a double hung, 6 x 6 window pane style and the added shutters and door with detailed mouldings also helps to complement the heritage character and value of the property. The neoclassical style features the rectangular sidelights and fluted pilasters on the front façade.

A well-known historic building in the community, it is also referred to as Hogan's Inn at the Four Corners, where the Four Corners reflects the location of the building at the major intersections of King Road and Keele Street and continues to serve as a prominent visible local landmark in the community.

Staff pointed out the purpose of a heritage designation is to guide alterations and expansions, not to prohibit them. The process allows the Township to ensure any proposed changes or modifications complement its heritage attributes and will not impact identified cultural heritage values or interest. Changes should be respectful and keep with the character defining elements that contribute to making a designated property significant.

Designation of a property does not include interior spaces unless they are unusually significant or rare, and specifically referred to in the designation bylaw. If these features are not captured, they can be altered or modernized without a heritage review. The vast

majority of heritage designations are restricted to exterior building or property features only. The proposed subject properties designation does not include any interior heritage attributes for designation. The focus is only the exterior of the building, structures, landscapes and heritage attributes that are identified for designation.

There is also no mandatory requirement of the designated property owner to restore or replicate lost or damaged features of a building or structure, however, property owners should be encouraged to perform regular maintenance and upkeep to any building or structure to prevent it from neglect or damage. Alterations or expansions of existing designated properties are not precluded, provided the works compliment heritage attributes and necessary heritage or building permits and approvals from the Township are obtained.

The designation of a property places ensures careful consideration of any proposed alterations, additions, changes, and/or proposals that may have an impact on the heritage attributes that help to define its cultural heritage value or interest. The process of designation does not seek to restrict or outright prohibit development or works done to a property but seeks to manage the change proposed to ensure that the important heritage values are acknowledged and protected, if appropriate.



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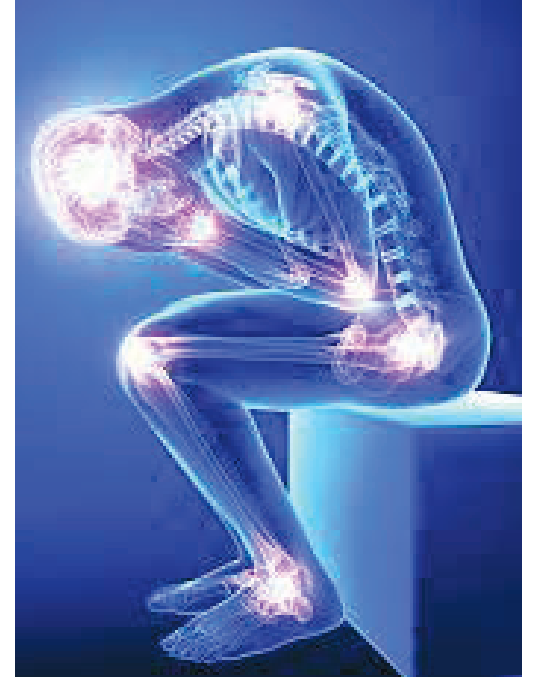
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# YRP offers tips for homeowners to prevent break-ins

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

York Regional Police maintains a presence in King Township to keep residents protected.

Regular patrols and crime prevention strategies only go so far. Police need the public to be their “eyes and ears.”

PC Riczard Wojtulewicz, Crime Prevention Officer, made a presentation to residents during a community safety meeting recently.

The officer has investigated countless break-ins and he agreed they're much more than property crimes, and leave a lasting trauma on homeowners.

In his presentation, he offered residents many tips and pieces of advice on making their homes stronger, and less attractive to thieves. There are many things homeowners can do to mitigate break-ins, including improving surveillance cameras, lighting, securing gates and more.

The officer explained the “crime triangle” – opportunity, criminal desire and ability. Depriving would-be crimi-

nals involves increasing their risks and reducing their rewards.

From investigating break-ins across York, police have found certain issues they have in common. Points of entry are not strong enough. Homes have poor surveillance camera coverage. There's a lack of window protection and proper lighting. Side gates, leading to the back yard, are not secure.

Police follow Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), which involves four main areas – natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement, access control and maintenance.

PC Wojtulewicz noted natural surveillance or sightlines that include overgrown vegetation, can obstruct windows, entrances and exits, making it easier for criminals. Cutting back shrubs and opening up visibility will help.

Territorial reinforcement is the use of physical attributes, such as signage, fencing and landscaping to deter culprits. Signs noting video surveillance can act as a warning.

Access control is forcing people to

use a certain path through fencing, landscaping and lighting. If culprits deviate from the path, it can alert homeowners.

Maintaining your property, Wojtulewicz said, can go a long way. Things like newspapers left in the driveway, garbage bins and unploughed driveways all indicate the homeowner is absent.

There are some inherent weaknesses that homeowners can address. For instance, normal front doors are for access and they're just not designed to keep people out. The door frames are typically weak, allowing for entry with a minimal of force.

A few simple after-market items can improve door strength, such as a metal strike plate, door wrap or a door re-enforcer.

Windows, too, can be made more secure with things like window film and metal security bars.

Video surveillance has come a long way for homeowners. Footage is often used by police in looking for criminals and their mere presence serves as a deterrent. Many have their own warning lights and excellent night vision.

Residents can register their camera at [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca). Police don't access your camera, but they may call on you if an occurrence happens on your street.

Alarm systems are also a good idea for homeowners. Lights and sounds will definitely send a burglar running.

Motion lighting, or simple pathway lights, are a cost-effective strategy for increasing visibility.

The rise in vehicle thefts has left many residents worried. PC Wojtulewicz offers some practical advice on protecting your vehicles.

Park in the garage if possible. Don't leave your FOBs by the front door: use a street wheel or pedal locking device. Install products like GPS tracking or an on-board data port lock to prevent thieves from cloning your keys.

The majority of incidents are break-ins, where the thieves don't want to confront a homeowner. Culprits want to avoid violence and they're typically unarmed.

Home invasions, on the other hand, are often targeted and thieves have prior knowledge of the victims. These tend to be more violent in nature.



## MP hosts family skate

MP Anna Roberts celebrated Family Day by hosting a family skate at the Nobleton Community Centre. Many people enjoyed snacks, coffee, hot chocolate, and some time on the ice. All enjoyed a fun filled afternoon. MP Roberts thanks the community for attending.



## Family Day skate

A great time was had by all at the Family Day Skate at the Zancor Centre, hosted by Deb Schulte. Thanks to all the volunteers, Sparky and King firefighters, the King Food Bank, and the staff at the Centre, who made it so much fun. Lots of activities kept the kids and parents busy, while some watched the hockey game and all enjoyed the refreshments. Thanks to all who braved the weather to join us. Looking forward to doing it again next year.



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# Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

It's less than a month until spring arrives, and I'm reasonably sure that most of us can't wait, I know I can't. It's been a long winter with a lot of snow, which means a lot of shoveling and trying to navigate snow covered roads. February brought with it 73.4 cm. of snow, which this time last year we only had 8.2 cm. That's almost 10 times more and that's enough, if you ask me. Let's hope March is much kinder to us and goes out like a lamb, a gentle little lamb that is warm and melts the huge piles of snow we have accumulated on our front lawns.

Also, if you haven't done it yet, Feb. 27 is voting day here in Ontario. Most of us will vote at Trisan but check your voting card to confirm. Make sure you exercise your right to vote, it's important that we all make our voices heard.

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](http://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](http://king.ca/RecPass). There are also lots of new activities added to the King roster, check out the list of at [king.ca/recreation](http://king.ca/recreation).

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## Schomberg Horticultural Society

The Society is inviting you to their 90th anniversary celebration this year.

Imagine the volunteer teamwork involved in planting, seeding, weeding, and beautifying our community gardens for 90 years! That is something to be proud of. Since its inception in April of 1935, the Schomberg Horticultural Society has been an integral part of King Township. To honour the 90th anniversary of this fabulous volunteer organization, a big celebration with a special guest speaker, trusted gardening expert and TV celebrity Frankie Ferragine (also known as "Frankie Flowers"), will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at the Schomberg Community Hall. Doors will be open for registration at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation at 7 p.m. Browse archives and displays on the main floor of the Schomberg Community Hall, where you will find interesting historical information and "People's Choice" flower show with the theme "90th Anniversary - a Grand Celebration."

Anyone attending the event (including our guests) may submit an entry to the flower show, which will be judged by the attendees. On the upper floor of the hall, enjoy refreshments and a presentation by gardening celebrity Frankie Ferragine, who will give a talk on "Facts, Folklore, and Fun in the Wacky World of Gardening." Tickets for this

event are limited and can be purchased for \$20 on [Eventbrite.ca](http://Eventbrite.ca).

For more information, email: [schomberghortsociety@gmail.com](mailto:schomberghortsociety@gmail.com)

## 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+

If you're a local business and would like to sponsor one of our events, please reach out to me at [sporter5952@gmail.com](mailto:sporter5952@gmail.com) or Lynn Bird at [klbird@hotmail.com](mailto:klbird@hotmail.com). We are always looking for local sponsors.

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

## 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 H for "Helper" from 1 Thessalonians 5.12-22.

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

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.

### 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.

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.

This past Monday we had 18 of our members come out to make an "Ugly Stick," these are a maritime tradition. They are made of recycled material and used as percussion instruments at events and gatherings. Way too much fun was had in the construction process, and I must say the final products were highly creative. It's going to be a tough choice to pick a winner. These will be used to join in with the "Flailing Shilaleighs" at our upcoming "Maritime Kitchen Party" on March 22nd, at the Trisan. While the event is sold out, you can add your name to the waiting list by calling King Senior centre at 905-833-6565 or email [seniors@king.ca](mailto:seniors@king.ca)

Monday, March 3 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Alex Krutow-Asteri Family Foot Care. Balance, stairs and all things Chiropody.

Wednesday, March 5 - 1:30 p.m. - Speaker - Service Canada - Pension benefits and tax filings.

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

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.

### Nobleton Lions

Poker players, last call for tickets for the Texas Hold'em Poker Fundraiser at the Nobleton Arena this Friday, Feb. 28. 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](mailto:nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com)

We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to the end of May. 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](http://www.NobletonLionsClub.com).



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## Armatage's three-point performance leads King Junior A Rebellion to 4-3 win over Mississauga Chargers

By Jim Stewart

Ben Armatage's three-point night led the King Rebellion to a timely 4-3 win over the Mississauga Chargers in OJHL action at the Zancor Centre. The win moved King into seventh-place in the OJHL West standings, one point ahead of the Niagara Falls Canucks who were mauled 8-1 by the Menace on Friday night in Milton.

The win also widened the gap between King and ninth-place Georgetown to eight points after the Raiders were thrashed 6-1 by the Toronto Patriots on Monday night.

With Canada's thrilling 3-2 OT victory over the USA in the Four Nations Cup Final serving as a festive backdrop, the Zancor Centre filled with over 200 fans cheering for the Rebellion and Friday night hockey in King Township.

Matthew Anderson, Ben Armatage, Owen Barfoot, and Antonio Cerqua scored one goal each to defeat eleventh-place Mississauga.

Rebellion Head Coach Mark Joslin was impressed by Armatage's three-point performance and the versatile forward's hot streak: "Ben played his best game of the season. He's been playing really well – six points in his last four games. I trust him at all three

forward positions and he brought urgency to this game tonight. That was important because we were missing (leading scorer) Marshall (McCharles), who was in Sudbury and Sam (Black) who was called up by the Barrie Colts."

Coach Joslin also applauded Armatage's contributions to King's game-winning-goal – a tic-tac-toe passing play in the third period started by Aidan Russell, set up by Armatage, and finished neatly by Antonio Cerqua: "It was one of our best goals of the season. There was so much patience in the first pass by Russell, Ben's pass was perfect, and Cerqua showed some great finish. Cerqua was great for us tonight."

Coach Joslin also complimented steady defenseman Matthew Anderson for notching his first OJHL goal and opening the scoring versus the pesky Chargers: "It's fantastic to see his first goal. He hit a crossbar tonight, too. Matt's a great teammate. Matthew Anderson will go through a wall for his team."

While he had mixed feelings about how his hockey club performed against Mississauga (14-33-5-0) on Friday night, Coach Joslin was pleased with the outcome and the team's movement into seventh place: "We had a terrible start tonight. We found a way to build

on our lead, but we need to be better. We finished the right way against a team that is much better than its record would indicate. Mississauga has talented players and they work hard. Tonight, we needed an excellent effort in the third period to beat them and pass Niagara Falls in the standings."

After Rebellion netminder Tre Altman flashed the leather twice to thwart prime Charger scoring opportunities in the first three minutes of the game, King opened the scoring when Armatage's perfect feed to Anderson was snapped past Mississauga netminder Liam Conway at 5:06. Adam Smeeton earned his 17th assist of the season on Anderson's first OJ tally.

The Chargers tied the game five minutes later when Egor Kozlov fired a puck over the shoulder of Altman stick side to complete a sharp passing play by his high-scoring linemates. Wyatt Jinman and Mason Kim earned their 39th and 32nd assists of the season, respectively, that knotted the game 1-1.

King restored its one-goal lead at 17:44 when Kyle Grasby's laser from the right point was tipped deftly past Conway by Armatage on the left edge of the crease. Cerqua earned his 22nd assist on Armatage's go-ahead goal.

Eight minutes into the second period, the prolific Jinman earned his 40th assist of the campaign when Nate Brentnell banged in a rebound past Altman to tie the game 2-2. Mississauga's leading scorer – who has also notched 20 goals in his rookie campaign – ascended to the 60-point plateau and 20th place in the OJHL scoring race.

Brentnell's tying goal roused the Rebellion and the home side created numerous 2-on-1 and 3-on-2 scoring opportunities, but Conway was up to the task. However, Justin Pavese's dogged persistence put King ahead to stay when his feed to Grasby was finished by Owen Barfoot midway

through the period. When Barfoot bashed in a rebound past Conway for his 5th of the season, Pavese earned his 24th assist.

After Altman made a sensational save with 6.8 seconds left in the second period to preserve the lead, he was called upon to make a kick save and a beauty fifteen seconds into the final frame to thwart hard-charging Mississauga. After another flurry of Altman saves, the prettiest goal scored by the Rebellion thus far at the Zancor Centre transpired courtesy of the CRA line. Cerqua deked Conway and slid the puck into the net five minutes into the final frame to finish off a passing play by Russell and Armatage that broke down the Mississauga defense with skillful efficiency.

With 2:22 left on the clock, the Chargers infused the contest with much suspense when Kozlov scored his second goal of the game when his shot squeaked by a sprawled Altman and the left post.

Mississauga called a timeout, pulled Conway for the extra attacker, and applied sustained pressure, but the valiant Rebellion squad blocked shots and Altman delivered clutch saves to preserve King's 22nd win of the season.

The home portion of the Rebellion's regular season concludes with a pair of games. King (22-24-1-5) hosts the third-place Milton Menace (35-13-0-3) on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and the fourth-place Toronto Patriots (29-19-1-4) on Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m. Although Milton has sewn up the 3rd seed in the OJHL West, the Patriots – featuring former King Captain Aaron Andrade and leading scorer Evin Kojokaro – are tied with the Burlington Cougars in a battle for the 4th seed. Kojokaro and Andrade were dealt to Toronto on Dec. 20 as part of flurry of pre-Christmas trades that morphed the Rebellion roster.



## King's U15s win gold in Triples Curling Cup

By Shellee Morning  
King Curling Club

Mixed Curling

King Curling's Youth program may be small but they are mighty.

The Ontario Curling Council presented the U15 Triples Cup; a fairly new contest that took place last weekend at the Alliston CC. The Triples Cup is an exciting, fun, developmental event for young curlers where teams of 3 (any gender) play 6-ends and rotate positions every 2 ends, as well as a skills competition that included a Hit, Tap and Draw challenge.

Eight teams from across Southern Ontario participated including one team from King. J.D Rupke, Marisa Farrugia and Sara Komljanec played as a tight knit unit that worked together using great communication as they faced each end's challenge.

In the Skills Competition Sara was selected to do the Hit challenge while Marisa did the Tap and J.D did the Draw. The threesome earned enough points advancing their team into the Gold Medal game. Playing against a team from Ayr, the King squad once again excelled in great communication and delivered prestine shot making to win the game in the final end claiming the gold medal.

Coach Kathleen Gorsline was beaming with pride for their achievement adding that this is over-the-top exciting for them and the King Curling Club.

Thursday evening curling is never without excitement or even a bit of drama as this year's mixed league is seeing its tightest race to the finish ever.

The top 8 teams from a roster of 13 will make the playoffs and so far its been a revolving door in the standings. A loss for any team could potentially drop them 3 or 4 placings each week so re-bounding is a MUST.

The calibre is reaching new levels each week that not only boost teams confidence but can also implement concerns for those on the struggling block. Recently, the sheets of King witnessed some blow-out games as well as some down to the last rock wins as well a hard-earned ties. The point spread is a mere 9 points between first and 8th place and with one game left in the season's final Round Robin, the rivalry of competition is vamping up to being one of the club's most dramatic finish.

That week's game winners were Pelland, Clark, Battershell, Gerrits, Inglis and Morning.

Standings to this point include Inglis in top spot by 4 points over 2nd place Pelland. the third place holds a 3-way tie between teams Clark, Morning and Steenhoek.

Barber, Flannigan and Sheardown follow with single points separating each other to complete the top 8.

As the weeks of regular season play inches closer to the playoffs, so does the time to pull up the brooms and make some noise for the final playoff positions.

## Cougars prepare for playoffs after granted first-round bye

By Jim Stewart

In one of the strangest playoff decisions made by any hockey league in recent memory, the PJHL gave the first-place Clarington Eagles and the second-place Georgina Ice the option to forgo their opening round byes.

After Clarington and Georgina waived their respective byes to bully the East Orr Division's bottom feeders, Schomberg management was told by the league that their club would be sitting out the opening round series. As a result, the Cougars are working through a series of practices for two weeks and getting healthy to prep for the East Orr semifinals.

They will play the winner of the Georgina-Little Britain quarterfinal series, if the heavily-favored Ice prevails. If Little Britain upsets Georgina, Schomberg would play the winner of the Port Perry-Uxbridge series.

Predictably, the powerhouse Eagles pulverized the last-place Golden Hawks in the first round – a trio of games which could best be described as an embarrassment for the PJHL. Clarington swept Caledon in three games and outscored the hapless Hawks 32-2, based on 8-0, 11-1, and 13-1 victories.

Unpredictably, the Georgina Ice and Little Britain series is tied 1-1 heading back to Georgina for Game 3 on Wednesday. After losing their opening game 9-2 to the Ice, the feisty sixth-place Merchants put up much resistance and defeated the Bulldogs 4-2 in Little Britain to tie the series.

The Port Perry Lumberjacks-Uxbridge Bruins quarterfinal series is also tied 1-1 after a 3-1 Port Perry win and a 3-0 Uxbridge win.

The third-place Cougars defeated each of their prospective playoff opponents at least two times this season and cobbled together a 23-15-3-1 record in their first year in the East Orr Division. Head Coach Stan Kondrotas, prior to putting his team through its paces at the Trisan

Centre, noted that "We're preparing for a series with Georgina, but Little Britain beat them the other night so you never know. The question for us is not so much who, but when at this point. More than likely, we'd start a semifinal in less than two weeks."

One of the benefits of the Cougars' forced bye is extra time to restore the health of a banged-up roster. Most notably, power play quarterback and top defender Carter Longland, along with all-pro agitator and 30-point man Joey Furlano, and gritty rookie scorer and Schomberg resident Grady Duggan are likely to return to action in the semifinals. Coach Kondrotas's report from the injury front was filled with positive developments: "Longland will be back – we've been saving him from the final games of the regular season since the outcomes weren't going to change our place in the standings. Carter is ready to play and having him back will be a big plus for us."

The Cougars' bench boss also noted that "Furlano is a question mark. We'll see how his finger is doing, but the rest will certainly help. Regarding Grady Duggan – all indications are that he's ready and cleared to play. He's practicing tonight and tomorrow. I'll be able to see how ready he is at practice. Having a new acquisition like (Max) Popov in our lineup has really solidified our D backline and helped us deal with all the injuries. We have some excellent APs that are ready to play and could help us, too."

With his full roster finally available to him after an injury-plagued regular season, Coach Kondrotas's tone was one of relief when he noted that "I'm going to dress my best lineup for the semifinals."

A significant component in Schomberg's best lineup is PJHL All-Star netminder Nicolas Morvan. One of the highlights of the Cougars' 42-game regular season was the stellar play of the acrobatic goaltender who also spent some time this season with the North York Rangers.

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## King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

We are called through the ministry of Jesus to be a forgiving people. Sunday, Rev. Bruce Roffey offered us a message encouraging us to let the anger and resentment out of our hearts and allow the Grace of God to occupy our lives. May it be so in our lives in troubled times and good ones.

Sunday, March 2 The Annual General Meeting at King City will take place immediately following the worship and light refreshments will be offered. We hope all can make it.

Save the date, April 12 at 6 p.m. KCUC will host The Spaghetti dinner with musical guests "The Sentimental Journey." Last year the dinner was sold out and there are a set number of tickets available this year. For information or tickets please call the office at 905-833-5181.

We encourage all to make an effort to

contribute to the King Township Food Bank. Information is available at [kffb.ca](http://kffb.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, March 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Restrictions apply. For personal use only.

Please visit our website for links and further information: [www.kingbi-](http://www.kingbi-)

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rience. Rookie Henry Kotyk led the Schomberg defence corps in scoring with 3 goals and 17 assists in 42 games played. Veteran defender and PJHL All-Star Longland labored through injuries all season and finished with 2 goals and 12 assists in 25 games played. Rugged Reece Muir, who rehabbed an injured ankle for half the season, scored 2 goals and added 9 assists in 21 games.

A fitting fight song for the Cougars heading into the playoffs would be "Hail, hail, the gang's all here" because, at long last, Schomberg's full roster will be available to battle either the Lumberjacks, Bruins, Merchants, or the Ice for the first time this season.

[blechurch.com](http://blechurch.com)

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

### King City Seniors (55+)

By Carolyn Kanitz

Wednesday, March 5 - 1:30 p.m. - 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 - 10 a.m. - 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](mailto:kingcityseniors@gmail.com)

### York Pines United

At last Sunday's service, we honoured the memory of our former music director, Ted Anderson. It was a touching celebration of his church life. Rick McKinley delivers his laymen's perspective of our faith this Sunday at 11 a.m. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon. Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent. If you give something up, you can have it on Sunday.

Speaking of Lent, there is a short Ash Wednesday service at 11 a.m. on March 5 followed by a Meagre Meal. All are welcome. On Friday, March 7 at 12:45 p.m., we start a Lenten study group at our sister church in King City. Music is the theme used in Something Sacred, this year's study guide from the United Church of Canada.

If you like to sing, please consider joining our church choir. You don't have to read music to participate, and our choir director, John Clements, is very talented. Choir practice is Thursdays at 7 p.m.

### Schomberg AA meetings

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

### Sacred Heart Church

World Day of Prayer Service Friday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, King City.

Every year, the World Day of Prayer unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith. This year's theme "I Made You Wonderful" from Psalm 139:14, serves as a beautiful reminder of God's creative work in each of us.

Ash Wednesday, March 5: The 7 p.m. Holy Mass will be presided by Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop, Northern Pastoral Region.

Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, March 2 served after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Tickets sold at the door: Families \$50; Adults \$20; Children \$10.

Website: [sacredheartki.archtoronto.org](http://sacredheartki.archtoronto.org). Email: [sacredheartki@archtoronto.org](mailto:sacredheartki@archtoronto.org). Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

### St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church! Our Morning Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. and join us afterwards for coffee time. The Rev. Alison Agnew is our pastor and concluded our sermon series from the Book of Exodus. You can hear her message on YouTube by going to our website and clicking on the YouTube frame ([st-andrews-kingcity.ca](http://st-andrews-kingcity.ca)). For the next 2 weeks, while Alison is on vacation, we welcome back Christine Samuel, a graduate from Knox College, U of T.

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.

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

You are invited to a beautiful choral evensong this Sunday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The World and Way of Love - sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Luke 6 - love for enemies:

"To me, the Way of Love is clearly set out, modeled and encouraged by Jesus and by so many who have followed him. In the last few weeks, however, I have seen and heard far too much of Christianity be claimed by people saying hateful things and taking blatantly hateful action against vulnerable people. The Bible has sadly and too often been used to promote terrible prejudice and support violence and oppression.

"It is especially important to think about these things as we celebrate Black History Month.

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## Cougars looking strong

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"Mo," as he is known to teammates, finished 8th in the 63-team PJHL with a lofty .931 SV% to complement his stingy 2.37 GAA. Based on Morvan's quality performances, Coach Kondratas acknowledged that "We've got a great goalie who can steal us a series or two in the playoffs."

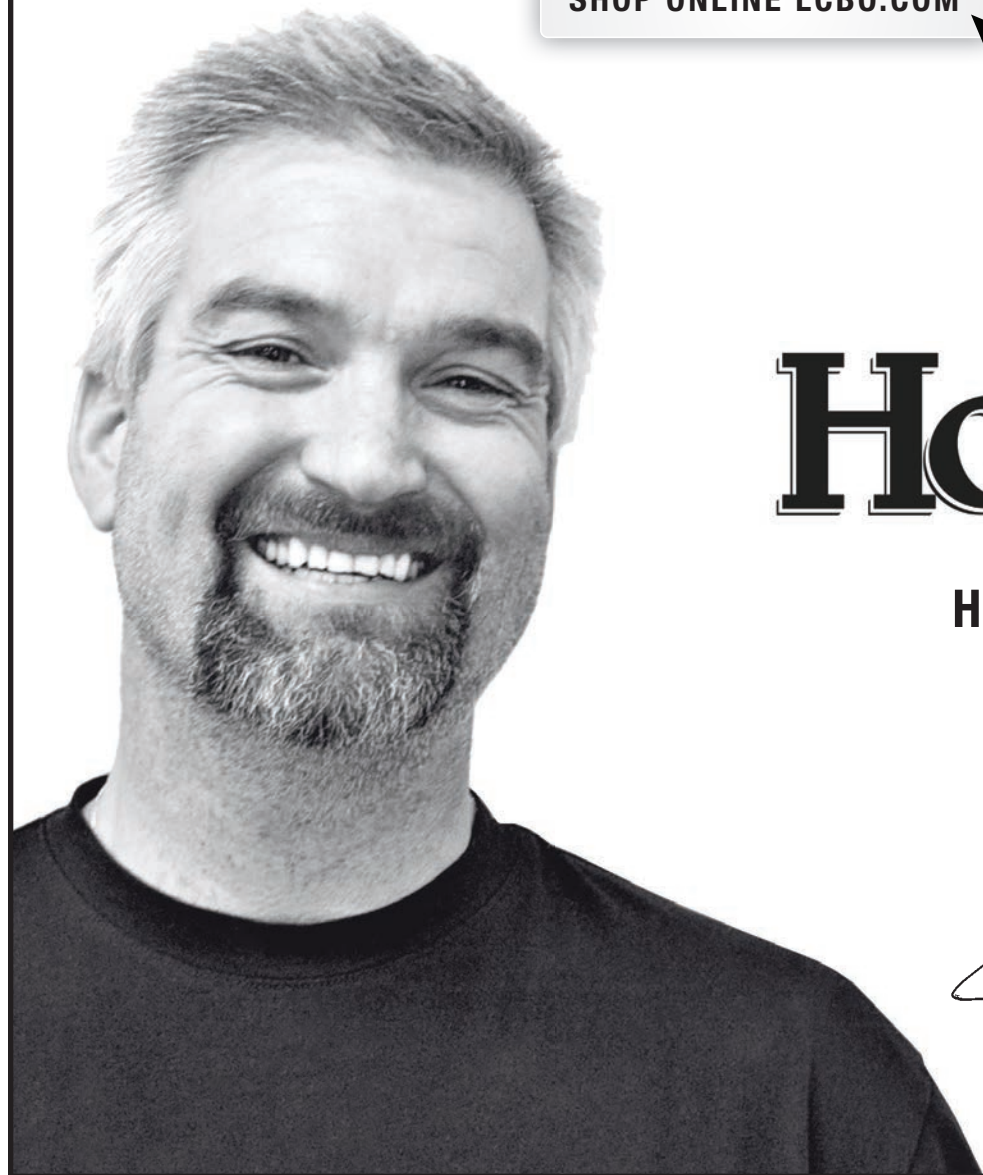
In addition to having one of the best goaltenders in the loop, the Cougars have a well-balanced offence with five players who scored 10 or more goals this season. Schomberg's Top Five scorers are all cagy veterans who have dozens of games of PJHL playoff expe-

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Brewmaster

# King's Corners

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Because many have found within the bible's pages and religious doctrine justifications for slavery, the abuse of people of colour and segregation. This is a terrible truth that we must never forget. Our Gospel passage today has been used by some to encourage people to stay in abusive situations, to not resist, to never break free of their oppressors. This passage has been interpreted through the lens of a world in which we take before we're taken.

"Jesus came to oppose this. He knew that the outcome of a culture of scarcity leads to fear, revenge, violence and death. And so, Jesus showed us another possibility and it's as radical now as it was when he first introduced it: Return hatred with love, violence with peace, anger with patience, fear with comfort, debt with generosity, hurt with forgiveness and injustice with mercy.

"I don't think these words were ever meant to be commands or rules. I think they're actually a promise. The promise is that we don't have to operate according to the rules of the world. The

promise is that we can choose the way of love, to treat others the way we want to be treated, to make it so that there is enough food, enough love, enough value and goodness for all.

"Jesus invites us into a way and a world of love for those who have loved you. Love even for those who have hated you. That love is expressed most often through caring, compassion, giving aid and comfort to those in need, forgiveness. If we accept Jesus' invitation, we can interrupt the cycles of violence and retribution that have existed for generations.

"We can overturn the order that encourages abuse and oppression. When we forgive, we change the endless cycle we end up following the way of love.

"Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King said, 'I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.' If we can hear Jesus's words as a promise, then we might find another way of living and loving in this world. I want to read you Jesus' words again. I want you to imagine that when Jesus is saying "do not ..." he's lifting the burdens from you, burdens that are too great to bear.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you

will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you

get back." I pray that we will always hear Jesus's words as instruments of liberation, hope and promise and that they'll help us transform the world by walking the way of love."



## YRP, community support cause

Members of York Regional Police joined 250 walkers from 50 teams across York Region for the annual Coldest Night of the Year, in support of Blue Door. They joined forces to raise awareness and funds for those experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

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# Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Rev. Richard Gardner is back this Sunday from his holidays. Last week, we appreciated Rev. Evelyn McLachlan's message on the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you." That is definitely a tough rule to follow. It is easy to love people who love you. Not so easy to love people who don't love you.

The famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner is on Friday, March 14 at 6 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. The meal includes pasta with meatballs, salad & dessert. It is a great time to socialize. The cost is \$25/adult, \$10 for 10 years and under, free for those under 5. Seating is limited. Contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442 to reserve your seat ASAP.

The Joint AGM is on Sunday, March 2 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. There will be a joint service at Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. The AGM will likely start about 10:30 a.m. After the AGM, we will

have a light lunch together.

The next Community Pot-Luck Lunch is Wednesday, March 5 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Lunch is at 11:50 a.m. Remember to bring something to share for the meal.

Schomberg United Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Friday, March 7 at 1 p.m. The theme is Cook's Island (the service was created by the women of that area). This is open to everyone, including men.

The next Seniors Lunch at St. Mary Magdalene Church is Tuesday, March 11. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The Flailing Shilaleighs will help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day by playing a mix of foot-stomping Irish, Scottish and East Coast Canadian classics, along with their own original music. Anthony Clayton will provide rhythm guitar and lead vocals. Matti Palonen will be playing flutes, mandolin and accompanying vocals.

The meal is leek and potato soup with corned beef on rye grilled sandwiches, vanilla cupcakes with a green icing and ice cream. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315) if you plan to attend.



Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make to help cover the costs.

We are also grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Mar. 11 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. Families are welcome to this free event. The theme is Crossing the Red Sea (Deep Faith). One of the activities is always decorating cookies. We always have at least 5 other optional activities. At 6 p.m., we will talk about faith & Moses crossing the Red Sea. At 6:15 p.m., we eat. Please contact me 416-316-5064 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to let me know that you intend to come or for more info. We need to know numbers to

have enough crafts & food.

The Schomberg U.C.W. is restarting meetings. The next one is Thursday, March 13 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. All community members are welcome.

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

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

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For sale is "Pine on the Ridge" (Small Study) by Canadian artist David Arathoon. It was created in the 1990s and sold at a Caledon-based charity auction. Frame measures 20" by 17.25" and canvas is 11.5" by 8.5". Valued at \$450. David Arathoon has achieved national success with numerous solo and group exhibitions in many private and public galleries, such as the Hummingbird Center for the Performing Arts, Toronto. Arathoon has been instrumental in successful fundraising efforts with his original art and limited edition prints. His prints have raised over \$100,000 for various charities. Asking \$300 obo. Email mpavilons@rogers.com

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### Helen Lucas original for sale - "The Holy Spirit"



For sale is a unique original painting by renowned floral artist, the late Helen Lucas. "Holy Spirit," is an original acrylic on wood frame piece that captures spirituality in a simple way, through a dove. Created in 2017. The small set of originals was meant to be printed as art cards for a church fundraiser. Only 5-6 of these doves exist (in different poses) so they are truly rare. This is the only one of its kind. Measures 19.5" by 23.5". Lucas originals are quite valuable and sought after. This is unlike anything else in her collection. "... the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Asking \$500. Email mpavilons@rogers.com for more.

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## 708 OBITUARIES

### Beatrice (Bea) May Angelina Parkes



Beatrice (Bea) May Angelina Parkes (née Morgan) was born in Iraq on July 14, 1931, then moved with her family to Eltham, London, England in 1934. She took a leap of faith for her true love, and emigrated to Canada in 1954 to join James (Jim) Parkes in Toronto, Ontario, married in 1955 until his death in 1987.

Her "Three Girls" as she would like to say: Kathryn (Sean Russell) of Toronto/Collingwood, Lorinda (Kent Bourn) of Hurst, Texas; and Gwyneth Boddy (deceased, 2024) of Airdrie, Alberta were the center of her universe, and she showered them with boundless love and encouragement. One of Bea's greatest joys was being a Nana to her grandchildren: Julie Russell (Adam Gingrich); Timothy Russell (Miranda Cunningham); Matthew and Mason Bourn; and Dani Boddy. She was also a doting Great Nana to Cade Gingrich (9 months).

In Etobicoke, Bea led the Our Lady of Sorrow Swim Team to many impressive titles, incredibly only learning to swim herself as an adult then earning her Bronze Medallion certification. Her family celebrated proudly when Bea successfully earned her B.A. at age 53 after 15 years of part-time studies! Active since 1980 in Kleinburg village life; with the apple pie booth at Binder Twine Festival, choir at St. Padre Pio Church, the United Church Women's organization, book clubs at the library and friendly bridge.

Bea loved exploring the outdoors from canoe tripping down the Grand Canyon, hiking New Zealand and strolling through the Bruce Trail. We will think of her when we are in nature. Bea had a quick wit and knack for games - beating many opponents at Rummikub over the years.

While her departure brings immeasurable sorrow, we choose to remember Bea for the extraordinary person she was—a loving wife, cherished mother, sister to five siblings (notably Alex Hatfield of Kleinburg, Ontario), proud grandmother and auntie to the Parkes and Morgan families in the UK and beyond. Survived by dear brother Dennis Morgan, sister Alexandra Hatfield and sister-in-law Edith Morgan.

A celebration Funeral Mass for Bea was held in St. Padre Pio Church, 5500 Major Mackenzie Drive W., Kleinburg on Wednesday morning, February 26th at 11 o'clock.

Private family interment Nashville Cemetery, 10445 Huntington Road, Kleinburg.

Following the interment a reception was held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213).

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

### Burton: Ethel Joan

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joan Burton (née: Letts), peacefully at Simcoe Manor Beeton on February 15, 2025, at the age of 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Gary Burton. Loving mother of Shelley Sage (Brian), Sharon Burton, Penny Coleman (Rick), and Richard Burton (Mary-Anne). Nana Burt will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Joshua (Julia), Roger, Amanda (Jeff), Elexias (Billy), Adam (Lauren), Shelby (Dan), Mitchell (Theresa), Sophie (Tristan), and great grandchildren Hannah (Jonah), Avery, Nova, and Greyson. She will be dearly missed by her sister Brenda Bradley (Phil) and her sister-in-law Carol Langford. Predeceased by her brother Donald Letts (the late Barb) and her sister Lois McCullough. She will forever remain in the hearts of her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

A Celebration of Joan's Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham (905-936-3477) in the Cliffside Hall on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 1-4pm, with Spoken Family Remembrances at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Family Council at Simcoe Manor or the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation Fighting Blindness would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

### Robert "Bob" William Millsop

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert "Bob" William Millsop, on February 21, 2025, at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston, with his family by his side in his 82nd year.

Robert is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Carolyn (née Del Greco). He was a loving father to Kim and her husband Steve Gillies and the late Tracey Millsop (Alphonse). He was a cherished Papa to Breanna Jackson and Robert "RJ" Latourelle, whose lives were filled with his love and guidance. Robert will also be deeply missed by his brother, Frank Millsop.

Robert's memory will live on in the hearts of his extended family, friends, and his beloved dog KC, who brought him comfort and joy throughout the years.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, (905-936-3477) on Monday, March 10, 2025, from 11:00 AM until the time of the Memorial Service in the chapel at 12:00 PM. A reception will follow in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations to Matthews House Hospice in Alliston or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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This meticulously designed home boasts \$200K+ in upgrades, an AyA chef's kitchen with marble countertops, a great room with a gas fireplace, and an elegant dining area. Featuring 5 spacious bedrooms, each with an ensuite, plus a main floor bedroom and office. Steps to Yonge St, transit, shopping, golf, and top-tier amenities. Luxury living at its finest!



**BRAND-NEW EXECUTIVE HOME, LAKE WILCOX**

Brand new executive home being built on a 150' lot in Lake Wilcox. This 4+1 bedroom, 5-bath home offers a chef's kitchen with custom cabinetry, quartz counters, and premium appliances, plus 10' main floor ceilings and elegant finishes. The finished lower level features a rec room, gym, wine cellar, and separate entrance. Walk to Lake Wilcox Park!



**LUXURY TOWNHOME WITH ROOFTOP TERRACE**

Experience luxury living at "The Bond on Yonge" in Richmond Hill. This 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom (1331 sqft) townhome boasts a 375 sqft private rooftop terrace, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, 9ft ceilings, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Conveniently located near Yonge Street, schools, parks, shops, and transit, it's perfect for modern, elegant living.



**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!



**FREEHOLD TOWNHOME WITH DOUBLE GARAGE**

Welcome to your dream 3-bedroom freehold townhome on a quiet street in Stouffville! Enjoy a spacious 3-storey layout with a double car garage, upgraded kitchen, bright open-concept main floor, walk-out terrace, and upper-level bedrooms with stunning views. Conveniently located near GO Station, highways, parks, schools, and amenities. Don't miss out!



**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!

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