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Local support for Camp Day

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Free raspberry social and community picnic on August 9

Life's a picnic in King Township! In celebration of King Township's 175th anniversary, the age-old Raspberry Social and Community Picnic is making a comeback!

The King community is invited to attend the free family-friendly event on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC), located at 2920 King Road in King City.

Bring your own picnic and non-alcoholic drinks (BYOP) and set-up your spot outdoors on the site's scenic green-space: don't forget your blanket and lawn chairs! Picnic tables and outdoor tents will be available first come, first served, and a cooling station with seating will also be available inside Laskay Hall. The KHCC has limited parking space; guests are encouraged to carpool or park at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road, and take the free shuttle bus service.



Here is a lineup of the family-friendly entertainment: The Opening Act, a musical duo performing a variety of acoustic hits from the 1950s onward from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Playground scavenger hunt for children (with prizes) and face painting.

Museum exhibits including ON TRACK: How the Railway Connected Communities and Created a Country.

Lawn games such as badminton, croquet, cornhole toss, Jenga and more!

King City Seniors Centre members will be hard at work baking raspberry shortcakes, free for all guests. Attendees can also sample locally sourced fresh berries (and choose to top with whipped cream) and stay hydrated with lemon and raspberry infused water (or fill their reusable water bottle from an on-site water truck).

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

Thursday, September 04
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee
 Virtual

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Pet parents: do you prefer wood chips or grass at your local, off-leash dog park?

SCAN HERE to take the survey by August 22

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Disc Golf sessions at Cold Creek Conservation Area

Try your hand at the rapidly growing sport of **Disc Golf** in our four-session series. Our trained staff will take you through the fundamentals and then the group will head out on **Cold Creek Conservation Area's** 18-hole course to put what you have learned to the test. **Ages 15+.**

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6-7:30pm.

For more information, visit king.ca/recreation.

Aug. 9 11am to 3pm Raspberry Social & Community Picnic

King Heritage & Cultural Centre

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- **Free raspberries** & raspberry shortcakes

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NOTICE: King Township will enforce its **fireworks bylaw** over the **Civic Holiday** long weekend to ensure the safety of residents, properties and livestock. A reminder that fireworks can only be set off on Canada Day, the Victoria Day holiday and the third day of the Diwali Festival. To report a complaint or concern, contact **Bylaw Services** directly at **905-833-5321** or by email at by-law@king.ca. **Learn more at king.ca/fireworks.**

Get relief from the heat this summer at one of King Township's Cool Spaces

Extreme heat can pose serious health risks. There are a number of **Cool Spaces in King**—and many more across York Region—to help residents stay safe and cool.

- King Township Municipal Centre
- Zancor Centre
- Dr. William Laceyby Nobleton Community Centre & Arena
- Trisan Centre
- King Township Public Library: King City, Nobleton and Schomberg branches
- Splash pads in Memorial Park, Salamander Park, Tasca Park, and Hickstead Park

Know the signs of heat illness: dizziness, nausea, confusion and rapid heartbeat. If someone shows symptoms, call 9-1-1.

Use the York Region Cool Spaces Map to find more locations near you: york.ca/ExtremeHeat.

Planning a party, meeting or event?

The **Schomberg Community Hall** is a historic venue on Main Street right in the heart of the village of Schomberg, and it's available to rent!

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Put a spotlight on a historic property found in King Township!

Is there a building, structure, streetscape, district or natural heritage landscape in your community that deserves recognition for its historical, architectural or cultural value?

Nominations for the prestigious **2025 King Township Heritage Award** are now open. Presented annually by the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, this award celebrates excellence in the preservation, maintenance, restoration or enhancement of King's cultural heritage resources.

The winning property will be honoured with a framed rendering by a local artist, presented at a Council meeting later this year. A copy will also be displayed at the King Township Municipal Centre.

For more information, contact King's Heritage Coordinator by email to heritage@king.ca or call **905-833-4067**.

Submit your nomination online by August 18 at king.ca/heritage.

Tour renovated historic buildings at community picnic

From Front Page

“Live History,” a Governor General’s Award nominated international touring theatre company, is hosting a unique escape room in the KHCC’s newly restored King Railway Station. Bringing King’s history to life through theatre, they present “In Time:” giving you, the audience, a chance to be in charge. Complete tasks, discover clues, and solve puzzles, while interacting with actors to escape the train station.

The experience should take an hour to complete; new groups will be accepted every 20 minutes and all ages are welcome.

Tour the newly renovated King Railway Station and King Christian

Church. The two designated heritage buildings located at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre have been restored to their original glory following a \$250,000 grant from the Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund, delivered through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

The King Heritage & Cultural Centre Restoration Project sees the rejuvenation of the King Christian Church, built in 1851 on Lot 31, Concession 5 (now Jane Street) and the King Railway Station, built in 1852 and believed to be the oldest surviving railway station in Canada (originally located in Springhill 37 km. north of Toronto). Both mid-19th Century buildings were relocated to King’s tourism hub in the 1980s by

volunteers from the King Township Historical Society.

Funding went directly towards structural improvements, repairs, and restoration to make the facilities accessible year-round for arts and cultural programming and events. Work started in the fall of 2024 and included installing heating and electrical lighting, repainting interior walls and exterior wood paneling, and restoring physical attributes to be in line with their heritage designations.

King 175

The Raspberry Social and Community Picnic is one of several free events marking King Township’s 175th anniversary in 2025, supported by the Government of Canada’s Building Com-

munities Through Arts and Heritage program.

To celebrate King 175, the King Township Historical Society will be on-site selling the commemorative book *The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land*. The historic, 476-page hardcover tells the story of King from the Ice Age to present day and is authored by local writer and long-time resident Ann Love and researcher Sharon Bentley, the retired Deputy Chief Librarian of King Township Library. Copies are \$40.

King Township merchandise will also be available for sale inside the museum, including magnets, postcards, tea towels, King 175 Chilly Moose reusable, insulated water bottles and a limited-edition Raspberry Social tea towel.



Residents asked for input on dog park

Pet parents: do you prefer wood chips or grass at your local, off-leash dog park? King Township has two off-leash dog parks. One is located at the southwest corner of King Road and Keele Street, just west of the GO Train railway line, with access to the dog park via the footpath at the north end of Hogan Court.

The other is located at Tasca Park, 49 Park Heights Trail in Nobleton. The dog park surface in King City is grass, while the dog park surface in Nobleton is wood-chipped/mulched.

Dog owners in the community are invited to have their say on their preferred surface to guide future improvements to these dog parks. Your feedback will help create a standard design and service level for dog parks across King Township to ensure pet-friendly outdoor spaces where dogs can be dogs.

Take the short survey by August 22 at king.ca/parks.

Man seriously injured in single-vehicle collision in King

York Regional Police’s Major Collision Investigation Unit is appealing for witnesses following a serious single-vehicle collision in the Township of King.

On Friday, July 22 at approximately 7:30 a.m., officers responded to reports of a vehicle that had left the roadway near the intersection of 16th Sideroad and 7th Concession. The vehicle was located approximately 30 feet into a forested area with its roof completely sheared off. The lone male driver sustained significant injuries and transported to a trauma centre in the City of Toronto.

No other vehicles were involved, and no one else was injured. The cause of the collision remains under investigation.

Investigators are asking for the public’s assistance. Anyone who may have: Witnessed the collision; observed the black sedan prior to the incident, or has dashcam or home surveillance video that may have captured the vehicle in the area around the time of the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800222-TIPS or by visiting www.1800222tips.com.



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Reflecting on 30 years of united togetherness

Thirty years – three decades, 120 seasons, 10,950 days of breathing, living, experiencing and holding hands with the woman I married.

Sounds like a lot, but in reality, time has flown by. My eyes well up more often lately, and in my near-sighted corneas, Kim never looked so good.

For you see, while hindsight may be 20-20, true vision lies in seeing what's behind those baby blues of hers.

That's where the magic happens, not in the heart per se, but in the part of the brain that glows with emotion.

While the initial dopaminergic thrill has diminished, calming chemicals like oxytocin and vasopressin keep us close. Love, technically, never dwindles, and the hypothalamus keeps us strong.

While my memory isn't as good as it once was, I remember, with crystal clarity, the evening I proposed to Kim on the deck of the Empire Sandy sailing on Lake Ontario. My effort to recreate this experience didn't come together this year, but it's ingrained in both our minds.

Over dinner recently, we discussed bringing together a "collection" of great memories, events, foods, experiences that spring to mind. Not an easy task after 30 years, but there are always many fond moments and countless fun times to choose from.

A visit to Blue Mountain; ordering conch fritters from a Bahamian restaurant.

These cherished bits are more valuable than diamond anniversary bands (but I'm still trying to get one). I don't need gold or jewels or fancy baubles. How could they compare to what's right in front of me?

A few years ago, I created a shadow box display of things from our vacations – passport pages, souvenirs, bits of Bahamian currency, and a few key chains. It's a really cool piece to look at over and over.

In trying to prepare for our 30th, hurdles kept popping up – new cell phone upgrades, car repair bills, a visit from a plumber and appliance repairman. Oh, and credit card fraud!

I told her that time away together is likely the best salve, the salt around the rim of a margarita, the coconut rum in a pina colada. Rentals in cottage country command a



Mark Pavilons

pretty penny these days, especially during long weekends.

Our lives were so carefree when we were young. Couples often lose themselves when children enter the picture. The focus switches, becomes dead-straight. We do what we must to teach, protect and provide for our families, often at our own expense.

I have lost countless nights of sleep, worrying about whether I'm doing enough, providing enough and being enough for my wife and kids.

The jury is still out. Life is work. It's not easy and seldom is anything handed to us.

We continue to work, strive and set examples. Mine would be a perfect combination of Spock and Jack Black, with a bit of Howard Wolowitz tossed in for good measure.

Maybe not the most outstanding role model, but one filled with colourful metaphors, logic, humour and a bit of craziness. I'm the unexpected tangy flavour on a gourmet plate!

When I tell my wife I love her "more," I don't mean more than she loves me. I mean more than any sunrise over any tropical beach. More than a dozen shooting stars, or the largest display of fireworks. More than all the silly arguments we've had over the years.

I love her more than meets the eye, the gentleness of her soul and her compassionate nature. I love her strength

and "mama bear" ferocity.

I love the way she calms the waters when things get rocky and we're all clinging to the sides of the lifeboat.

Sometimes we get to a stage of life where we look back with regrets or misgivings. If we dwell too long in the past, we can be overcome by bitterness and heartache.

I remember a high school friend telling me never to regret the things we do, but those we fail to do.

That advice rings true, always.

"We had us a time, didn't we?" I tell her, reciting a line from Jack Frost. Tears well up at the finite nature of that statement.

My wife never forgets a line I wrote to her once, most like part of a poem I penned on a restaurant napkin.

"Take my hand and let's walk, until it's time to go."

Again, a bit of a human mortality there.

The reason I bring these up is that you can never overlook, ignore or bury the love that bounces around inside our heads and hearts.

Some couples believe the tremendous gravitational forces that brought them together should remain bright and vibrant, like the sun itself. Love is fluid – it learns new dance steps along the way. It learns to adapt, to cut to the chase, to embrace blessings.

I sometimes joke about how much fun we had BK (Before Kids), before

we had to get serious about "adulting."

Yes, there have been many times where I felt like flopping face-down on the driveway, asking about missed soccer games like the TV commercial. But you get up, dust yourself off, and get ready for the next round, which is sure to come.

We plan, prepare, raise, teach, guide, support and strengthen one another. We do it because we're bound, not just by a promise, but a commitment.

Humans are multi-faceted creatures and have a lot "going on."

Life can be a crap shoot – you roll the dice and hope for the best.

If you're lucky enough to enjoy some prosperity, great. If these multi-sided pieces of plastic land in such a way that you find your soul-mate – you're the luckiest person alive!

Life is challenging and we must always strive to do better and be better.

As the cards turn face up, we're "all in."

I can't even fathom a life without Kim in it. There's no question in my mind that I would not have made it this far without her.

She deserves the world. If only I could "wish away" my mistakes and personal failures.

While we've annoyed one another since 1995, I wouldn't change a second!

Kim, hold my hand and let's continue to walk, until it's time to go.

Policing

Be cautious about fake tickets

York Region residents are being targeted by text messages and email scams involving fake Automated Speed Camera fines. Scammers are sending text messages claiming a speeding fine is outstanding with links to make immediate payment.

Don't fall for it! Here is how to stay safe:

Real fines are sent through the mail only, with payment instructions.

Don't click on suspicious links and ignore texts demanding a fine payment.

Report scams immediately.

If you've lost money to fraud, report the crime to the York Regional Police.

To report frauds where no money has been lost, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.



Quote of the Week

"Happy is the man who finds a true friend, and far happier is he who finds that true friend in his wife."

— Franz Schubert

Trivia Tidbits

In 2013, a coffee shop in Vancouver became the first place to have a Bitcoin ATM.

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you know someone who's been the victim of cybercrime?



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you worried about a lack of movement on the "trade war" with the U.S.?

a) Yes
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Trade turmoil shows need for new internationalism

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Since the April federal election, Canada has found itself in uncharted terrain. The United States–instigated trade war against long-standing allies rages on, as do its extreme deregulation and increasing attacks on digital infrastructure, data and communication systems that protect the public interest and monitor implementation and respect for the rule of law.

The consequent risks to energy, food, water and human security in Canada have led to a regrettable resurgence of political interest in, and support for, fossil fuel pipeline construction

throughout the country, and in finding new trade partners for Canada’s polluting fossil fuels.

This archaic response in the context of the climate crisis would decimate public health and ecosystems and go against the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and International Energy Agency’s scientific recommendations while locking Canada into stranded assets, further expanding the immense economic, social, environmental and cultural costs of fossil fuel exploitation.

A more prosperous approach would be to use this historical moment of disruption to strengthen coherence between trade and environmental agreements and propel implementation of global commitments under the Pact for the Future, Paris Agreement, Global Biodiversity Framework and other co-operative mechanisms that support evidence-based and scientifically informed approaches to sustainable development.

While the U.S. is busy dismantling its environmental laws and the federal agencies tasked to protect public and environmental health, Canada’s government needs to acknowledge that expanding trade with the U.S. will undermine environmental and public health protection across borders. Canada should ensure that all our future trade agreements integrate fundamental environmental standards, including the precautionary and polluter pays principles and intergenerational equity.

With a review of the Canada–U.S.–Mexico trade agreement approaching, some have suggested that Mexico and Canada should each pursue bilateral agreements with the U.S. But this would further empower the U.S. and go against the two other countries’ interests. The reliability of the U.S. as a trade partner, as well as its trustworthiness as a member of the international community, has collapsed. Pursuing trade relations with a rogue superpower such as the U.S. will substantially weaken Canada’s national resilience to systemic shocks.

But it does present a historic opportunity. Rather than launching a regressive nationalism based on reinvesting in a deceptive and declining boom-and-bust fossil fuel industry that has unfairly profited off the struggling working class to the benefit of its executives and shareholders, Canada must strengthen relations with long-standing and new trade partners — the European Union and Mexico as well as the Global South and emerging economies.

The wealth embedded in this approach is immense: new renewable energy markets, stronger domestic industries and a leading role in a global economy rooted in environmental justice and co-operation. By aligning its trade approach with the aim of reforming global economic structures to

promote equitable development and reduce global disparities, Canada can forge a flourishing and just trade policy.

Canada’s renewed trade policy should prioritize economic justice and environmental sustainability by adhering to forward-thinking guiding principles. These include respecting Indigenous sovereignty, reinvesting wealth in local and Indigenous economies and eliminating tariffs on environmental goods and services. New trade agreements should define and phase out harmful fossil fuel subsidies to eliminate market distortions that favour carbon-intensive sectors, promote eco-labelling and implement periodic environmental impact assessments.

A renewed trade approach should also emphasize transparency, public participation and inclusive governance in trade negotiations, allowing for meaningful participation of civil society groups and Indigenous rights-holders. This approach should support lifting trade barriers on green technologies, advancing climate change adaptation and collaborating with developing nations in sustainable trade. It should further promote environmental justice, workers’ rights in informal economies and ethical supply chains that respect human rights and environmental protections.

As the world faces new challenges from the U.S.’s growing trade isolationism and attacks on domestic, regional and international rules of law, Canada has a unique opportunity to reclaim its leadership on the global stage.

By embracing a new internationalism, Canada can strengthen its alliances with like-minded nations and set pathways for multilateralism and trade embedded in the protection of fundamental rights, including environmental human rights. This will not only reassert Canada’s historical role as a bridge-builder on the international stage but also enable us to lead in shaping a fairer, more cooperative world order amid shifting geopolitical dynamics.

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CAA study finds more drivers are slowing down for speed cameras, with more drivers ticketed

New findings from CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) show that Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is changing driver behaviour.

According to the research, ASE cameras are influencing habit changes in drivers in two ways: drivers are either slowing down or avoiding ASE cameras altogether.

“When drivers choose to slow down or change their routes because of photo radar, it means the technology is doing what it’s meant to, reminding us to be more mindful behind the wheel,” says Michael Stewart, community relations consultant for CAA SCO.

The data states that nearly a quarter (23 per cent) of Ontario drivers have received a ticket from an ASE camera, compared to 17 per cent in 2024. Although ticketing has increased, positive behavioural shifts have occurred because of ASE use.

According to the survey, a majority of Ontario drivers (73 per cent) slow down when nearing an ASE camera and over half (52 per cent) shared that they are unlikely to speed up after they pass through an ASE zone; up from 44 per cent in 2023, demonstrating that the presence of ASEs is positively shifting driver behaviour in these areas.

It also found that nearly half of drivers (46 per cent) avoid driving on roads with ASE in use.

“These insights show how useful a tool ASE cameras can be,” says Stewart. “This technology isn’t about ‘gotcha’ moments; it’s about preventing real

harm and changing driver behaviour.”

Despite the increased ticketing in Ontario this year, many drivers support the use of ASE cameras, especially in school zones or areas with vulnerable road users. Nearly three-quarters of Ontario drivers (73 per cent) support the use of ASE in target areas such as school zones or near community centres. In fact, 76 per cent of Ontarians believe that cameras deter speeding altogether.

“Our research shows that ASE continues to have strong public support and can be effective in getting drivers to change their behaviour. While speed cameras may not solve every road safety issue overnight, they play an important role in nudging driver behaviour in a safer direction,” adds Stewart.

Public support for ASE use is no surprise, as speeding remains one of Ontario’s most reported dangerous driving behaviours, with 40 per cent of drivers admitting to it in the past year.

While ASE cameras are widely supported in community safety zones, CAA SCO recommends that any future expansion into other areas must be thoughtfully considered.

“These cameras should never be used as a revenue generator, but rather, as a method to help protect road users and encourage safer driving habits,” says Stewart. “CAA SCO will continue to advocate for standardized practices across municipalities regarding ASE cameras to ensure effectiveness across our communities.”

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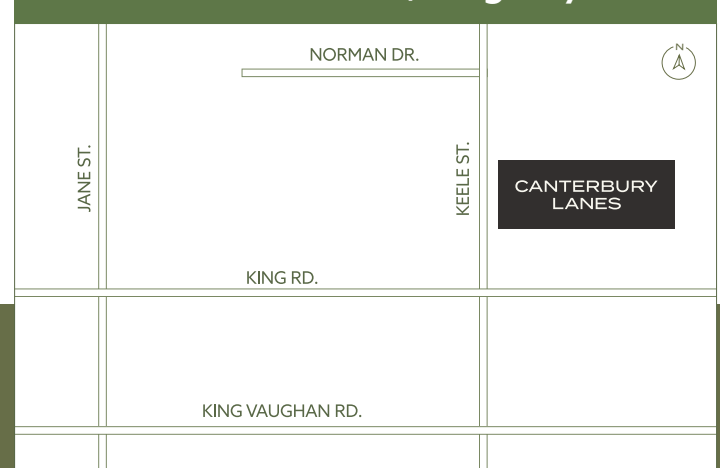
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Funding will help more children access services through Ontario Autism Program

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, was joined recently by the board of directors of Waves of Changes for Autism to announce an investment of nearly \$1.2 million over the next two years in three service providers in Vaughan to help more children and families access clinical services through the Ontario Autism Program.

As part of the Ontario government's \$37 million investment in over 100 public and private service providers, Boomerang Health powered by SickKids, The Village, and Two Can Talk will receive funding to support net-new diagnostic and therapy services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in our community.

"Parents of children with autism in our community know that accessible autism care services are crucial to support the developmental success and emotional well-being of their children," said Lecce. "Having spoken with many families over the years that support a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder, I am proud to deliver over a mil-

lion dollars to local clinics right here in Vaughan to support the essential work they do to make a difference in the lives of these kids. I remain committed to ensuring all parents and children have access to world-class services and thank Waves of Changes for Autism for giving hope and relief to families in King and Vaughan raising children with autism."

Service providers are receiving funding through the Ontario Autism Program's workforce capacity fund. This fund provides two-year grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$400,000 in value to help providers to hire new staff, increase staff hours, train employees, invest in technology, and reach rural and remote communities.

"Protecting Ontario starts by safeguarding the province's most vulnerable and ensuring that all children are provided with opportunities to achieve lifelong success," said Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "Autism service providers do an incredible job of helping

children and youth reach their full potential. Our government is proud to work with them to make it easier for more families to access timely, local supports tailored to their needs."

This announcement builds on the integrated health services network that MPP Lecce is delivering to support families and youth in King and Vaughan. This past January, MPP Lecce announced that the Ontario government is making it faster and easier for young people to connect to mental health and substance use services by launching a net-new Youth Wellness Hub to serve youth in the City of Vaughan and surrounding areas.

Funding for local service providers through the workforce capacity fund is part of the province's total investment in the Ontario Autism Program. Since 2019, Ontario has more than doubled the program's annual budget, bringing it to a total of \$779 million with the addition of a \$175 million investment through Budget 2025. This new investment will continue to support the enrolment of children and youth in core clinical services.

The workforce capacity fund is one initiative under the OAP capacity action plan. The province prioritizes applications that support families and service providers in northern, rural and remote communities, as well as francophone and Indigenous families recognizing the unique challenges these groups face.

"The Village is grateful to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for their support and recognition of the essential care and programming for children and families provided by the private sector. This investment from the government directly supports the growth of our workforce, increases access to programs, and allows us to meet the growing needs of children and families impacted by autism spectrum disorders. This partnership between the public and private sector is essential, ensuring that all voices, especially those of the families and professionals working directly with children and youth are heard and valued," said Michelle Burke, Executive Director, The Village.

"We are incredibly honoured and grateful to receive this funding through the Ontario Autism Program Workforce Capacity Fund. This initiative will allow Two Can Talk to expand access to high-quality, evidence-based speech and occupational therapy services for more children and families in Vaughan and across Ontario, including direct treatment, parent coaching, group therapy, and early intervention programming.

With this support, we can grow our team, enhance our clinical capacity, and help reduce wait times, ensuring families are not left waiting for the essential care their children need. We commend the Ontario government for their ongoing commitment to building a more inclusive, accessible, and responsive autism service system for communities across the province," added Erin & Eve, owners & Clinical Directors, Two Can Talk Therapy Services.

"Thanks to past funding, Boomerang Health has extended the SickKids standard of excellence into Vaughan and surrounding areas – expanding autism services for children, building a highly skilled team, and improving access for families, including Francophone communities. This investment has had a meaningful and measurable impact. With continued support, we are ready to scale further and deliver timely, specialized care to more children and families across the region," noted Lara Pietrolungo, Executive Director, Boomerang Health.

"Waves of Changes for Autism is a grassroots, volunteer-run non-profit organization committed to lowering barriers and increasing support for children on the spectrum in Vaughan. (This announcement represents a meaningful advance by the Province in investing in local autism service providers that deliver essential services to some of the families we support. We sincerely thank Minister Stephen Lecce and the Government of Ontario for supporting the Ontario Autism Program's Workforce Capacity Fund. We share their mission to bring greater access, compassion, and hope for families impacted by autism," added Ellen Contardi, President, Waves of Changes for Autism.

Workforce capacity fund grants awarded in 2022 and 2023 supported providers to: serve an additional 6,000 children and youth on the autism spectrum, boost training for more than 2,000 staff and fund more than 500 clinician positions.

The Ontario Autism Program has served tens of thousands of children and youth with autism aged 0-17 through multiple streams in the program, including caregiver-mediated early years programs, the entry to school program, foundational family services, core clinical services and urgent response services.

Since the workforce capacity fund was created in 2021, Ontario has awarded more than 350 grants in total to autism service providers across the province.

Doctor charged, additional victims urged to come forward

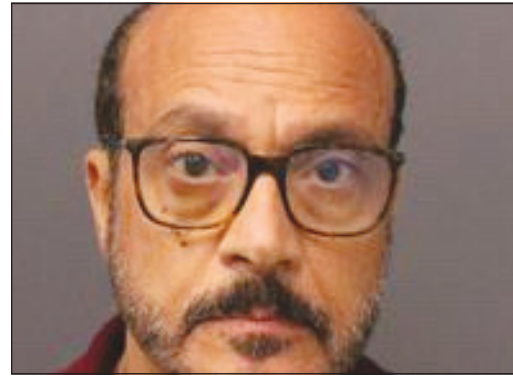
Investigators with the York Regional Police #5 District Criminal Investigations Bureau have charged a doctor with two counts of Sexual Assault following incidents at a medical clinic in the City of Markham. Investigators believe there may be additional victims and are encouraging anyone with information to come forward.

On July 7, the victim attended a medical clinic on Markham Road, for an appointment. While there, the suspect touched them in a sexual manner. The victim left immediately and reported it to police.

While speaking with investigators, the victim also recalled a previous appointment at the same clinic in November 2023, during which the doctor's actions were similarly inappropriate. At the time, the victim did not report the incident, as they believed the conduct might have been part of a legitimate medical procedure.

Investigators are releasing his image as they believe there may be additional victims. Anyone with information is asked to contact police.

Charged with two counts of sexual assault is Saber Abdel Malouka Abdel Malak, 62, of Town of Whitchurch-



Stouffville.

The accused has been a practising physician for more than 30 years.

A sexual assault includes any non-consensual contact of a sexual nature. York Regional Police would like to encourage anyone who feels they may have been a victim of a sexual assault to come forward and report the incident to police. There is no statute of limitations for sexual offences and offenders can be prosecuted well after the date of the offence.

Anyone with information is asked to call the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7071. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or by visiting www.1800222tips.com.

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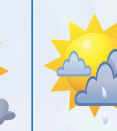
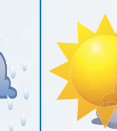





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Province appoints first-ever Chief Conservation Executive

Ontario is taking action to enhance the effectiveness of the province's conservation authorities, which will create consistency, reduce costs and drive faster outcomes for the communities they serve.

These changes will support the government's commitment to protect Ontario's economy by speeding up critical infrastructure and housing development, while safeguarding the environment. To lead these efforts, Hassaan Basit, a well-respected and non-partisan leader with deep experience with local conservation authorities, will serve in a newly created role as the Chief Conservation Executive, effective August 4.

"Our government recognizes the vital role that Ontario's conservation authorities play in watershed management and protecting communities from natural hazards," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "I am looking forward to leading our government's efforts to bring common sense conservation principles to the role of conservation authorities and this newly created role under Hassaan's leadership will support these efforts across the province."

Since 2019, Ontario has been working to improve the operations of conservation authorities to better ensure they have the required tools to protect the communities they serve, through legislative and regulatory changes that have significantly improved governance, oversight, transparency and accountability of conservation authorities, while streamlining decision-making processes.

"I'm honoured to join the Province of Ontario at this pivotal moment for conservation," said Hassaan Basit, newly appointed Chief Conservation Executive. "Over my 20 years in the conservation sector, I've learned that effective flood protection is not just about safeguarding the environment — it's about

enabling prosperous, sustainable communities. Conservation authorities were created to strike that balance, and they have worked for decades to protect people and property while supporting economic prosperity. As we move forward, modernization is essential to ensure they remain focused, effective, and ready to meet Ontario's growing needs — whether it's mitigating flood risks, enabling housing supply or supporting long-term resilience."

Mr. Basit is currently the CAO for the City of Burlington. Prior to this, Mr. Basit was President and CEO of Conservation Halton, where he led initiatives in flood risk management, environmental restoration, sustainable development, and outdoor recreation. During this time, Mr. Basit also chaired a provincial working group that advised government on the implementation of key changes to improve the ability of conservation authorities to protect Ontario's water, land and natural resources.

He holds an Executive MBA in Digital Transformation and a Governance Certification from McMaster University, a Master of Science in Science Communication from Queen's University Belfast, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Political Science from the University of Toronto.

Ontario is served by 36 conservation authorities.

In Ontario, conservation authorities develop and deliver local, watershed-based resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities, including programs aimed at preventing floods and other natural hazards, drinking water source protection and surface water and groundwater monitoring programs.

Conservation authorities in Ontario were established in 1946 by the Conservation Authorities Act.

Conservation authorities play a role in reviewing development applications near or within hazardous lands.



Politicians boost contestant

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and MP Anna Roberts offered their support to Oliva Forte, in her quest for the title 2025 Miss Canada Universe. The finals will be held Aug. 9 at the St. Clair College Chrysler Theatre in Windsor. If the 19-year-old captures the crown in August, she would represent Canada at the Miss Universe Pageant in Thailand in November.

"I'm feeling inspired by the courageous story and leadership of Olivia Forte," Lecce said. "After overcoming an eating disorder herself, Olivia dedicated herself to the cause of mental health, raising funds for CAMH. Keep making us proud, and best of luck at the Miss Universe Canada competition."

Forte is "an inspiring example of strength and purpose. After battling and overcoming an eating disorder, Olivia turned her journey into action. Wishing her the very best as she represents our community on the national stage at Miss Universe Canada," added Roberts.

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Premier Equipment continues growth journey, expands John Deere dealership network through acquisition of Green Tractors Inc.

Premier Equipment, a multi-store John Deere dealership serving southern Ontario, has come to an agreement to purchase neighbouring dealer Green Tractors Inc.

Premier Equipment has been on a considerable growth journey in 2025. The acquisition of Green Tractors Inc. (Green Tractors) will be the fourth and most substantial acquisition that Premier will be undertaking this year.

In February, Premier added a Stouffville location (formerly Hutchinson Farm Supply). In April, the Hagersville location was added (formerly W.J. Heaslip Ltd.) and on July 31, a Belleville location will be added with the acquisition of Deerhaven Lawn and Garden Ltd.

The addition of the nine existing Green Tractors locations will bring Premier's total number of John Deere Ag and Turf branch locations to 20.

"Premier's growth initiatives in 2025 are carrying out a goal that has been years in the making," says Allan Dueck, President of Premier Equipment.

Over the past decade Premier has focused on increasing service capabilities. Modernizing facilities, increasing parts and service capacity along with concentration in key areas like precision agriculture has helped position Premier as a leading dealership with the ability to further grow operations.

"We are very excited for this opportunity and what it means for staff and customers," says Dueck. "For Green Tractors, it provides the opportunity to leverage specialization in areas like production and precision ag and service amenities that Premier has been building out continuously for years.

For Premier it provides the opportunity to diversify and learn from Green Tractors' strength and expertise in turf care, municipalities, small tractors, light construction, and golf market segments. Overall, it provides the ability to further scale our operations and invest in staff and infrastructure to deepen our offering to customers across a significant area in Ontario."

"It has been a pleasure representing John Deere, providing equipment and service to our customers for so many years," says Karl Davis, Co-CEO, Green Tractors in Nobleton. "Times have really changed since my father started fixing threshing machines. Today, leveraging technology is paramount for customers in all segments, and we feel Premier is equipped to help take our team to the next level," says Davis. Davis, along with business partner Ken Svendsen have led Green Tractors since 2010 when the dealership came together with 5 locations – Nobleton, Brampton, Milton, Omeme, and Port Perry. Earlton was added in 2012, Kingston and Odessa locations in 2014 and the Orono location in 2022.

The intention is that Green Tractors customers experience minimal disruptions and the same customer experience while we are working through the transition.

Over time, we will strive to deliver an enhanced customer experience with more access to equipment, parts and a larger service network.

We are committed to maintaining and growing the high level of customer service that both Green Tractors and Premier Equipment are known to deliver.

Staff members from Green Tractors



Staff at Nobleton Green Tractors celebrated Lorne Somerville's 50th anniversary. Joining in were (l to r) King Councillor Jennifer Anstey, Kevin Davis, Barb Davis, Karl Davis, Lorne Somerville, Keith Davis and Ken Svendsen (GT Co-CEO).

will be retained to maintain continuity and leverage of expertise and experience.

Co-CEO Karl Davis of Nobleton and Co-CEO Ken Svendsen at Omeme will step back – and the teams are still working through processes to determine management needs moving forward.

"We are so thankful for our dedicated employees and grateful for the opportunities we've had to support farms, businesses and the communities we serve," says Ken Svendsen, Co-CEO, Green Tractors. "We are excited for what the future holds for our team."

"We intend to honour the legacy that Karl, Ken and their teams have established, and continue to build on a foundation of service," says Dueck. "We look forward to sharing knowledge and resources and the potential for growth that this opportunity brings collectively for staff and customers."

Premier Equipment intends to commence operations with existing staff and facilities on Nov. 3, subject to all necessary approvals and final due diligence.

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GTA new home sales very low in May, action on DCs needed

Greater Toronto Area (GTA) new home sales remained at historic lows in May. Little change was seen from earlier months and May marked the eighth consecutive month of record all-time lows, extending the worst downturn of new home sales in the region on record, the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) announced.

There were 345 new home sales in May, which was down 64 per cent from May 2024 and 87 per cent below the 10-year average, according to Altus Group, BILD's official source for new home market intelligence. New home sales for a typical May in the GTA would be 2,749 units based on the previous 10-year average.

"May 2025 new home sales across the GTA remained at rock bottom levels," said Edward Jegg, Research Manager at Altus Group. "Market conditions definitely are in the buyer's favour right now; they just need the confidence to move ahead with their purchase."

Condominium apartments, including units in low, medium and high-rise buildings, accounted for 137 units sold in the GTA in May, down 74 per cent from May 2024 and 93 per cent below the 10-year average.

There were 208 single-family home sales in the GTA in May, down 53 per cent from May 2024 and 74 per cent below the 10-year average. Single-family homes include detached, linked and semi-detached houses and townhouses (excluding stacked townhouses).

New for 2025, BILD and Altus Group are now reporting on sales in Simcoe County. In May, there were 26 single-family new home sales in Simcoe County with the weighted average price at \$1,140,131.

Total new home remaining inventory in the GTA increased slightly compared to the previous month, to 21,571 units. This includes 16,384 condominium apartment units and 5,187 single-family dwellings. This represents a combined

inventory level of 17 months, based on average sales for the last 12 months.

"As these low sales translate into construction, we could see a decline of up to 23,000 housing starts by 2027 versus 2024 levels, putting as many as 41,000 residential construction sector jobs at risk and jeopardizing up to \$10 billion in annual construction investment in the GTA," said Justin Sherwood, Senior Vice President of Communications, Research, and Stakeholder Relations at BILD.

Sherwood continued by commenting that, "The current cost to build crisis is real, it's here now, and it will have very negative impacts on the economy and municipalities of the GTA. All three levels of government must take urgent action and partner with the industry to help lower housing costs and ensure much need housing is provided to those who want to call the GTA home. This includes lowering their levels of taxation on new homes through changes to

GST/HST, development charges, and other added costs to secure the future supply of new homes in the region."

Benchmark prices decreased in May for both single-family homes and condominium apartments in the GTA compared to the previous year. The benchmark price for new condominium apartments was \$1,021,339, which was down 2.2 per cent over the last 12 months. The benchmark price for new single-family homes was \$1,505,539, which was down 6.6 per cent over the last 12 months.

With more than 1,000 member companies, BILD is the voice of the home building, residential and non-residential land development and professional renovation industries in the Greater Toronto Area. The building and renovation industry provides 256,000 jobs in the region and \$39.3 billion in investment value. BILD is affiliated with the Ontario and Canadian Home Builders' Associations.

Schomberg Agricultural Fair, results of Homecraft Division

The Schomberg Fair this year was their 175th.

This historic event was celebrated with many special classes, events, and displays. Organizers thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Fair including all the exhibitors, sponsors and spectators who attended over the Fair weekend. It takes a great deal of effort to organize such an event, and it would never happen without the many volunteers who dedicate a great deal of their time, effort, and talent throughout the year to ensure the Fair is enjoyed by everyone.

The Homecraft Committee extends its appreciation to all participants in the 2025 Homecraft Competitions. They had a great show this year and the entries were outstanding. Here is the list of the Homecraft and Junior Champions for 2025:

Homecraft Champion: Rick Westgarth, Guelph. Runner-up: Myrna Morehouse, Schomberg.

Homecraft New Exhibitor/High Points: Jessica Wright, Stouffville.

Champion Cook: Rick Westgarth, Guelph. Runner-up: Sheila Lewis, Caledon.

Grand Champion Hand Quilt & Grand Champion Machine Quilt: Gail Farrell, Scarborough.

Amateur Art Hi Points: Rick Westgarth, Guelph.

Antiques Best of Show: Doris McCullough, Schomberg.

Antiques Hi Points: Judy Brown, Schomberg.

Crafts & Hobbies Hi Points: Jan Pinkerton, Schomberg.

Crafts & Hobbies Best in Show: Bob Hitchman, Bracebridge.

Horticulture Hi Points: Rick Westgarth, Guelph.

Doris Hughes Memorial Plaque: Jessica Davies, Alliston.

Horticulture "Specimens" Best of Show: Karen Letwinka, Schomberg.

Horticulture "Best Arrangement": Jessica Davies, Alliston.

Needlework Best in Show: Gail Farrell, Scarborough.

Photography Hi Points: Bev Donaldson, Collingwood.

Photography New Exhibitor Hi Points: A Tie: Jessica Wright & Evelyn Wright, Stouffville.

Junior Homecraft Champions

Jr. Champ, Age 3 & under: Malakai Sauv  Schomberg.

Jr. Champ: Ages 4 - 5: Josiah Sauv , Schomberg.

Jr. Champ, Ages 6 - 8: Gabrielle Tasse,

Schomberg.

Jr. Champ: Ages 9 -11: Isabelle Guzzo, Schomberg.

Jr. Champ: Ages 14 -17: Jessica Wright, Stouffville.

Prizes for Junior Homecraft Champions & Runners-up were provided by the York Region Milk Board, Jack Orr, and the Mike O'Hara family.

Thank you to the various businesses and private citizens who donate "Special" prizes to our Homecraft exhibitors. Your contributions enhance our competition and encourage exhibitors to try new and different classes every year.

Many thanks to all who entered, and congratulations to those who won top prizes. Much time, effort and skill go into preparing for and entering the Fair competitions, we look forward to seeing these and more competitors at the 2026 Schomberg Agricultural Fair, which will be the 176th Schomberg Fair. Whether you are an avid quilter, addicted knitter, or budding artist, if you have a green thumb or are a hobbyist wanting to showcase your talents - now is the time to start thinking about what you can do for the 2026 Schomberg Agricultural Fair Homecraft Show.



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Southlake marks first anniversary of approach to senior care

By Brock Weir

As our population ages, more and more seniors are opting to age in place, and stay in the home they love as long as they can. Here, Southlake Health's Acute Care of the Elderly Unit (ACE) is marking its first anniversary of helping seniors do just that.

Southlake's ACE is celebrating a full year of community success, serving more than 750 senior patients and clients, and improving their level of function by the time they're set to head home.

Groundwork for the ACE was first laid in 2022 when the Newmarket-based hospital launched its Senior Care Strategy. Until then, Southlake didn't have a specific blueprint to care for the senior population, but the Strategy proved to be a game-changer both for the hospital and the communities it serves.

"We know that the population is aging, but more specifically we know that if we look at those individuals living with frailty, we're expecting those numbers to increase by 52 per cent and 105 per cent respectively," says Jennie Popplow, Southlake's Director of Senior Care. "We know there is going to be more of these patients coming through the doors and we know that they require, especially when they have frailty added on top, an additional level of care. We wanted to look at what was a model we could use to really target this type of population."

ACE units are not new as a concept, with the ACE at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital providing something of a template. It was new, however, for northern York Region and South Simcoe.

Before the launch, the study looked at the local 65+ demographic, modelled the types of patients that might need such an ACE, potential length of stay, and "discharge destinations," a particularly important statistic given the growing desire for people to stay in the homes they love as long as they can.

"Ultimately, that's what led us to our admission criteria, which is actually patients being admitted need to be over the age of 75," says Popplow of the 23-bed unit. "They need to have two or more of what we call 'geriatric giants' and must have the potential to return to the community. That's where our specialists come in to really help return people to where they want to age."

While they predicted the average age of those admitted to the ACE to be those in the neighbourhood of 75, the reality proved quite different.

In their first year, they found ACE patients have an average age of 85 – with the vast majority of them coming out of the ACE "maintaining or improving their level of function."

"Their day-to-day ability to get up and moving and doing those day-to-day tasks," says Popplow. "Typically in the hospital you wouldn't see that level of function. We often see, especially in these older adults, patients coming in, they spend time in bed, they start to deteriorate, and as a result they either can't go home right away, they have to go to another place to continue their rehab, or ultimately, they can't go home at all. So, 95 per cent of our patients over the past year have either maintained or improved their function, which was what we were hoping, what we were expecting, and we also see that 87 per cent of our patients return directly to their admitting location in the community – that could be home, a retirement home – the only exclusion we have is long-term care."

"It means our patients are getting the care they need, getting well, staying well on the unit, and getting home as soon as possible with the supports they need. I think we were surprised about the age, but we haven't been terribly surprised that our patients are doing well and going back to the places we were expecting them to go."

As the ACE enters its second year of serving the community, they're doing so content that their "criteria is working, we're getting the right patients, and the skill mix of staff that we have on the unit is working."

"What sets us apart from a regular unit is the number of allied health that we have; we have occupational therapists, physiotherapists, rehab assistants, rec therapists, social workers, speech language therapists, dieticians, and they are all what really wrap around our patients to get them home, as well as the nursing staff has additional geriatric training," says Popplow.

"What we want to take into Year Two is that everyone we bring on board gets that same level of dedicated training. Like paediatrics is not just little adults, geriatric care is not just older adults, al-

though we often refer to them that way. They come with their own complexities and they need to be seen as a specialty. From the perspective of what the ACE will look like going forward, it will look very much the same. The model is set,

but really it will be around reinforcing and ensuring that we continue to go back to those geriatric learnings that we're able to continue to apply, and that that doesn't go by the wayside as we move forward."

Contest helps mark water safety

King Township last week joined the Ontario Lifesaving Society to recognize National Drowning Prevention Week (NDPW). NDPW is an annual initiative coordinated by the Lifesaving Society (LSS) to raise awareness of the drowning problem in Canada and occurs in mid-July, when Canada's drowning rate is at its highest.

Some events continue, like a contest for kids.

Lifejacket sticker design for ages 6 to 10: Design a sticker featuring a lifejacket or personal flotation device.

Lifejacket poster design for ages 11 to 15: Design a poster featuring the safe and correct usage of a lifejacket or personal flotation device.

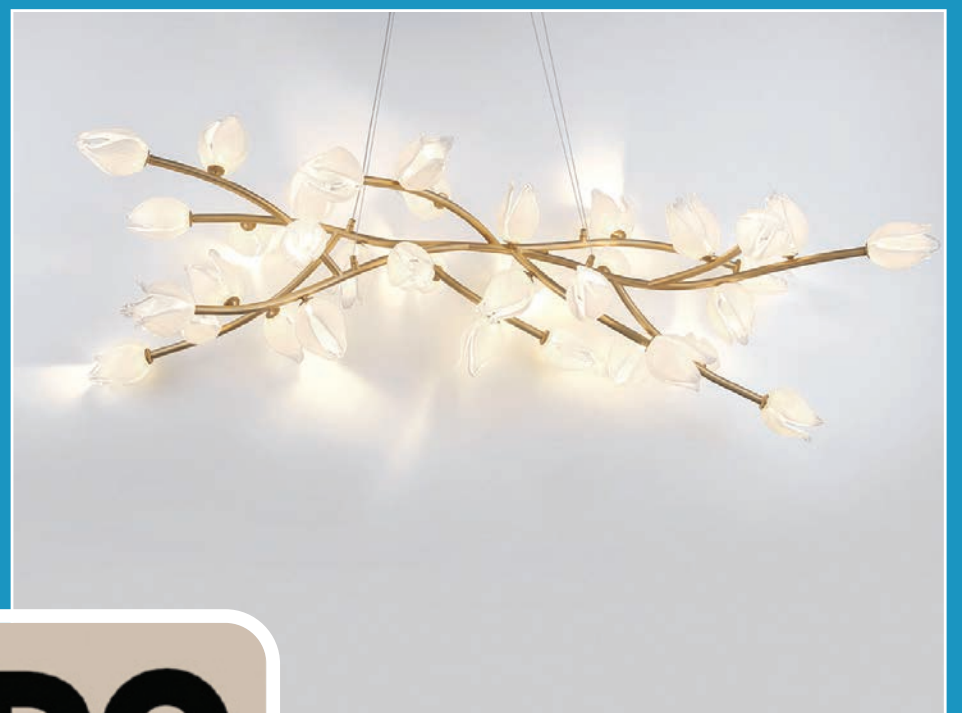
Drop off your child's completed submission for either the sticker or poster design to the Zancor Centre or King City library branch by August 3. King's aquatic team will select a winning design in each category and submit to the Lifesaving Society. The Society evaluates all submissions and chooses one provincial winner. Finalists will be announced on April 30, 2026. The provincial winner will receive a Lifesaving Society Prize Pack that includes: a Swim to Survive towel, t-shirt and two silicone bracelets, Buddy stickers, a rubber duck, and a Lifesaving Society luggage tag.

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A moment of fun before heading off to WWI; photo taken at King Railway Station as troops depart.

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Mayor's Golf Tournament tees up Canadian spirit and raises funds for King Township

From birdies to bogeys and everything in between, the 2025 Mayor's Golf Tournament was a hole-in-one for community spirit and generosity.

Held at the scenic Nobleton Lakes Golf Club on July 17, this sold-out event brought together local leaders, businesses and golf enthusiasts for a day of fun, friendly competition and fundraising.

Hosted annually by the Township on behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini, this year's tournament embraced an all-Canadian theme, complete with local flavours, festive fanfare and serving as a tribute to the Canuck spirit and values that unite King.

Thanks to the incredible support of sponsors, donors and participants, the tournament raised \$49,500 – with all proceeds going toward municipal programs, services and facilities that make life better in King Township.

This year, King Township Council allocated a portion of the funds from previous tournaments to support the Township's 175th anniversary celebrations, honouring King's rich history and inspiring its future. Proceeds from previous tournaments also helped top up a \$15,000 donation to the United Way, supporting over 650 programs across York Region that address housing, food insecurity, mental health and more.

Thanks to the following sponsors for supporting the 2025 Mayor's Golf Tournament – either by playing a round of golf, securing a sponsorship opportunity, or donating a prize to the golfers:

Beverage cart sponsor: Rafat. Golfer gift sponsor: Zancor Homes. Platinum sponsor: Nicola Real Estate.

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"Every swing, every sponsor and every smile out on the course will help drive real impact in our community. The Mayor's Golf Tournament is more than just a great day on the greens – it's a testament to what we can achieve when we come together for a cause bigger than ourselves. I'm incredibly proud that this year's tournament raised \$49,500, which will go directly toward enhancing the programs, services and facilities that make King Township such a spectacular place to call home," said Mayor Pellegrini.

For more information about the annual event, visit king.ca/GolfTournament.



York Mayors Dave Barton, Tom Mrakas, Iain Lovatt joined Mayor Steve Pellegrini for his annual golf tournament.



Happy 90th!

Mayor Steve Pellegrini wished Bernardo (Benny) Cianchetti a happy 90th birthday June 6. Benny still cuts hair on Mondays in King City and has been a barber for 68 years. He's a very nice gentleman known by many in the King City community.

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Arts & Entertainment

From lawn to lively: Catherine's front yard buzzes with life

By Anna Santarossa

When a major construction project tore up Catherine's front lawn, she saw an opportunity, not a setback. Rather than replanting the standard patch of green grass, she asked herself, "Why go back to a boring lawn?" What followed was a transformation that turned heads and invited wings.

Catherine's front garden is now a thriving naturalized pollinator haven, filled with native perennials that bloom, buzz, and flutter with life. Her journey began with research into sustainable gardening. It led her to the

North American Native Plant Society, where she found both a wealth of knowledge and access to native plants for purchase.

"I wanted to work with nature, not against it," she says. And she has succeeded by providing food and shelter for birds, butterflies, and bees. Her garden's success isn't measured in symmetrical or manicured lines but in the number of species that stop by to visit.

Each plant in her garden is a perennial, meaning Catherine gets the joy of welcoming old friends back year after year. And she's generous with her wisdom. Her top tip for new gardeners?



Club's flower show highlights

The Nobleton & King City Garden Club was alive with colour at its June Flower Show, where members displayed their creativity and horticultural talent through a beautiful variety of floral entries.

Nancy Hopkinson and Kelly Lavis tied for first place with 27 points each, followed by Arlene Heaps with 13 points. Nancy Hopkinson received honours in Best Decorative for her "Tall Tales" design and Best Cultural for her outstanding Red Boston "Skyphos" butterhead lettuce.

Congratulations to Kelly Lavis for receiving the Judge's Choice Design award for her "Tall Tales" creation and to Arlene Heaps, who earned the Judge's Choice Cultural award for her impressive hosta leaves.

We extend our sincere thanks to our judge Fran Caldwell and our dedicated show monitors, Barbara Downey, Linda Blachford and Kelly Lavis for their hard work organizing the Flower Show. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all participants and supporters who made this event such a petal-perfect success!



"Don't clean up your garden beds in the fall," she advises. "Add as many fallen leaves as you can, borrow from your neighbors if you have to! They'll break down into the rich, dark soil your garden will thrive on."

While Catherine's front garden gets plenty of attention from passersby and pollinators, it's only half the story. Behind the house, she's quietly growing an arboretum of her own, thanks to years of tree planting. But that's a tale for another time.

The Glorious Garden is an initiative of the Nobleton & King City Garden Club, recognizing the creativity, dedication, and hard work of the gardeners who help make our community more vibrant and ecologically diverse.

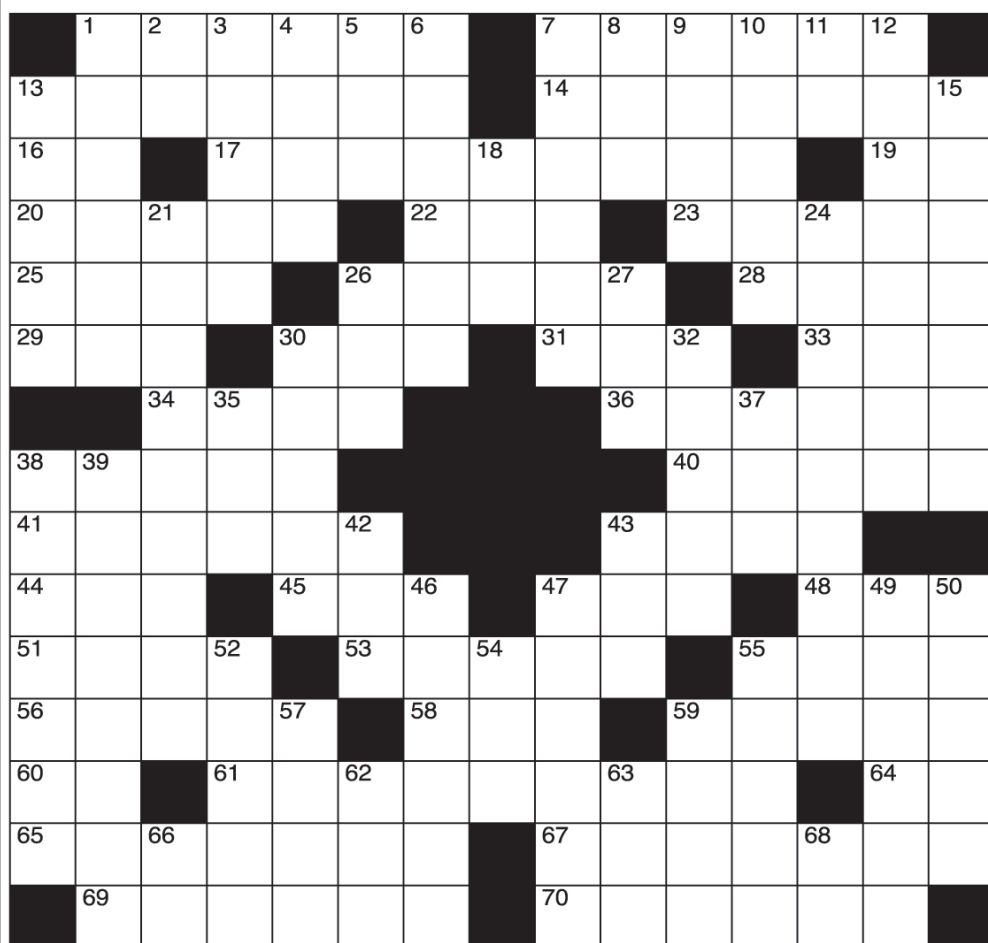
To nominate a front garden, or to learn more about the Nobleton & King City Garden Club and how you can get involved, contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com. Let's continue to celebrate and grow a greener, more beautiful community together.



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- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. Salt
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. They precede C
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. State lawyer
- 20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ___ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Mountain in New Zealand
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. One of the founders of modern psychology

- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Partner to feather
- 47. Passive optical network
- 48. French ballet
- dynasty
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Bottom layer
- 55. Sound
- 56. Yankee great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Gold
- 65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease

- 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace materials
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment account
- 6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
- 7. Dipped down
- 8. Head injury
- category (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Not yes
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Muslim spiritual leader
- 15. Showing sincere conviction
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Lawn pest
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way to
- interact with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and facing the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress
- Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city
- 59. Silk garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer

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Chamber's 2nd annual 'Gran Fondo King' attracts 130 cyclists

By Jim Stewart

In ideal late-July conditions, the King Chamber of Commerce's second annual Gran Fondo King started and finished at Villanova College on Sunday morning.

The event offered cyclists an opportunity to pedal through King Township's pastoral roadways. More than 130 intrepid souls completed either the 50 km or 100 km routes that wound through King City, Schomberg, Kettleby, and Nobleton. The mid-point of the event was at The Grackle in downtown Schomberg. Bryce Baker's coffee shop is the traditional recharging station for weekend cyclists who take a break from the region's roller coaster-like roads at the Main Street eatery's patio. With caffeine metabolizing in the bloodstream, the cyclists summoned the courage to tackle the back half of their hilly routes and vamoose back to Villanova.

As the dozens of cyclists completed their grueling trek at the finish line at Villanova, they were greeted by a congratulatory horn blast from a King Township fire engine, a twenty-foot-long Canadian flag flown by a trio of firefighters from their truck's ladder, a black inflatable arch through which participants pedaled triumphantly, and an array of yellow-shirted cheering volunteers led by event organizer Gus Kokkoros.

The former Chamber vice-president expressed his relief that the overnight thunderstorm rained itself out prior to the event's launch at 8 a.m.: "We had families coming in at 7 who set up and worked in the morning rain. The rain was a blessing - it washed away the construction dust on the route and at the finish line. One last storm cell came in, it cleared, and the cyclists started in the sunshine. Over 150 participants, including ride shepherds, marshalls, and riders, are on the course this morning. The 130 riders range from hobbyists to Iron Man competitors. Mike Berretta was on the course training for his next Iron Man event. The age range of the participants was from teenagers to seniors."

Kokkoros noted that two clubs - B1 and Team Revolution - sent substan-

tial numbers of their membership to Gran Fondo King: "Half the riders here today are club-affiliated and the balance was comprised of members of the general public who were interested in the event. Our two routes were designed to go through the Township's four villages and we arranged for a midpoint rest stop at The Grackle in Schomberg."

The affable chief organizer expressed his appreciation to all the sponsors who supported this year's event and provided an historical context: "Our title sponsor Zancor Homes donated \$12,500. Without them, this wouldn't happen. As well, York Region donated \$5,000 as a major sponsor. It's a tourism event for the region and we've simply fanned the flame that is already burning in the Township regarding cycling. This is an idea I came up with three years ago. We have so many cyclists who come to King for the weekend so we formed a partnership with B1 to use their expertise to draw up routes. Vehicles used on route were provided by Genesis of Maple and three teams of marshalls and ride shepherds worked diligently to produce a safe setting for the riders. We also have Heal House's mobile medical clinic here to serve the cyclists and attendees with a holistic doctor on-site."

A festive atmosphere was created at the East entrance of Villanova College. Live music and aromas emanating from food tents stimulated the senses and tantalized the taste buds of the cyclists as they rolled into the prep school's parking lot.

The top two finishers rolled off the course in less than two hours and were greeted by the musical stylings of The Main Street Band whose version of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin" inspired participants to keep on rolling. A sextet of Lions put forth the Club's traditional fine performance on the grill - serving up hamburgers and hot dogs - and living up to their motto of "making an impact through service."

Booster Juice concocted complimentary strawberry smoothies for groups of appreciative attendees. Si, Lo So provided complimentary salad and three kinds of pizza to grateful participants.



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

King City United wishes everyone a joyful and safe summer. Remember your second language – the language of prayer – and hold all those in our communities and around the world who are suffering and living in fear and despair in our prayers to God.

Sunday worship is suspended in July and will resume on Sunday, August 3 at 10 a.m. at King City United. The worship in August will rotate amongst our partner churches (York Pines and New Hope) with Rev. Bill Fritz presiding. Rev. Andrew is off on a Sabbatical until September 8.

If there are any pastoral emergencies please contact the office.

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

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

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark Nowell will be speaking on "Greater – The Book of Hebrews." We will also be streaming the service on-line at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, August 1 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, August 15 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, August 22 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, August 29 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Wednesday, September 3 – Open House – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Come out to see what exciting things are coming up at KCSC, sign up for your 2026 membership, have a bite to eat and visit with your fellow seniors.

Saturday, September 6 – 5 p.m. – Our King City Lions will once again be hosting a BBQ and corn roast for us. We will not only enjoy a great meal with

great company, but we will also be entertained by Stephen Craig singing our favourite Golden Oldies. Tickets at \$10/pp will be on sale starting August 5. Mark your calendar as this event sells out quickly.

The following activities will be offered in July and August.

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

Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement/Cribbage. At 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. Art Class (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month).

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi). Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

Friday mornings: reserved for presentations, workshops and special events.

Friday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Progressive Euchre.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com

York Pines United Church

While Rev. Andrew is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce is "on call" for pastoral care. Please contact the church at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com if you need assistance.

Rev. Bill Fritz will lead services in August when we rotate with our sister churches starting August 3rd in King City at 10 a.m. August 10 we'll be back at York Pines at 11 a.m. for the one Sunday. A lunch is planned after this service. All are welcome to join us for coffee and sandwiches.

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

Exposition and Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, Aug. 1 begins at 3:30 p.m., Holy Rosary at 5:30 p.m. Benediction at 6:30 p.m., celebration of Mass at 7 p.m.

Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every First Friday of the month. Following the 7 p.m. Friday mass the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. The evening consists of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, personal quiet contemplation, hymns of praise and worship, and the Rosary. This makes possible for reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You are encouraged to bring some light refreshments to be shared at midnight in the parish hall. Recitation of the Rosaries commences at 1 a.m., alternating vocal group prayer with silent contemplation. Divine Mercy is sung at 3 a.m.

First Saturday devotions begin at 6 a.m. with the Angelus and the Joyful Rosary. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The First Saturday Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. Worshippers are free to join at any point throughout the night and can stay as long as they like.

Annual Mission Appeal August 9 and 10 to support the Mission of Holy Cross in Tamil Nadu Province (India). For generations, Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters have been dedicated servants, living out Christ's mission in challenging areas: Spreading the Gospel, serving the poor and building the church. Today, they urgently need our partnership to sustain and grow this essential mission. Your support is appreciated!

The Catholic Women's League is collecting bars of soap, rosaries and gently used and clean footwear for men, women and children. They will be delivered to Canadian Food for Children for developing countries in September. Please tie the laces together or wrap elastics around each pair to keep together and set in the bin beside the Food Bank under the stairwell in the Hall.

The Sacred Relics of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati will be on view by special permission on Sunday, Sept. 7 after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Save the Date: Sacred Heart Picnic-Carnival, Sunday, September 14.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, King City! Although we're having major renovations throughout the summer, our doors are open! Sunday Morning Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m. (they might be in the lounge!) and join us afterwards for coffee time. We hope you drop in throughout the summer and you might have to use the Keele St. entrance until the sanctuary and front entrance is completed.

Pastor Alison continued with her new sermon series "Who you say I am," beginning with "I am Loved." Its focus verse was John 3:16. (For God so loved the world ...). Last Sunday the theme was "I am Free" with the focus verse being John 8:36 about Jesus setting us free in both mind and body. We looked at the example of Paul and Silas in jail. Acts 16:25-34. Have a look at the recorded service.

Wednesday, August 20 a group is going to see the King Theatre's play Tuesdays with Morrie. by Mitch Albom at

Pine Farms Orchard, which starts at 7 p.m. We'll be there at 6:15 p.m. to buy some delicious treats and apple cider! Our tickets are already ordered, but you can still purchase yours for August 13-28 at kingtheatre.ca/tuesdayswith-morrie.

Also in August we are planning 2 joint services with the Well, our partnership church, on August 10 and 31. Please note the time: 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube frame.

For Pastoral Care, please call the office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew, or your Elder: (905-833-2325)

All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

In this week's gospel, the disciples ask Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1) In response, Jesus doesn't give them a grand theological speech, he gives them words they can carry in their hearts. This is what we know of today as The Lord's Prayer.

The prayer Jesus teaches is simple, direct, and deeply trusting. It's not about finding the perfect words. It's about showing up with an open heart.

In her sermon this week, Canon Erin reminded us that prayer doesn't have to sound a certain way. It can be eloquent and poetic, or it can be silent, raw, and stumbling. Some days our prayers may be long and full of praise. Other days, the most honest prayer we can offer is one word: "Please."

That word, held in God's presence, is enough.

Prayer is not only what we say, it's how we live. When we pray for love, and then go and share love with someone else, we are living that prayer. When we ask for peace and then choose compassion, we become part of the answer.

At All Saints, we hold space for prayer in all its forms: spoken and silent, joyful and aching, certain and uncertain. We pray together not because we have everything figured out, but because something sacred happens when we bring our longings, hopes, and questions into community.

If you've been longing for a place to pray, or even to learn how to pray again, we welcome you. Whether your prayer today is "thank you, help, I don't know," or simply "please," there is room for you here.



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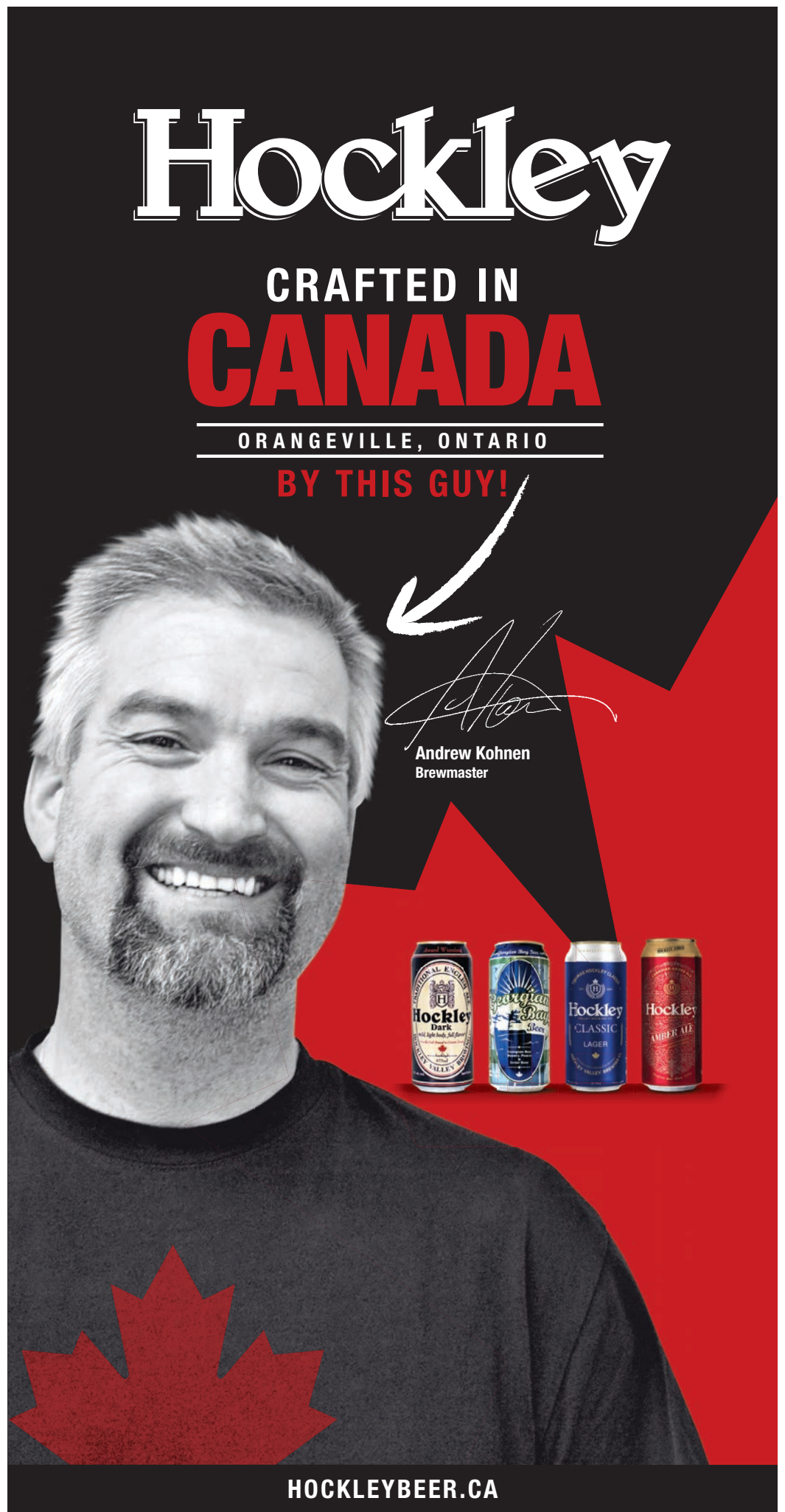
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. We welcome Adelle Lauchlan who will lead us in worship for the next few Sundays. Adelle's message this week is entitled, "Who do you say I am?" based on Psalm 139:1-12 and Matthew 16:13-20.

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

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

Our next Drive-Thru Prayer opportunity will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6

from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Come by the church parking lot at 5750 King Road and let our team of prayer warriors pray for whatever need you have ... you don't even have to get out of your car!

Our annual Bible Fun Camp will be held July 21 to 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Kids aged 4 to 12 are invited. Our theme this year is "The Waiting Game - Our God Outwits and Outloves." To register just go to our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca and complete the application form.

On September 23 you are invited to see a performance of Cambodian dances, culture, and stories by young people from the mission Rescue Cambodia, a haven for orphan and at risk children, families living with HIV/AIDS, and destitute elderly women. To see more information go to the News/Events page on our website.

St. Mary's Church

The 28th annual Golf Tournament 2025 presented by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Sept. 4 at Copper Creek Golf Club (Kleinburg, Ontario). Registration table open at 11 am; lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Join one of

our volunteer parish ministries: Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, or extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Be part of a wonderful team of volunteers who serve God in our parish community.

Call the office if you are interested at 905-859-5522.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
416-706-9375

Regular Educational Thursdays will resume on September 11 in Nobleton. Watch for the upcoming events in August.

For the summer Mobility Matters will continue on Monday and Friday in the Nobleton Arena from 1 pm to 1:45 p.m.

See you all in September.

Nobleton Lions

The annual Community Fundraising Draw is under way. The winners will be declared at the Library Gazebo on October 25. First prize is \$4,000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and are available now from any Lion as well as in some businesses

around town, such as KARS and the Nobleton Dental Clinic.

Proceeds help organizations like the King Township Food Bank which provides assistance to a growing number of needy families in King. For more information about the work of the many volunteers and the kind of help that is available, please visit <https://ktfb.ca/>

Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June, and will resume on September 9. 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.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Earle Laycock

Our summer services are moved from Sundays to Wednesdays.

On Wednesday, August 6, we will meet at Nobleton UC for a hymn sing and potluck supper. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will lead us in worship. We gather at 5:15 p.m., with singing and a short reflection at 5:30 p.m., then eat at 6 p.m. Please bring either a main course, a salad or a dessert if you are able. Everyone is welcome.

Bible Study continues on Thursday, July 31 at 10 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Rev. Richard Gardner will be leading us in studying familiar Bible stories from our childhood but using an adult perspective. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion. This will be the last Bible Study for a couple of weeks as Rev. Richard will be in Alberta attending The United Church of Canada's General Council.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday,

Aug. 12 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m.. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The meal is zucchini lasagna, Caesar salad, Italian bread, with sherbet & sugar cookies for dessert. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) 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 grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

Mark the date! Join us and our church neighbours on Sunday, August 24 at 10 a.m. for a unique worship experience. The Dufferin Marsh Ecumenical Worship Service will take place outdoors, at the Dufferin Marsh by Dr. Kay Drive in Schomberg. Worship will be led by Christ Anglican Church (Kettleby), Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (Schomberg), Nobleton United Church (Nobleton), Schomberg United Church (Schomberg), St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Beeton) and St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church (Schomberg).

Please bring some pot luck style finger food to share with the rest of the attendees after the service for a time



of fellowship. Come prepared with a chair, sunscreen, sunhat, bug spray, etc. There will be shelters put up to offer some shade. We are looking forward to seeing you there! More information will be available closer to the date.

Feeling the need to speak with friends or make new friends? On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a variety of topics, mainly current events. You are welcome to join us. Just email Nancy Hopkinson (nancyhopkinson@gmail.com) to request the link.

The Schomberg U.C.W. restarts on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. The theme is "Women in the Bible." Everyone is welcome, whether associated with the

Schomberg united Church of not.

Messy Church will resume at Nobleton United Church on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. for family fun and activities centred around Bible stories.

Did you know that Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Nobleton United Church? If you are family or a friend of an alcoholic, you are welcome to attend and receive some support.

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By Susan Heslop

August long weekend already? This is going way too fast. Fall is fast approaching, but I'm hoping that we keep the heat, and the dreaded W word isn't mentioned for a long time yet. In the meantime, lots of things happening around Schomberg and King.

I've mentioned this under the 55+ program, but the upcoming "Raspberry Social" is a family friendly event, so pack up a picnic and the family and head to, King Heritage & Cultural Centre, August 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be entertainment and of course raspberries. For more information go to Kingheritageandculture.ca

If you're looking for something new and fun to do, check out "Disk Golf" at Cold Creek this summer. There is an 18-hole course to try out your skills. Check out king.ca/recreation, ages 16+.

Schomberg Mug Run

The 2nd Annual Schomberg Mug Run is back so mark your calendars for September 13, (that's my 23rd wedding anniversary, so if you see my husband

running you know why) details to follow, but as a volunteer last year it was a lot of fun and what a great way to celebrate an anniversary.

Community Farm event

Join The Schomberg Community Farm on August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate the harvest season and King Township's 175th Anniversary! It's free.

Explore the Farm with tours of the community gardens, including insights into growing and irrigation practices, and visit The Ruth McDonald Butterfly Garden boasting a stunning array of native plants.

Participate in interactive workshops like Dehydrating Your Harvest, Beekeeping and Honey Harvest, and Nonna's Tomato Sauce-Making Workshop. End the festivities with a delicious pasta lunch featuring homemade tomato sauce.

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Euchre takes place on Thursday nights, in the curling lounge and we

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Schomberg 55+

We are taking the summer off and will return with an action-packed lineup September 8, with Dave Lapenta leading us in an exercise "Celebrating Stories and Embracing New Friendships." Please make sure to come out and join if you're over 55 and like having fun and learning new things.

All of our activities, mahjong, ukulele and bridge are now on summer break until September, but there are a few interesting things happening over the summer, such as the "Raspberry Social" with an exciting twist I'm the KHCC's newly restored King Railway Station, interacting with actors to solve puzzles and discover clues. This is a free event in conjunction with the Raspberry social. Come on out August 9, 10:30 to 2:30 and join in all the fun. Register at www.kingheratigeandcultural.ca/whats-on/events/livehistory-theatre-time-escape-room more details to follow!

We also have a fun event planned for September 11; a cider tasting at Slabtown Cider Co. in Uxbridge, from 2 to 4 p.m. If you're interested in signing

up, please email davelapenta1@gmail.com

We have our fall lineup all ready to go, so here is what's coming in September:

Monday, September 8 - 10 a.m. - "Welcome Back" - mini workshop and summer fun sharing. This first meeting will be held at Trisan, due to renovations at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Monday, September 22, 10 a.m. - Helen Panezutti "What a pharmacist can offer to help maintain good Health"

Saturday, September 27 - 2 p.m. - "Let Me Out!" Escape room experience, 6344227 Hwy. 10, Mono.

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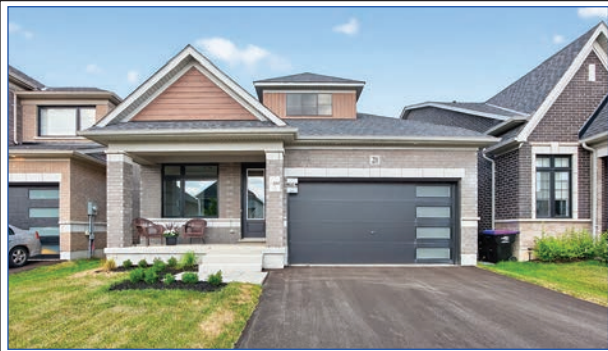
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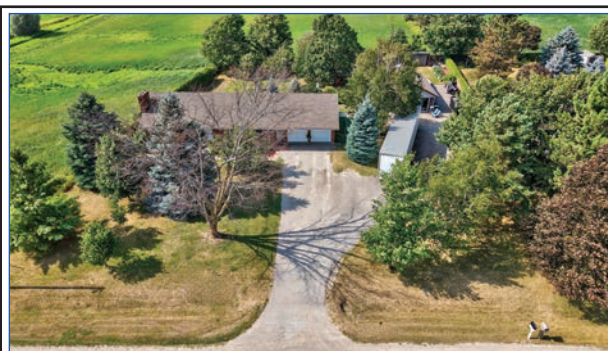
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BRAND NEW - SPRAWLING 3100SQFT CUSTOM BUNGALOW \$2,575,000

- Best of the Best! High end finishings throughout
- Massive kitchen/living room divided by stone double sided fireplace
- 40x30ft garage with walk-up from unfinished basement
- Too many upgrades to list! A Must see!



SET AMIDST THE ROLLING HILLS OF ADJALA \$1,649,000

- Stunning 3+1 Bed, 4 bath, Walkout Bungalow
- Insulated, oversized 2 car garage/shop
- Private inground saltwater pool with beautiful landscaping
- Fully finished lower level adds tons of living space



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! \$2,799,000

- Prime downtown Angus Commercial
- 1.09 acre approx. 7000 SqFt building
- Many uses



25 ACRE RETREAT, ADJALA \$2,200,000

- Extensive updates have just been completed
- 4 level split with 3 bedrooms, 4 bath
- 25x45ft barn, spring fed pond and 25 private acres
- Panoramic views, picturesque scenery all year round



25 ACRES – HOCKLEY VALLEY \$3,250,000

- Five-Year-Old Custom Home Features 4 Bedrooms, 6 Baths With 5+ Car Garage
- Walk-Out Lower Level Is An Entertainer's Dream, Offering A Home Theater Area And Stylish Wet Bar/Kitchen
- Located Just Minutes From Premier Golf, Spa, And Skiing Destinations
- Offers A Serene Lifestyle With A Private Pond And Beautifully Designed Interiors



EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF COUNTRY LIVING \$1,495,000

- Custom built 2-storey home on 2 acre lot
- Functional layout with tasteful modern finishes
- Detached oversized two car garage, 25 x 60ft quonset hut
- 3 bedrooms, 3 bath, expansive patio & landscaping



PICTURESQUE AND PRIVATE 10-ACRE, ADJALA \$1,300,000

- Two-Storey home, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms
- Oversized detached 2-car garage
- Potential for nanny or in-law suite
- Perfect blend of privacy & convenience



EXECUTIVE COUNTRY LIVING – NEW TECUMSETH \$3,500,000

- Stunning 6-Bdrm, 6-Bath Bungalow Set On 10 Acres Just North Of King
- Barn With Paddocks, 35ftx60ft Shop, And 40ftx60ft Coverall
- Fully Landscaped Backyard Oasis, With Inground Pool And Hot Tub
- Currently On Natural Gas With Municipal Water And Sewer At The Road



125 ACRES – ADJALA \$3,249,000

- 125-Acre Property Features Rolling Meadows, Mixed Bush, & Large Stream-Fed Pond
- Custom-Built Bungalow With Approx. 2,800 Sq. Ft. Of Main Floor Living
- Well-Maintained Bank Barn For Cattle, Offering Pens & Hay/Straw Storage
- 1,500 Sq. Ft Shop
- Approx. 65 Acres Pasture & 55 Acres Arable Land



PYNE HILL ESTATES, NEW TECUMSETH \$1,379,000

- Walkout executive bungalow
- Oversized 3 car garage
- Many updates throughout
- Beautiful mature lot, close to town

