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MPP Lecce attends World Neza Bazi event in Kettleby

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, attended the second annual Neza Bazi and horse-riding event in Kettleby. Neza Bazi is a traditional equestrian sport originating from South Asia that involves riders on horseback using a lance to peg items from the ground. "King is horseback country, the equestrian capital of Ontario," said Lecce. "While attending my first tent pegging tournament — the community got me on one of these beautiful horses. It was a great experience to join the competitors and horse riders as we kicked off the tournament."

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Mayor, ministers have 'pivotal' meeting on park

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini is "optimistic" following a meeting with provincial officials regarding the East Humber Park project.

The property, located at the northwest corner of King and Bathurst, has been the focus of efforts for several years.

"I am optimistic following a pivotal meeting with two provincial ministers (Stephen Lecce and Todd McCarthy) aimed at advancing the highly anticipated East Humber Park project. The meeting aimed to discuss the park's potential impact on the community and the environment,"

the mayor said.

East Humber Park has garnered attention as a vital green space for residents and visitors alike, promoting outdoor activities and conservation. Local advocates have rallied for the project, underscoring its importance for enhancing community well-being and biodiversity.

"I believe this meeting marks a crucial step towards realizing the vision for East Humber Park. There is a growing consensus on the need for accessible green spaces, especially in near-urban areas," the mayor added.

"The ministers expressed their commitment to reviewing the project's proposals and considering them for inclusion in the 2026 provincial budget. Residents are hopeful for a positive announcement that could transform East Humber Park from a vision into reality."

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Park project embraced by many local organizations

From Front Page

From the outset, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan recognized the importance of not just “maintaining” but also “improving or restoring” the ecological functions of the moraine, as well as creating new opportunities for public recreational access. The Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition’s 2015 report card identified the need for public authorities to take action to achieve these objectives. Such opportunities have been few and far between.

That’s why there is growing excitement about the proposal to create a new, publicly accessible green space in the heart of the moraine: the East Humber Headwaters Park. The property, over 500 acres (207 hectares) of largely vacant land in York Region, spans the entire width of a narrow corridor of the protected moraine area between King City and Richmond Hill.

The property is uniquely important in that it provides an unbroken link between the east and western ends of

the moraine, and includes the headwaters of the East Humber River. The vision for the proposed park includes restoring much of the landscape back to natural moraine habitat, allowing it to again provide critical ecological functions as a headwaters area.

The proposed East Humber Headwaters Park is a “can’t miss” opportunity to create a landmark public space for millions of GTA residents. That’s why the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Township of King, the Regional Municipality of York, and the City of Toronto have passed resolutions strongly supporting the project. The idea has also been embraced by local groups like Concerned Citizens of King Township and Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM), as well as provincial organizations including Ontario Nature, EcoSpark and Earthroots.

Local proponents need the Ontario Government’s support for this park to become a reality. The land is privately owned, having been in the same family for nearly 80 years. The landowner is



Mayor Steve Pellegrini met with Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce to move the East Humber park project ahead.

York reports first human case of West Nile virus

York Region Public Health received laboratory confirmation that an individual in the City of Vaughan has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV), marking York Region’s first human case of 2025.

West Nile virus is a virus that is spread to humans from the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people infected with WNV will not have symptoms, but some will experience flu-like illness. In rare cases, West Nile virus can be life threatening. The risk of developing serious illness is higher in older adults and individuals with a weakened immune system.

York Region encourages residents to follow these simple Fight the Bite tips to reduce their chance of being bitten by mosquitoes:

Use Health Canada-approved insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin – check label directions for use.

Wear light coloured protective clothing, including pants and long-sleeved shirts, when spending time outdoors.

Clean or remove standing water sources, including bird baths, empty containers, swimming pool covers, outdoor toys and flowerpots.

York Region’s annual West Nile vi-

rus control plan includes:

Mosquito control – Mosquito populations are reduced through a process called larviciding, using provincially and federally approved pesticides.

Mosquito surveillance – Each week between June and October, up to 40 mosquito traps are set up across the Region, capturing and testing mosquitoes for the virus; York Region reported the first positive mosquito trap of 2025 on July 17, in the City of Vaughan.

People who develop West Nile virus illness may experience symptoms which include fever, muscle weakness, stiff neck, confusion, severe headaches and a sudden sensitivity to light. In rare cases, the virus can cause serious neurological illness, including encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. Older adults and individuals with a weakened immune system are at higher risk of becoming seriously ill from West Nile virus infection. Residents who experience any of these symptoms are advised to seek medical attention.

For more information on West Nile virus, visit york.ca/WestNile or contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-512-6228.

willing to work with the provincial government to exchange the property for less ecologically sensitive development land outside of the moraine and owned by the province.

TRCA staff noted opportunities like this are rare, and often fleeting. As the GTA’s population continues to grow and expand, it is vital that we seize the chance to create outstanding public spaces for all to enjoy.

“We urge the Ontario Government to heed the tremendous opportunity presented by the East Humber Headwaters Park and join with us to enhance the Oak Ridges Moraine and make this landmark public space a reality,” said Maria Augimeri, chair, Toronto and Region Conservation.

The idea has been circulating since 2021 and has had the support of King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

“Families in King and Vaughan are incredibly proud of the natural beauty of the Oak Ridges Moraine, and I am committed to advancing the expansion and protection of our green spaces,” said Lecce. “We are taking action to

protect Ontario’s pristine natural environment by working to create the East Humber Headwaters Park for families to enjoy now and for future generations.”

This historic expansion and protection — one of the largest near urban parks in the country — would position the Township of King and the entire province as a leader in conservation and as a steward of Ontario’s natural heritage.

This initiative delivers on the objectives cited in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, which recognizes the importance of “improving or restoring” the ecological functions of the moraine, while also creating opportunities for public recreational enjoyment and access.

MPP Lecce will continue to work constructively with King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and council, in addition to local conservation authorities and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to support progress and delivery of this regional environmental priority.

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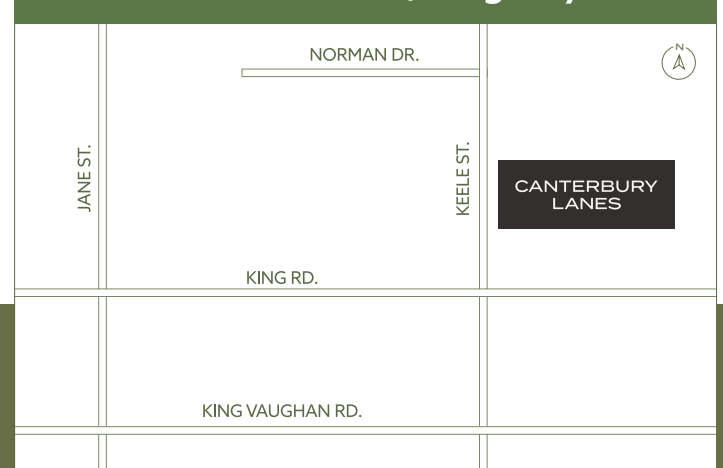
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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"A newspaper is not just ink and paper; it is the heartbeat of a community."

Amazing food, atmosphere permeates Village

They say it "takes a village" – a term emphasizing the importance of community involvement in achieving a goal.

The Village at Blue Mountain in Collingwood is a prime example of a cohesive "community" that never fails to impress.

An all-season resort destination, the Village offers a cornucopia of fantastic food, events, accommodations and activities.

My wife and I were fortunate to get away for a couple of days to celebrate our milestone 30th anniversary, and the Village seemed our best option. We visit almost every year and for many reasons, it keeps calling us back.

It's the epitome of destinations, offering a high level of accommodations, top-notch food choices and treats of all descriptions. It's one of the best options within easy reach of anywhere in the GTA.

The charming cobblestone streets never get old and even though we've been there literally dozens of times, there's always something new, some new aspect we discover and explore.

We needed to just get away, reconnect and enjoy one another's company.

Our one-bedroom suite in The Seasons was very nice and well equipped. A kitchen, fireplace, living room and two balconies were just what the doctor ordered! Spacious, clean and updated.

And top of our list was sampling some of the best dining establishments in the province. There's nothing like sharing a great meal with a loved one.

As Alan D. Wolfelt put it: "Food is symbolic of love when words are inadequate."

One would think that the iconic restaurants that have been cornerstones of the Village for decades may get boring or tired. Not so. If anything, they continue to up the ante, and up their game.

The service industry is about quality, atmosphere and customer service. Our choices were tops in all three categories.

My wife's favourite place of all time (and it retains its crown) is Oliver & Bonacini – O&B Cafe Grill nestled in the Westin hotel.



Mark Pavilons

The outdoor terrace offers one of the best views and that's topped by its menu and attention to every detail. One would think patio dining may lose something, but not here, not at all.

Our anniversary lunch began with house recommendations – artichoke and spinach dip and cauliflower bites. Some may think a simple spinach dip is rather straightforward and plain. Not so. This is beautifully presented with a ring of vegetables, corn chips and flatbread. It's the first time we tried a watermelon radish – beautiful.

Cauliflower bites seem to be growing in popularity and this was our first time trying the dish. It was crazy good, with hot and sour sauce, sesame seeds, green onion and a creamy dill dressing. This is our new go-to appetizer – thank you O&B.

One of the restaurant's top crowd-pleasers is the beef tenderloin kebab, and for good reason. They are made to perfection and complemented by outstanding truffle parmesan frites, truffle aioli and charred broccoli. Again, the

presentation was meticulous, matched only by its taste.

The management and wait staff were very attentive, exemplifying the restaurant's stellar reputation. The manager also presented us with glasses of Prosecco, Cabert, IT – wonderful bonus.

O&B, you're always in our hearts! A big shout-out to Margot and her team.

The best way to start any day is with a hearty breakfast.

Sunset Grill is known far and wide and there are outlets in our community, too.

The one at Blue is spacious, with a large outdoor patio. Service is lightning-fast and staff were constantly checking to see if everything was to our liking. The food – elevated standard breakfast fare – is always good, fresh and hot.

The place gets really busy, and it's amazing how efficient staff are at serving, cleaning up and preparing for the next table. I've never seen anything like it.

The expanded menu has everything your heart desires, whether it's 8 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Kim and I also had our first Mimosas – my wife's new-found favourite. A pleasant surprise that made our morning even brighter. Thanks to staff and co-owner Kim.

Our dining experience was blown away for the third time by the dishes at Rusty's at Blue, run by the Substance Food Group. This is not your typical road house fare, not by a long shot. While the decor screams rustic and wildly entertaining, the food is definitely fine dining. It's a great place for a group or family meal. Weekends, the place comes alive with music and dancing, so it's a must-visit locale. It also has the largest outdoor space of any restaurant in the Village.

The restaurant's favourites are slow-cooked to perfection. The kitchen staff are to be congratulated – every bite ex-

ceeded our expectations. Dare we say we enjoyed the best BBQ ever?

Yes, award-winning Pitmaster Stephen Perrin shows off his championship-level skills in every dish.

My slow roasted prime rib was outstanding. It was a staple of mine, but I hadn't had it in a few years. I was welcomed back into the fold this time. The portion is generous and cooked just right, together with veggies and melt-in-your-mouth mashed potatoes.

Kim said her pork side ribs were the best she's ever had in her entire life! And when they say fall off the bone, they mean it. You just have to look at them, and they slide off the bone. Heavenly.

Had we had more time, we probably would have ordered the Pitmaster Platter, with prime beef, wings, pulled pork, ribs, mac & cheese, coleslaw and pickled veggies.

This place is a meat-lovers dream and there are tons of amazing items on the menu, including typical children's favourites.

Stop in for a burger or dive into BBQ and get messy.

As I mentioned, there's nothing plain, simple or average in these establishments. All have raised the bar to keep customers coming back for more.

"This magical, marvelous food on our plate ... has a story to tell. It has a journey," according to Joel Salatin. It's our journey, too.

Alongside the Village's charm and international flavour, staff at its restaurants welcome you like family. And that's the best feeling in the world.

Kim and I sipped wine late into the wee hours of the morning on our balcony, watching the moon make its way through the night sky.

We relished in our togetherness, enjoyed over some fabulous meals.

This was an anniversary to remember.

Letter to the Editor

Grocery prices continue to soar

The following letter, to Simcoe-York MPP Caroline Mulroney, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

I ask friends what is the most important question we, as Canadian consumers need to address at this time? It's not food shortage.

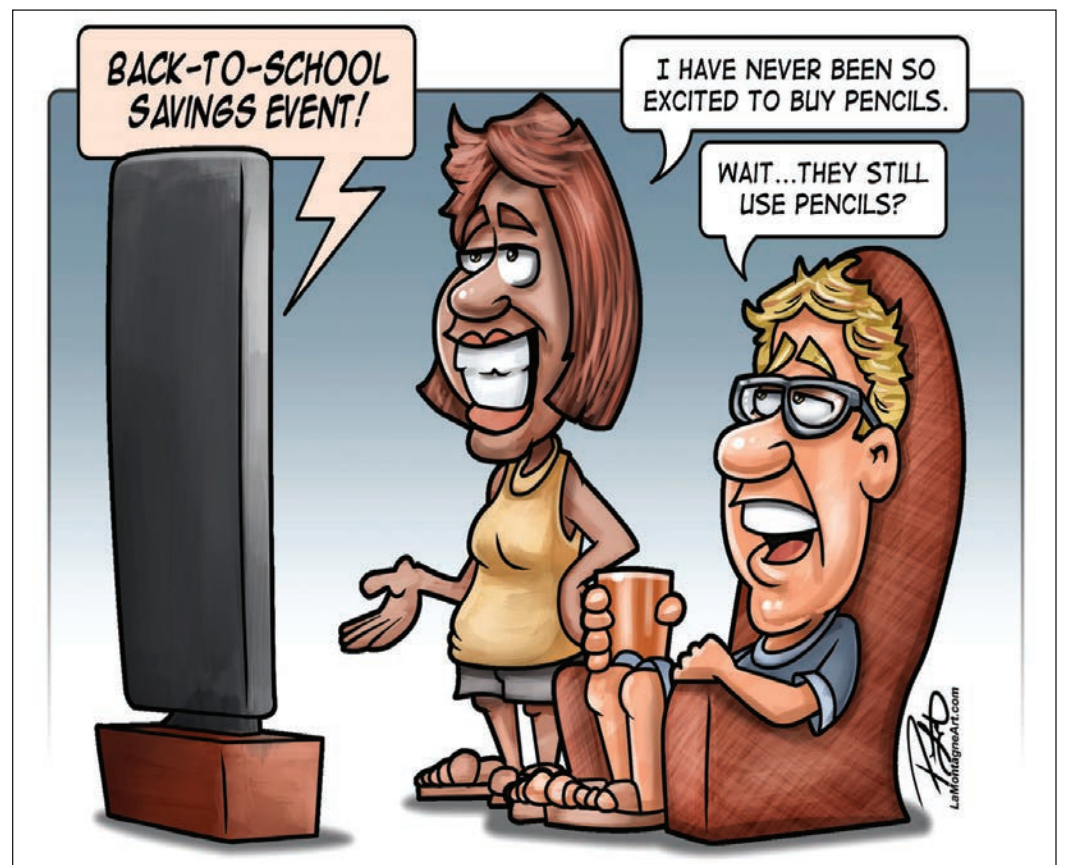
We have a wonderful abundance of efficient farmers who are producing meats and vegetables. There have been many (sometimes reasonable) price increases imposed on the consumer. One can, in some cases, accept those additional affronts to our consumer budgets.

In one example, the price of a bunch of broccoli increased by 20% over the past six months. Like many others, I accepted and lived with the inevitable. However, when the plastic bound vegetable gradually became visibly smaller over time, I was incensed. Now, grocers, you are cheating!

My position now is that I would have to buy two bundles to last until next shopping day. This is not fair! It is cheating the consumer who is trying to balance a budget in this artificially created food war blamed on tariffs.

I want to see such cheating punished. Better business means honest business.

Deana Weyman



Quote of the Week

"It isn't how much time you spend somewhere that makes it memorable; it's how you spend the time."
— David Brenner

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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Get outside, meet people, have fun and save the world!

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Most people care about the planet and each other. Yet we watch in dismay as moneyed and powerful forces destroy the natural systems our health and lives depend on. Addressing global heating and biodiversity loss — which affect everyone but disproportionately the marginalized and vulnerable — requires those in government and industry to act with urgency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

That's a challenge but, thanks to enlightened leadership in many gov-

ernments and some sectors outside the fossil fuel industry, nations have made commitments and signed climate and biodiversity agreements. And many jurisdictions are shifting to renewable energy much faster than expected as technologies improve and costs plummet.

But because we took so long to act, and our actions are still inadequate, we must focus on adaptation as well as slowing and reversing climate change

and biodiversity loss.

Although we may feel powerless given the enormity of the climate and extinction crises, what we each do in our lives matters — for the planet and our wellbeing.

We understand the environmental benefits of reducing and recycling, using energy more efficiently, driving less and eating plant-based foods. But many eco-conscious actions also help us connect with others, get outside and have fun — often sparking widespread positive change.

Take pollinator gardens. Thanks to programs like the David Suzuki Foundation's Butterflyway Project, gardens throughout the country are blooming with native, pollinator-friendly plants — from balconies and boulevards to backyards and schoolyards. These create corridors and habitat for butterflies, bees, birds and more, at a time when many face precarious declines. They also build community, beautify neighbourhoods and can supply food and herbs.

Local reforestation projects also provide tremendous benefits to communities and the planet.

In 1999, Armando López Pocol gathered volunteers and community members in Pachaj, in western Guatemala, to plant trees in an area devastated by decades of deforestation. The Chico Mendes Reforestation Project — named for the Brazilian eco-activist who fought for Indigenous rights and rainforest preservation until he was murdered by a cattle rancher in 1988 — has planted as many as 25,000 trees a year and expects to plant 30,000 this year. Unfortunately, some have been destroyed by increasing wildfires as the planet heats, unlike previous years when trees were cut down for fuels, timber, mining and agriculture.

In New York, a non-profit founded by the multi-talented Bette Midler is enlisting volunteers to plant native chestnut saplings. Chestnuts were plentiful in the eastern United States until a blight from Asia killed billions in the early 1900s.

Trees sequester carbon and help stabilize climate, and cool and clean the air. They also provide food and shelter for insects, birds and other life, retain water and prevent erosion, flooding and landslides.

"Rewilding" projects worldwide have

benefited ecosystems, climate and people.

Getting involved in environmental or rewilding initiatives can be fun. The Foundation's Butterflies in My Backyard, or BIMBY, program has teamed up with iNaturalist to track and photograph butterflies and their habits, allowing "Rangers" to spend time outdoors exploring the world of these fascinating insects while contributing to a wider volume of knowledge. This also builds public awareness about pollinators, the threats they face and solutions.

Other community science projects include apps that identify birds, mushrooms or plants, with information added to a geographical database. Again, the user gets out into nature, learns about animals, plants and fungi and contributes to increased knowledge.

Any of these activities, but especially those that get us outside and connect us with others, are good for our wellbeing and can be part of the antidote to the despair, grief or anxiety that many understandably struggle with in the face of ecological emergency and other greed-fuelled local and global crises.

Sometimes, like a tree or flower seed planted, a small idea can bloom into something beautiful and strong. If we continue to plant seeds, literally and metaphorically, and encourage others to join us, we can grow a movement, restore nature, beautify our communities and use our growing numbers to push those in power to lead the way to a cleaner, better future.

Getting outdoors and connecting with others are just a few of the personal benefits we can enjoy while being part of a greater cause. What's good for the planet is good for us all.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Board, association ratify agreement

The Regional Municipality of York Police Service Board is pleased to announce the ratification of a new five-year Uniform and Civilian collective agreement with the York Regional Police Association (Association) as of August 1.

This process was a collaborative effort centered on supporting recruitment, retention and member wellness, while balancing the fiscal health and sustainability of police services in York Region. It also reflects a shared commitment to stability, competitiveness, and the long-term success of both the organization and its people.

"This agreement is the result of several months of productive dialogue and mutual respect with the York Regional Police Association through a challenging and unique round of negotiations. The Police Service Board is pleased to have reached a fair and fiscally responsible agreement that reflects the shared priorities of both parties and creates a strong foundation for the future," said Board Chair Steve Pellegrini. "This settlement strikes the right balance and supports ongoing goals. Both parties worked toward greater alignment, with a focus on being consistent with comparators and ensuring financial certainty. We are confident this agreement positions us well to meet current and future challenges while continuing to deliver value."

The Board, at a Special Meeting, voted unanimously to ratify the agreement. The Association also ratified the agreement earlier today.

Details of the agreement include an initial 6.81% increase to wages followed

by an annual wage increase ranging from 2.5 to 3.5 per cent over the term of the five-year contract. The agreement also includes enhanced health care benefits to keep pace with comparators, premiums for specialized duties equivalent to other Canadian police services, and increases to pregnancy/parental leave and psychological benefits for members.

"I am confident that this agreement will allow York Regional Police to recruit and retain the country's finest police officers and professional talent for years to come," said Chief of Police Jim MacSween. "The terms of the agreement place our organization in the best possible position to ensure the safety and security of citizens in our region, while providing our members with the supports they require to perform at their highest level." The enhancements outlined in the collective agreement will be rolled out progressively throughout the term of the agreement. This phased implementation strategy is designed to align the optimization of entitlements with the Board's strategic objectives, ensuring fiscal responsibility.

The agreements are consistent with other GTA comparators and will bring York Regional Police in parity with those organizations.

The collective agreements between the parties expired on Dec. 31, 2024, and the YRPA membership voted in favour of ratifying the agreements Aug. 1, 2025.

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Gabriel Arshad is fighting to move again while his family fights to keep repeat offenders off the road

By Riley Murphy

“This never should have happened to my son. This guy should have been punished a long time ago,” said Riz Arshad, while sitting in Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

Many floors above is his son, 21-year-old Gabriel Arshad, who has been in critical condition since July 5.

On that day, the Bolton youth was in a four-vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 50 and Coleraine Drive in Brampton.

The driver was Koushal Kasiram, a 58-year-old man from Mississauga.

Kasiram was charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm, driving with excess blood alcohol, and prohibited driving times three, read the Peel Regional Police Report.

He is a five-time repeat offender for impaired driving-related convictions and was also on three separate lifetime driving prohibitions at the time of the collision.

The crash left Gabriel not only in

a coma, but also anticipated to have “long-term life-altering injuries,” reads the report.

Riz said his son has since woken up from the coma, and is even showing his shining personality through the little movement he currently has.

He says that his son can “put his fists up” to his sisters in a joking way, exhibiting the classic sibling rivalries they have always shared with one another.

He can also give his family a big thumbs-up.

“I’m just happy to see my son open his eyes and recognize me. It’s so amazing to have that, we’ll take whatever comes,” says Riz.

The Arshad family’s battle is far from over, as Riz shared they are currently awaiting to see the neurological damage Gabriel has suffered as his body heals.

The family has lived in Bolton for more than 15 years, and it’s where all their children have grown up.

Gabriel was actively pursuing a career as a plumber, seeking apprentice-



Gabriel Arshad will have a long road ahead after suffering life-altering injuries in a crash.



Edward Jones supports Ronald McDonald House

King businessman Rob Payne (2nd from left) recently visited Ronald McDonald House in downtown Toronto on behalf of Edward Jones Canada, Regional Leader Scott Marshall CFP, CIM, FCSI, Region 280 and colleague Mantej S. Khaira. They dropped off approximately \$5,000 in donations to support families staying at the House while their children undergo life-saving treatments. Since 1981, Ronald McDonald House Charities has provided a comforting place to call home for families with seriously ill children, helping them stay close during the most difficult times. If you'd like to make a difference, please consider donating at <https://rmhctoronto.ca/donate-today/>

ships while also coaching soccer.

Riz shared Gabriel was constantly showering him and his family with gifts and surprises.

“He’s a good kid. He does it not just for me, he does it for the whole family. He’s very, very family-oriented. He looked forward to those family occasions where family would come over, and he would look forward (to it) more than anybody in our house. Sometimes people get stressed out when the whole family gets together, and that guy was excited every single time,” shared Riz.

Gabriel’s family is petitioning and calling for bail reform.

Riz said it was initially his daughters who took to Facebook to ask the community to write to the Crown to reconsider Kasiram’s bail.

“This guy is already out, and it’s wrong,” said Riz. “There should have been a little bit more than just don’t drink again and you’re out.”

Riz continued: “If you’re getting into your car for the sixth time knowing that your licence is suspended and you’re drunk and you’re driving, in his case, a 10,000-pound weapon. If you’re going to be driving this huge weapon while you’re drinking and you hurt somebody, it should be considered attempted murder or manslaughter. Thank God my son didn’t die, but it should be a lot more serious than just ‘here’s your sixth DUI.’”

“We had him in jail. He was in custody. Why do we let him out if he’s that

much of a concern?”

He urges everyone across Ontario to call their Members of Parliament and express that this situation “is not tolerable.”

“It’s not just for drinking and driving. It’s giving bail to criminals that don’t deserve it, that they’ve proven themselves, and proven to us, that they have a problem and they need some help, and they need to be locked up for a while,” says Riz.

Kyle Seeback, MP for Dufferin-Caledon, has started a petition following the accident to demand bail reform.

“Demand bail reform now. Let’s protect our families, our roads, and our communities — before another life is shattered,” reads the petition.

The GoFundMe for Gabriel, created by his sisters, has a goal of \$75,000, aiming to “cover his rising medical and legal expenses now, and to support what will be a long and difficult road ahead,” according to the website.

His family spends every day with him at Sunnybrook.

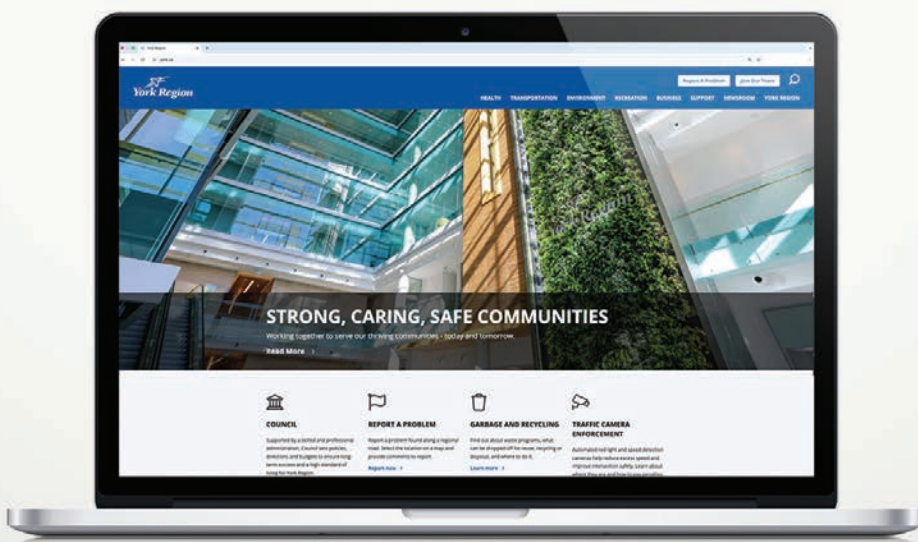
“I’m not sure what’s going to come in the next couple of years for us. But I know that’s something we’re having to think about,” says Riz.

To donate to the family’s GoFundMe, visit www.gofundme.com/f/help-gabriel-fight-for-his-life-after-a-tragic-collision.

To sign Kyle Seeback’s petition for bail reform, visit www.kyleseeback.ca/jailnotbail.

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Officials get a first-hand glimpse of Marsh farms

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor
 Local Journalism
 Initiative Reporter

A King councillor was more than willing to guide officials and politicians around Ontario's Salad Bowl – Holland Marsh area farms.

Councillor Avia Eek joined a group of officials touring ATV Farms, vegetable packing facility; Holland Acres, a vegetable farm, and the Muck Crops Research Station (University of Guelph).

Proud of her Ward 6 agricultural leaders, Eek welcomed Ministers Caroline Mulroney, Trevor Jones, and Todd

McCarthy, representatives from the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, councillors and the president of the University of Guelph. She extended her thanks to Jody Mott for organizing the tour.

McCarthy, Jones, and Eek visited Holland Acres Farm, and met the Van Luyk family.

"Farms like Holland Acres are embracing technology and innovation to feed families across the country, and our government is proud to be supporting them every step of the way," she said.

"It was a great opportunity to share some of the issues our farmers face

producing food for our growing population, talk about the innovation that our farmers utilize, and an opportunity to continue pushing for working together in a collaborative spirit for the

benefit of the environment, and our consumers. All in all, it was a great morning celebrating agricultural innovation and research in the Holland Marsh."



Ontario investing \$3-million to protect the Lake Simcoe Watershed

The Ontario government is investing \$3 million to launch the new Farm Washwater Innovation and Stewardship Efforts (Farm WISE) Fund for farmers growing vegetables in the Holland Marsh area.

As part of the province's plan to protect Ontario, this initiative supports healthy communities and a strong local agri-food economy by helping farmers adopt new and innovative technologies to protect the Lake Simcoe watershed, which is vital to the local agricultural community, residents and tourism industry.

"The Holland Marsh is Canada's most productive vegetable growing region and we're giving farmers the tools they need to keep the region's watershed a cleaner, safer place to grow food, work and raise families," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "This new fund is just one of the ways our government is empowering communities to protect the air, land and water in Ontario for generations to come."

Known as Ontario's "soup and salad bowl," the Holland Marsh area produces more carrots, celery, onions, lettuce and greens than any other single region in Canada. The Farm WISE Fund was developed to help farmers adopt technologies to improve water use on farms and treat water that has been used to wash produce, which will help reduce the amount of phosphorus entering the watershed.

The ministry is currently accepting applications until October 5, 2025. Eligible farmers in the Holland Marsh area can receive up to \$375,000 per project to fund these improvements.

This investment is part of the ministry's commitment to reduce phosphorus and restore the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed and the Great Lakes through the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health.

"Our government is proud to support farmers in the Holland Marsh by helping them produce high-quality food while embracing innovation. By providing access to this funding, we are boosting resilience and safeguarding local water quality for generations to come," said York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney.

"On behalf of the Holland Marsh Growers Association, we would like to thank the Ontario Government for their support and continued investment in agriculture. With this investment, farmers will be able to upgrade and improve the tools they have to further their productivity and sustainably feed Ontario. At the end of the day farmers are the stewards of the land, and the Ontario Government is helping them with another piece of the puzzle to achieve their goals. We would also like to thank MPP Mulroney for always being a champion for the farmers and the Holland Marsh," added Tim Horlings, Chair, Holland Marsh Growers' Association.

Ontario's agri-food supply chain is a substantial and often underestimated economic force, contributing \$47 billion to the province's gross domestic product (GDP), as referenced in Grow Ontario: a provincial agri-food strategy.

Since 2018, the Ontario government has committed over \$37 million in actions to protect and restore Lake Simcoe, including multi-year projects to reduce the amount of phosphorous, road salt and other pollutants from entering Lake Simcoe.

"The Farm WISE program's \$3 million investment supports Holland Marsh farmers, our environment, and our thriving agribusinesses. By supporting innovative washwater technologies, we're protecting the Lake Simcoe watershed while ensuring our farmers continue to lead in sustainable, high-quality food production," said Trevor Jones, Minister, Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness.



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Province accepting applications for Rural Ontario Development program

The Ontario government is now accepting applications for the new Rural Ontario Development (ROD) program to help support economic growth, protect jobs and improve infrastructure in small communities.

In January, the government announced \$20 million over the next two years to help rural communities attract investment and create new jobs and opportunities for rural workers. In the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty, this expanded funding will support the government's plan to protect rural Ontario communities by encouraging economic development and helping keep workers on the job.

King Township staff pointed out that this is the new Rural Economic Development program.

They are reviewing the details of the new program to assess opportunities for an application. In previous years, King has received funding through RED.

"Our government has doubled its investment in the Rural Ontario Development program to drive economic growth and increase the workforce across rural Ontario," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. "The expanded program will benefit rural communities and rural businesses by attracting investment, creating jobs and building rural Ontario."

Eligible rural municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous communities and small businesses can apply to four funding streams:

Economic Diversification, Competitiveness and Capacity Building: building economic development capacity and implementing strategies that increase competitiveness to retain busi-

nesses, attract investment and enhance growth.

Workforce Development, Attraction and Retention: investing in strategies and/or to undertake initiatives for attracting and retaining workers.

Community Infrastructure Enhancements: investing in community infrastructure and improving public spaces or existing community assets.

Business Development: investing in projects that support businesses to be financially sustainable and competitive, including cyber security initiatives, accessibility enhancements or expansion to new markets.

The Rural Ontario Development program is a key component of Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy.

Applications for the first intake of the Rural Ontario Development program are now open and will close on September 24 at 5 p.m.

In January 2025, the government announced an increase of \$20 million over two years for the Rural Ontario Development program, previously known as the Rural Economic Development program.

Since 2019, the government has invested \$27.5 million towards supporting 473 projects through the Rural Economic Development Program.

"AMO applauds the province's two-year, \$20 million investment in the Rural Ontario Development program. This commitment demonstrates leadership in protecting and strengthening local economies, which is vital amidst

current trade disruptions, tariffs and looming economic downturn," said Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Mayor, Westport.

"ROMA thanks the Ontario government for enhancing the Rural Ontario Development program. Its new design directly responds to rural needs by doubling funding, setting a higher cost-sharing ratio, adding planning and strategy investments as eligible costs and maintaining sector training and application support. ROD will empower rural municipalities to attract and retain investment, driving provincial prosperity," added Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Mayor, Mississippi Mills.

Wellness Day at Heal House in King City supports Canadian Mental Health Association

By Brittany Greci

King City residents were given a refreshing taste of what it means to live with vitality recently, during Wellness Day at Heal House.

This one-of-a-kind health and wellness centre has quickly become a standout in the community. The all-day event, held as an open house, invited guests to explore the centre's holistic approach to health while enjoying classes, conversation, and community.

Unlike traditional clinics or fitness studios, Heal House takes a unique, comprehensive approach to well-being. As their philosophy states, "health is not the absence of disease—it's the presence of vitality."

This guiding belief is woven into everything they do, offering members a dynamic and evolving relationship with their body and environment. Their model combines personalized di-



agnostics and assessments, functional and naturopathic medicine, bioenergetic and longevity therapies, mind-body healing, education, and community, as well as holistic skin modalities. Simply put, there is no place quite like Heal House in the King Township area.

Wellness Day was designed to give the public a in-depth look at this special space. Guests were welcomed into the serene environment and had the chance to sample classes led by local leaders in the wellness field. The day featured Pilates sessions, breathwork practices, and guided movement experiences, each highlighting the mind-body connection that lies at the heart of Heal House's mission.

Of course, wellness isn't just about movement and medicine – it's also about nourishment. Guests were treated to delicious bites provided by Essence Bistro in Vaughan, which complemented the day's theme of vitality and balance.

Beyond the activities, the event provided an opportunity for the community to connect, learn, and feel inspired.

Attendees experienced first-hand how Heal House guides its members with structure, strategy, and soul, tailoring programs for those seeking recovery, optimization, or transformation.

Importantly, all proceeds from Wellness Day were donated to the Canadian Mental Health Association, reinforcing the centre's commitment to giving back and supporting community well-being.

Founder and practitioners emphasized that Heal House is not a one-size-fits-all space. Whether you're looking to heal, strengthen, or simply optimize your well-being, you will find a plan designed just for you, met with warmth, intelligence, and care.

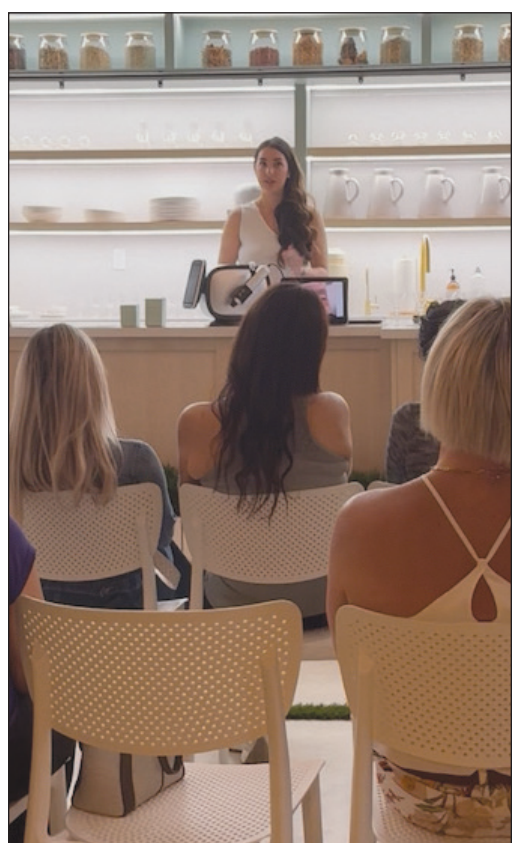
For King City, Wellness Day was more than just an open house. It was a glimpse into a healthier future, one where vitality and community take centre stage. Wellness Days will also be becoming a more regular occurrence, giving residents ongoing opportunities to connect with this innovative space. And with Heal House leading the way, the region now has a unique hub where healing meets innovation.

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Family-friendly social and picnic draws residents

The comeback of the Raspberry Social & Community Picnic, held at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre on August 9, attracted over 200 guests.

Guests brought their own picnics and snacked on raspberry shortcakes baked by King City Seniors Centre members, as well as free locally sourced fresh raspberries. The free Township-led event featured family-friendly entertainment for all ages, including:

A playground scavenger hunt for children (with prizes) and face painting.

An escape room experience in the King Railway Station hosted by Live

History Shows, a Governor General's Award nominated international touring theatre company

Live music by The Opening Act, a musical duo who performed a variety of acoustic hits from the 1950s onward.

A fencing demonstration by Knights in the Classroom Epic (who will run fencing lessons this fall, in partnership with the Township).

Lawn games like badminton, croquet, cornhole toss, Jenga.

Guests also toured the museum exhibits including ON TRACK: How the Railway Connected Communities and Created a Country - on now until November 8.

The Raspberry Social & Community Picnic is one of several free events marking King Township's 175th anni-

versary.

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Arts Society King looks back on a busy year; invites new board members

Arts Society King (ASK) has enjoyed a vibrant first half of 2025, bringing arts and culture to King Township with an impressive lineup of events. Highlights included the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts, Studio Tour King, the Timeless Tales All-Ages Writing Contest, the VE for Victory Dance, and the Spring Blooms Pop-Up Plant & Art Sale. ASK also published both the spring and summer issues of MOSAiC magazine – making the summer break well-earned for the dedicated team of volunteers who worked hard to bring these events to our community.

Now, the not-for-profit organization is looking ahead to an exciting fall season. Planning is underway for "Cabernet & Canvas" on September 14 at Sherwood Farm, a special fundraiser pairing an

en plein air art competition with wine tasting – featuring participation from the mayor and councillors. Other upcoming events include the Tale Tellers Night on September 18th to launch the latest writing contest anthology; an artist talk on October 2nd; and the next session in the Art Lab Workshop Series on October 11th.

A brand-new event, the King Artisan Holiday Market, is also on the horizon for the weekend of November 22 and 23. This festive market will take place at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, conveniently timed to coincide with One of a King at the King Township Municipal Centre.

As ASK continues to grow, the organization is seeking keen volunteers to serve on event committees and is

especially interested in welcoming new members to its board of directors. There is also an immediate need for a new secretary to take minutes at monthly board meetings, held on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in King City.

Looking further ahead, ASK will soon begin planning for the fourth bi-annual Mayor's Cultural Gala, the crown jewel of King Township's arts calendar, scheduled for early 2026.

ASK volunteers will work closely with King Township Special Events staff to deliver another unforgettable evening.

If you'd like to get involved with this creative, fun, and community-minded group, visit www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca, email Michele at info@artsocietyking.ca, or follow along on Instagram (@arts_society_king) and Facebook (Arts Society King) for updates and inspiration.



Gardening in Harmony: Michael and Erika's practical and peaceful oasis

By Anna Santarossa

For Michael and Erika, gardening is more than a hobby; it's a relaxing escape and a shared creative pursuit. They take great pleasure in watching their ideas bloom into reality, even if their gardening styles don't always match.

While Michael brings a strategic, low-maintenance mind set to the garden, Erika approaches it as a canvas for creativity. With a background in design, she applies core principles such as balance, contrast, repetition, and focal points to shape their outdoor space. She carefully considers colour combinations, plant textures, and seasonal interest to ensure the garden is visually engaging year-round.

Erika also layers plants by height and bloom time, creating a sense of rhythm and movement that draws the eye. Her thoughtful touches soften the structure of the garden, transforming it into a welcoming and harmonious retreat.

Michael complements this artistic vision with practicality. "It has to be

low maintenance," he says with a smile. For him, every detail, from plant selection and placement to mulch coverage, is part of a grand design focused on ease and efficiency.

One of his proudest accomplishments? The shape of their garden beds. Rather than create edges that require tedious trimming, Michael cleverly designed the curves to match the exact turning radius of his lawn tractor. The result: a beautifully flowing garden with no need for edge-whipping. Just hop on the mower and go.

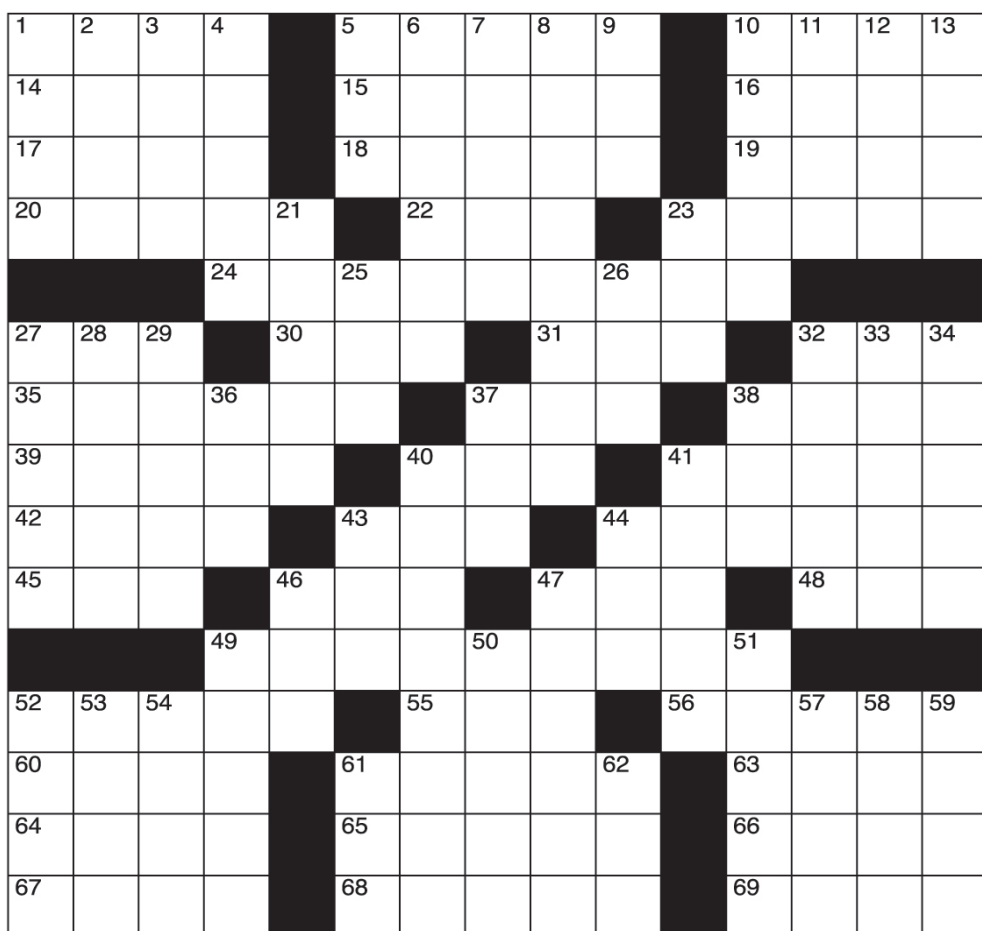
Together, their garden is perfectly balanced, equal parts serene retreat and smart design, reflecting both their personalities.

The Glorious Gardens initiative, presented by the Nobleton & King City Garden Club, celebrates and recognizes local gardeners for their hard work, creativity, and dedication to beautifying our community. If you'd like to learn more, get involved, or nominate a garden, feel free to contact the club at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mongolian politician
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Covers in soft material
16. Walk around
17. Ancient region in Syria
18. French painter
19. Grandmother
20. Cow part
22. Rocky peak
23. Secret plan
24. Sings to one's lover
27. More (Spanish)
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Hat
35. In agreement
37. A person's brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Monetary units
40. Partner to cheese
41. About Sun

42. A place to dance
43. Performer __ Lo Green
44. Beach accessory
45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
46. Partly digested food
47. Pooch
48. Honorific title added to family name
49. Salts
52. Lichens genus
55. Lowest point of a ridge
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Gold measurement
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth

2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Publicly outs
5. Steep-sided hollow
6. Spoke
7. General law or rule
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. __ fide: legitimate
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Top exec
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
28. Dyes
29. Cloying sweetness
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Chemical compound
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. Late comedian
39. Newhart
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise individuals
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Trim
46. Former OSS
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Edible lily bulbs
50. Type of reef
51. Vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. A place to store lawn tools
54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
57. Hollywood pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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

King Theatre Company Returns to Pine Farms Orchard with Mitch Albom's 'Tuesdays With Morrie'

King Theatre Company (KTC) is proud to announce its return to the beautiful outdoor setting of Pine Farms Orchard with Tuesdays With Morrie, the powerful and heartwarming stage adaptation of Mitch Albom's beloved memoir. The production runs through Aug. 28, with performances Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7 p.m.

Following the sold-out success of Salt-Water Moon, Tuesdays With Morrie marks KTC's second summer production at Pine Farms Orchard. The

show transforms the orchard's iconic storefront porch into a fully realized outdoor stage, offering audiences a magical and memorable evening of theatre under the open sky.

When Mitch Albom, a driven sports journalist, reconnects with his former college professor Morrie Schwartz, what begins as a single visit turns into a series of profound weekly conversations. As Morrie faces his final days with courage, humour, and wisdom, he teaches Mitch and all of us how to truly live.

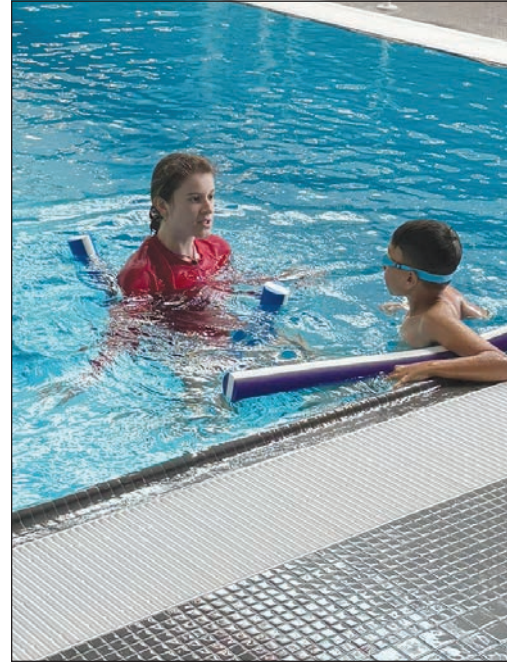
Brimming with tenderness, honesty, and gentle humour, Tuesdays With Morrie is a story of mentorship, memory, and what it means to live a meaningful life. As New York Magazine writes, "This is a play that might – incredibly just might – change your life."

Directed by Chloë Rose Flowers, the production introduces Nicholas Rice Morrie Schwartz and welcomes back Josh Plamer (Salt-Water Moon) as The show runs approximately 90 minutes with no intermission.

A Unique Theatrical Experience Set against the lush landscape of Pine Farms Orchard, guests are invited to enjoy an evening of food, drinks, and storytelling as the sun sets. Last summer's performances drew audiences

from across the GTA, making KTC's orchard shows a new seasonal tradition in King Township. Tickets <https://www.kingtheatre.ca/tuesdayswithmorrie>

Founded in 2024, King Theatre Company is dedicated to enriching the lives of King Township and GTA residents by providing high-quality, professional theatre, entertainment, and educational programming. As a registered not-for-profit, our mission is to cultivate culture, foster community, and offer employment opportunities for artists while promoting civic engagement. Through the transformative power of the performing arts, we aim to enhance the cultural fabric of our rapidly growing community.



King City hosts 'Swim to Survive' event for World Drowning Prevention Day

By Britany Grenici

The Zancor Centre in King City opened its doors July 25 for a free public swim in recognition of "World Drowning Prevention Day." From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., families participated in a "Swim to Survive" session led by King Township lifeguards, aimed at teaching essential water safety skills.

The program focused on three life-saving techniques: rolling into deep water, treading for one minute, and swimming 50 metres. Children under 10 were required to swim with a parent in the water, ensuring safety and support during the session. Spots were limited, and the excellent turnout reflected the community's growing awareness around water safety.

The event arrived at a critical time. According to the Lifesaving Society of Canada, approximately 450 Canadians drown each year, with drowning being the second-leading cause of unintentional death among children under 10. Nearly 65% of drownings occur in natural bodies of water, and most victims were not wearing life jackets.

Organizers hope events like this empower families with practical skills to respond to water emergencies, making their time in the water that much more enjoyable.

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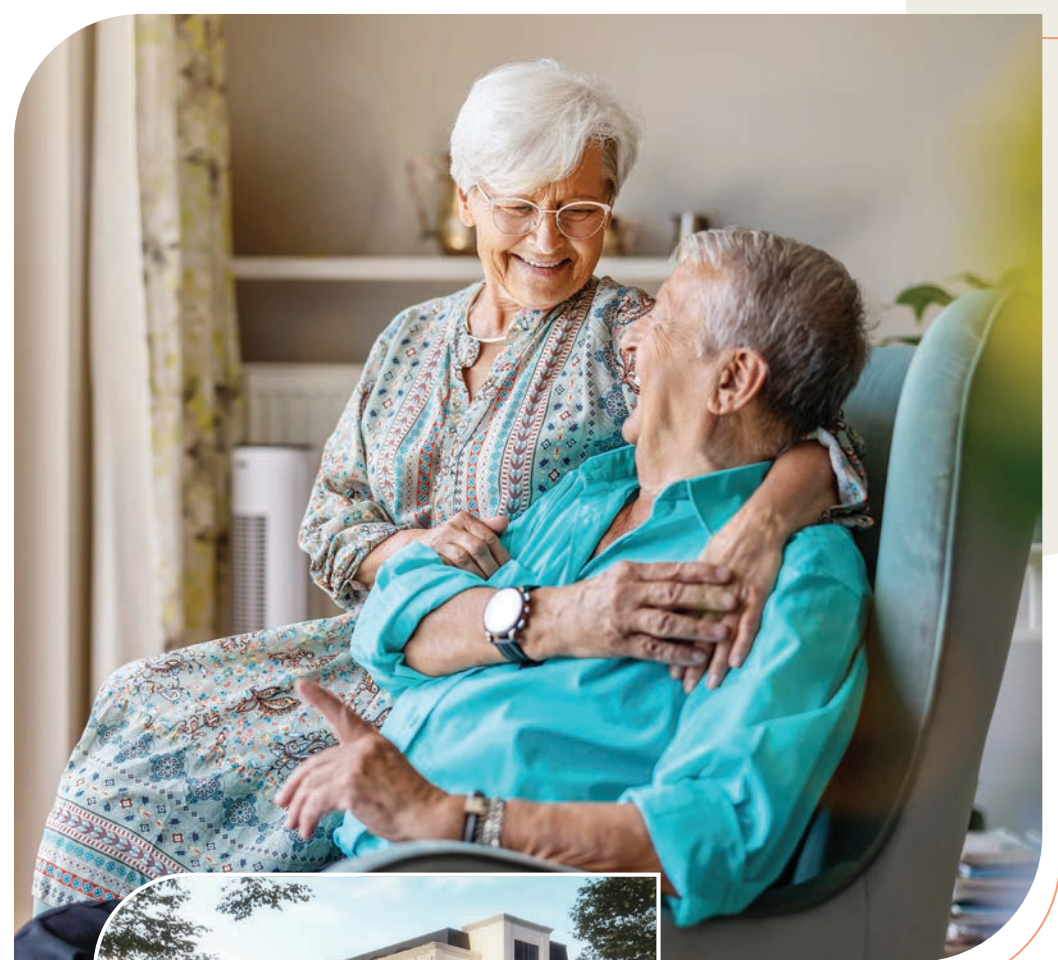
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King Township's fall recreation and aquatic programs now viewable online

Fall into a favourite pastime with King Township's unbeatable selection of fall recreation programs.

Take in the crisp autumn air while practicing yoga, training for a triathlon, going on guided fall hikes or taking your furry friend for a stroll with the dog walk group. Perfect your aim in archery, score big in soccer, volleyball, basketball and badminton or craft something new with Métis beading, holiday card making and a nature paint and sip.

The full list of programming can be viewed online at king.ca/recreation.

Registration for fall recreation programs opens at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 18, at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The Township's online recreation registration system is conveniently available 24/7 and allows you to search for programs by day of the week, age, location and area of interest. Registration can also be completed in-person at the Trisan Centre, Zancor Centre or the King Township Municipal Centre.

Fall programming begins the week of September 15 at recreation facilities across the Township.

Programming highlights include:

All Ages and Family: holiday card making and cooking workshops, fencing, guided forest hikes, campfire and climbing adventures at Cold Creek Conservation Area, plus a mysterious Halloween trick-or-treating adventure, community pop-up exhibit for Islamic Heritage Day, and Christmas tree lighting and cookie decorating at the museum.

Preschool: crafting, soccer, basketball, gardening, animal adventures in the park.

Children and Youth: painting, fashion design, yoga, animated cartooning, robotics, 3D design and virtual reality, archery, high ropes, sports, cooking and baking, musical theatre, and a new Dungeons and Dragons club.

P.A. Day and School Break Camps:

Registration for recreation programs and swim lessons opens at 7 a.m. on August 18

explore storytelling, acting and creative play in a full-day theatre workshop on P.A. Days and during the winter break.

Adult: painting, card making, archery, disc golf, outdoor yoga and the chance to become a neighbourhood composting champion, plus badminton and pickleball leagues as well as a triathlon event.

Seniors: health and wellness workshops, art and writing classes, presentations on local history, tai chi, chair Zumba and bird watching.

For more information about fall recreation programs, visit king.ca/recreation.

Swim lessons and aquatic leadership programs at the Zancor Centre.

The fall schedule for swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses at Zancor Centre is now online at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The facility's Aqua Tech Solutions Aquatic Centre will offer learn-to-swim lessons for all ages, based on the Ontario Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program, which features programming for parent & tots, preschoolers, children, teens and adults, as well as private lessons for children ages three to 12. Aquatic leadership programs to train youth for employment as a swim instructor or lifeguard are also available.

Registration for fall swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses opens at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 18 at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The fall session starts the week of September 15.

For more information about aquatic programs, visit king.ca/aquatics.

To ensure a seamless registration process, parents are encouraged to make sure all personal information on their online registration account is

up to date prior to August 18. If you require assistance creating an account,

call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

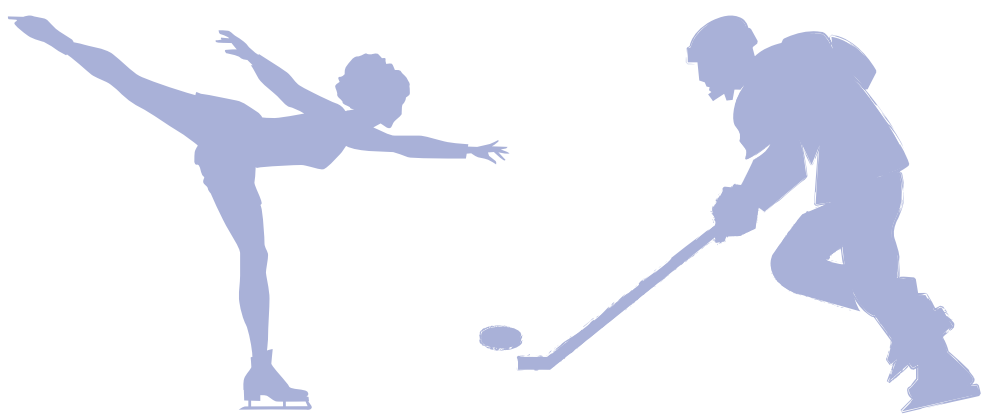


MPP Lecce speaks to Villanova class

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, was the guest speaker at Villanova College's Careers and Civics Summer School Class. MPP Lecce walked them through his personal story from his time as President of Western University's Student Government, to working for Former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, to becoming MPP for King—Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Energy and Mines and gave words of encouragement for students looking to pursue government or public service as a career.

"These intelligent students have a bright future ahead," said Lecce. "I had the privilege of joining the summer class at Villanova College to share my personal story and talk about the value of public service and democracy. Having gone abroad to promote democracy following the 'Arab Spring', I feel like it is critical that we elevate civic education and inspire young people to contribute meaningfully to their community and to be proud of their country."

FALL REGISTRATION GUIDE



Fall Skating

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Nuclear isotope council will boost nuclear advantage to support cancer care

The Ontario government announced it has launched the Nuclear Isotope Innovation Council of Ontario (NIICO), a new expert advisory panel that will help leverage Ontario's world-class nuclear fleet to double the number of medical isotopes produced in the province over the next four years.

As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, the integrated energy plan lays the groundwork to expand the province's nuclear advantage as an essential part of the province's life sciences strategy to drive innovations in health care, create good-paying jobs and strengthen supply chains to stay resilient in an increasingly competitive global market.

"More than 247,000 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer this year; a devastating reality that hits home as my late-mother and father have been afflicted by this disease," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. "One of the most consequential tools doctors have available to diagnose and treat this disease will come from Ontario's nuclear generating stations: life-saving medical isotopes. By doubling production by 2030, Ontario's biomanufacturing economy will emerge as the global leader harnessing the power of nuclear innovation to save lives."

Comprised of leading experts from across the medical, nuclear, and research sectors, NIICO will work with the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council (CNIC), health care providers, hospitals and industry partners to guide and provide recommendations on how to double the amount of isotopes Ontario produces by 2030. Their focus will be on identifying new opportunities to expand isotope production to meet the growing demand for precision cancer therapies, strengthen supply chains and cement Ontario's global competitiveness. The council will report back with initial findings by September 2025.

"Ontario's world-class nuclear sec-

tor is not only producing clean energy — it's helping save lives here at home and around the world," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Through the new Nuclear Isotope Innovation Council of Ontario, we're strengthening our global leadership in the production of life-saving medical isotopes, supporting advanced cancer care and protecting Ontario's communities by ensuring patients have access to cutting-edge treatments when they need them. This is how we build a stronger, healthier Ontario and drive innovation that benefits people across the globe."

With more than 247,000 Canadians diagnosed with cancer each year, and two of every five Canadians developing cancer during their lifetime, the demand for precision radiopharmaceuticals is increasing, and so is the need for large-scale production of key isotopes. Ontario's nuclear reactors already produce approximately 50 per cent of the world's isotopes that are used to treat head, neck and cervical cancers and sterilize medical equipment. The province is also a global leader in producing isotopes that are used in targeted prostate and neuroendocrine cancer therapy, as well as isotopes critical for diagnostic imaging of the heart, bones, lungs and kidneys.

"Through the launch of the Nuclear Isotope Innovation Council of Ontario, our government continues to build on the bold vision set out in our Life Sciences Strategy and reinforce Ontario's leadership in radioisotope production and innovation," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "By expanding Ontario's nuclear medicine advantage and harnessing the strength of our biomanufacturing sector, we are ensuring that cancer patients of all ages can benefit from reliable access to cutting-edge treatments and positioning our province at the heart of the competitive iso-

tope economy."

Supporting Ontario's isotope industry delivers on the government's promise made in Energy for Generations, as well as its life sciences strategy, Taking Sciences to the Next Level. The plan features the importance of exporting Ontario's nuclear expertise, supply chain and skilled workforce to help position the province as a global superpower by supplying life-saving materials to health care systems worldwide.

"The creation of NIICO marks a significant step forward in strengthening Ontario's role in the supply of life-saving medical isotopes. By bringing together experts from the medical, nuclear, and research sectors and working with the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council (CNIC), NIICO will solidify Ontario's standing as a world leader in the research, production and export of medical isotopes. The Canadian Nuclear Association was pleased to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the CNIC in April of 2025 and looks forward to upcoming collaboration between NIICO and CNIC which will ultimately improve the lives of patients in Canada and beyond," said George Christidis, President and CEO, Canadian Nuclear Association.

"Ontario's doctors and healthcare workers are global leaders in life-saving medical isotopes. This interdisciplinary collaboration will further strengthen Ontario's leadership in front-line care, research, and innovation — building a reliable foundation for patients and health professionals alike," added Dr. Dominik Nowak, Past President, Ontario Medical Association.

"It is a privilege to be a physician member of NIICO, as we have to plan the global expansion of medical isotopes in the treatment of multiple cancer types. It is critical and challenging to lay the path forward so that all cancer patients in Ontario have access to these life prolonging therapies, and

their voices heard. We are privileged in Ontario to have world leading nuclear isotope facilities and doctors committed to advancing cancer care with medical isotopes," said oncologist and professor Dr. Arjun Sahgal M.D.

Medical isotopes are currently produced in all three nuclear generating stations in Ontario — at Bruce, Pickering and Darlington nuclear stations — as well as in the nuclear research reactor at McMaster University.

The production, processing and distribution of medical isotopes currently supports 8,500 jobs in Canada and includes Ontario's power and research reactors, as well as a network of specialized nuclear supply chain companies and healthcare entities, most of which are located in Ontario.

Life-saving medical isotopes have continued to be one of the most consequential tools doctors have available to diagnose and treat cancer over the past century, and many of these isotopes are now coming from Ontario's nuclear generating stations.

Every year, there are more than 40 million medical procedures performed globally using isotopes, with approximately 36 million for diagnostic nuclear medicine and four million for radiation therapy.



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Aurora-King Baseball Association graduate Sam White caps off career by signing a free agent deal with the Toronto Blue Jays

By Jim Stewart

Aurora-King Baseball Association graduate Sam White capped off a terrific collegiate baseball career last week by signing a free agent deal with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Aurora resident starred at the University of West Virginia over the last three years and rolled up impressive numbers for the Mountaineers. White hit .310 with 168 hits, 33 doubles, 19 home runs and 111 RBI in 161 NCAA Division 1 games – roughly the equivalent of an MLB season.

Despite those gaudy offensive numbers, White was not selected in this summer's truncated MLB draft. The graduate of Aurora High School was batting over .400 when he tore his labrum after hitting a home run this spring. Despite the injury, White led the Mountaineers with a sparkling .361 batting average in 2025 and the Jays took a chance on the wounded warrior

when other Major League clubs were not as inclined to draft an injured collegiate player.

White described his feelings about signing with Toronto's major league club: "It was awesome, especially because it was with the Jays. It meant so much more to me to play for the organization I've cheered for my entire life. When the draft didn't work out, it was big relief to have an offer from the Jays."

The Jays were clearly impressed with White's body of work in West Virginia. He complemented his power bat by playing left field, right field, second base, first base, third base, and catcher over his three years with the emerging NCAA Division 1 powerhouse.

While White enjoyed defending all over the diamond for the Mountaineers, he acknowledged in our phone interview from Dunedin that he did have a favorite defensive position: "I liked playing second base, for sure. I like being up the middle. The ball is in your hands more and you can play a bigger part of the game."

Coincidentally, that is what the Jays' coaching staff in Florida has suggested will be his primary position in the organization: "The Jays see me as a second baseman or third baseman. I'll be ready to play there for Spring Training once my shoulder is rehabbed and I go through all the graduated steps to get back to throwing, fielding, and swinging the bat again over the winter."

White is currently rehabbing in Dunedin after he had "major shoulder surgery about three weeks ago. It was performed by our West Virginia team doctor on June 26. I'll be ready to go for next spring. The only thing I am allowed to do right now is biking."

Despite the frustration of not being able to throw or swing for the next twelve weeks and being restricted with a brace for at least the next six weeks, White's journey back to health has been shared with fellow Mountaineer and Jays pitcher Alek Manoah who is scheduled to return to Toronto's pitching staff in August: "I met Alek at Russell Martin's retirement party and we've been training together in the facility over the last few weeks. He saw me play in the Clemson Regional and really liked how I played in the regional playoff games. I was happy he knew



Aurora-King Baseball Association graduate Sam White signed a free agent deal with the Toronto Blue Jays.

my name."

In addition to creating a baseball bond with a fellow Mountaineer in Dunedin, White reflected on his favorite moments as a University of West Virginia ballplayer: "Most recently, winning the Clemson Regional in the spring. We beat Clemson and then Kentucky twice – we won all three games with comebacks. In my freshman year, we set a Mountaineers record for wins in a season with 41. We broke that record this year with 44 wins. It was exciting to be on teams that were making school history. My sophomore year, we hit the most home runs of any UWV team. We had so many achievements as a team over the last three years."

After a successful career with the Mountaineers, the former Team Ontario Astro shortstop described the thrill of signing with the Blue Jays as a player born and raised in Canada: "That means the world to me. The Jays were my favorite team growing up and it feels so good to enter the Complex in Dunedin and seeing the giant Blue Jays logo with the Maple Leaf in it. It's a great feeling as a Canadian to be in the Jays organization."

As a Canadian playing in West Virginia since 2022, White felt one of the reasons for his success at the NCAA Division 1 level was the consistency of his college coaching staff: "We had coaching consistency in my three years. It definitely contributed to our team success and it was huge for me to have a comfortable setting in my freshman year. Steve Sabins was our Assistant

Coach when he recruited me and then he became our Head Coach in my third year. It was great to be supported."

Coach Sabins and veteran players like White led the Mountaineers to both a Big 12 regular season championship and an NCAA tournament regional title in 2025. White's father, Todd, praised the University of West Virginia coaching staff for showing him that his son was ready to be a professional ballplayer: "It was just the way the coaches talked to him and about him. They said Sam was the team leader. Under their direction, Sam got better every year. Getting to D1 was quite an achievement in itself, but the coaches saw Sam as a pro player – and they thought he was someone that the younger players could look up to and they were encouraged to imitate Sam's work ethic."

The long-time resident of Aurora described what went through his mind when his son signed as a free agent with the Jays: "It was mostly relief for him. Sam worked very hard in West Virginia. The second day of the draft was an up and down roller coaster of a day for him and Sam hasn't had much disappointment as an athlete. However, the Jays had spoken to him two days before the draft so he had that in his back pocket. I was so happy for him to have that option and I hope to see him up with the big club someday."

When Todd White was asked about the best part of seeing his son sign a professional baseball contract, he expressed his own kind of relief: "He can pay his own bills now."



Sammy giving a thumbs-up at a U.S. tournament where he damaged a scoreboard with a home run. He hit over .600 at that tourney.



MPP Lecce joins groundbreaking of new indoor soccer dome

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, joined the Vaughan Soccer Club for the official groundbreaking of their new indoor soccer dome at the North Maple Regional Park.

"This is another big win for Vaughan," said Lecce. "It was great to join the Vaughan Soccer Club to break ground on a brand-new indoor soccer dome at North Maple Regional Park — opening this fall. As an alumnus of this soccer club, it's awesome to see the progress knowing that 6,000+ young athletes and families will benefit year-round. Our government will continue to step up to expand the NMRP for the benefit of families across King and Vaughan."

From the Archives



Steam Engine in King Township, date unknown

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

King City United welcomes everyone back to worship which resumed August 3. The worship in August is rotating among our partner churches (York Pines and New Hope).

This Sunday, Aug. 17, worship is scheduled at King City United Church at 10 a.m. with Rev Bill Fritz presiding. Next Sunday, Aug. 24, worship will be at New Hope United Church. Rev Andrew is off on a sabbatical until September 8.

If there are any pastoral emergencies please leave a message at the office at 905-833-5181.

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 Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service!! Pastor Mark will be speaking on our series in Hebrews "Greater." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Our next Open Closet Outlet will be Saturday, Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. Not for resale; for personal use only. And limits will apply.

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 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 @ \$10pp are now on sale at King City Seniors Centre. Mark your calendar as this event sells out quickly. Sponsored by Amica Aurora.

The following activities will be offered in 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 kingcity.seniors@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. This Sunday we'll be back at King City UC at 10 a.m. After that, we're at New Hope UC at Vaughan Mills at 10 a.m. for the next two Sundays.

Sacred Heart Church

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, Aug. 15 will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent adoration at 3:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. we will process to Sacred Heart Cemetery where we will

pray the rosary and have the blessing of the graves. Returning to the church we will continue with Benediction and the celebration of Mass at 7 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church – Well Project. Our existing well was drilled when the church was built in 1960. The Hall was built around the existing well. Over the years and with the addition of the washrooms and sprinkler system to the Narthex, the water table has depleted, making the water pressure very low. We are currently looking to drill a new well which will be situated on the outside of the Parish Hall further down from the propane tanks. The existing well will be drained and decommissioned. With this new well, we will have a steady water flow and greater water pressure to allow our water sprinklers system to function properly.

I am asking, if there are any parishioners who would like to donate towards this project, kindly write a cheque to Sacred Heart Church – Well Project. A taxable receipt will be issued. Thank you for your generosity and care for our property.

Our heartfelt appreciation to Doss Mariyanayagam, for constructing the new sign in front of our church property. The sign is easily visible on both sides of the road. The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with his hands outstretched represents how inviting and welcoming we are to everyone who enters the house of God with an open heart.

Reminder that as you prepare replace footwear for the start of the school year, to consider donating clean Footwear for men, women and children, soap, and rosaries for those in developing countries. 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 CWL thanks you.

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.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, King City! Sunday Morning Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m. and will be in the lounge during renovation of our sanctuary. Please come through the Keele St. Entrance on the East side of the church and join us afterwards for coffee time in the lounge.

Last Sunday we had a joint service with The Well at the King City United Church and Pastor Melissa continued with the sermon series "Who you say I am."

In Christ we are Loved, Free, God's Handiwork or Masterpiece. Pastor Melissa used The Parable of the 99 sheep and One Lost Sheep. Jesus, who is referred to as our Shepherd throughout the scriptures, left the 99 to find the lost sheep, because it Belonged. (Psalm 23 and Luke 15).

Wednesday, August 20 we'll be going to see this year's King Theatre's play, Tuesdays with Morrie, by Mitch Albom at Pine Farms Orchard, which starts at 7 p.m. We're going early at 6:15 p.m. to buy some delicious treats. Let us know if you need a ride. Alison has our ordered tickets, but you can still purchase yours at kingtheatre.ca/tuesdayswithmorrie. It is an outdoor play and started on Monday this week to August 28. The tickets cost \$35.

All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

In Luke 12:32-40, Jesus says: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

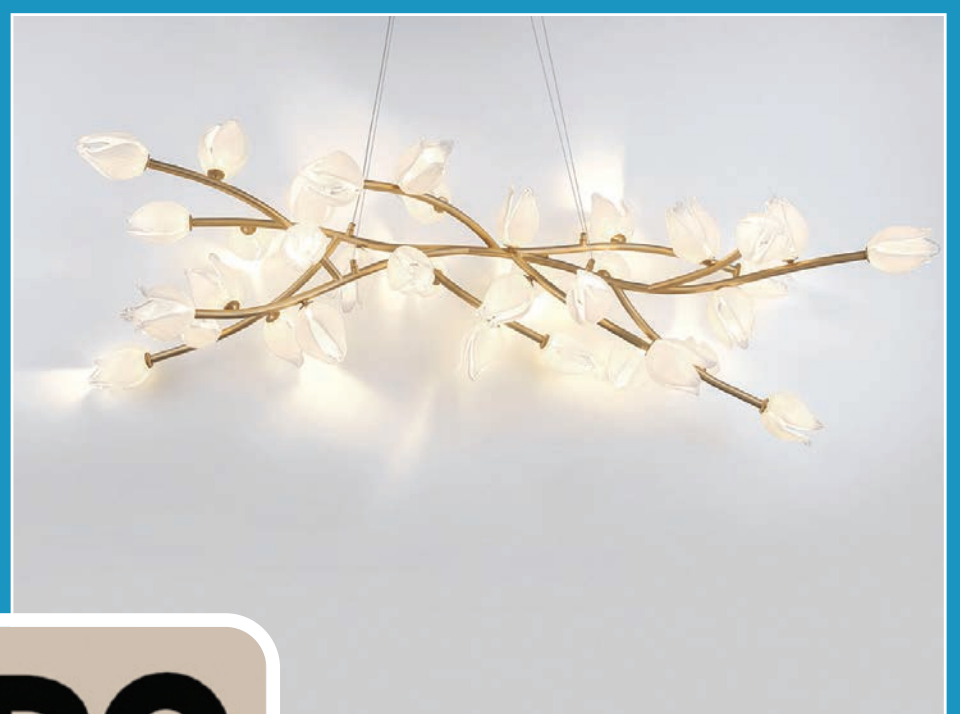
This passage calls us to generosity, to readiness, and to a life grounded in trust. But it begins with a phrase that is deeply pastoral – little flock. Jesus does not address his followers as warriors or workers, but as sheep tenderly cared for by their shepherd.

To be "little" is not to be insignificant. In God's kingdom, smallness can mean beloved, precious, and protected. It is a reminder that God's kingdom is not earned by power or achievement, but received as a gift.

The first followers of Jesus were ordinary people. They were fishermen, labourers, women, and the poor; all facing uncertain futures. Following him meant giving up security and stepping into the unknown. They likely felt vulnerable and unprepared. Yet into that uncertainty, Jesus speaks words of comfort and courage: Do not be afraid.

We know that feeling. We have faced moments when we felt too small for what lay ahead, unsure if we had the strength or skill to respond. But smallness in the kingdom is not weakness, it is where grace meets us.

Each small act of kindness and each moment of readiness lights a lamp in the darkness.



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

Rescue Cambodia's "Family Road Trip" is happening on September 23 at 7 p.m. You are invited to 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.

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. We welcome back Christine Samuel who will lead us in worship this Sunday. Christine's message is entitled, "God's Glory In Jesus," based on Psalm 148 and Hebrews 1.1-4.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the Sunday service. After worship, you are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship over coffee and goodies. If you cannot 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 you-

tube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our Junction Ministries serve our children 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. 27 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!

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 a.m.; lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

people registered.

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

Mobility Matters will be on Monday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

September 11 - Welcoming everyone back with an Ice Cream Social sponsored by Del Manor in Aurora, followed by an informative talk on Brain Health presented by Kristen Egan - Community Outreach Manager. Register by September 7.

In addition, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Vanessa DesLaurier- Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics will present "Fall into Flawless Skin-Mastering Moisturization."

September 18 - Holistic Practitioner Maryanne will engage us in Tai Chi & talk about the importance of breath work. A refreshing juice will be provided. Register by September 14.

In addition, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Vanessa DesLaurier, Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics will present "Cozy Up to Soft Lips."

September 25 - It's your Red-Carpet Day at the Oscars in Nobleton. Enjoy a movie with popcorn. Movie to be determined.

In addition, from noon to 1 p.m. Vanessa DesLaurier, Independent Beauty

Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics, will present "Fall into Softness - Hand and Foot Care."

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 from last year's draw went to a number of non-profits including Lions Camp Kirk, a camp property just east of the Village of Kirkfield, Ontario on Highway 48. The 100 acre property is owned, built and maintained by several Lions clubs north of Toronto. The summer camping program runs from early June until late August by Friends of the Learning Disabled-Camp Kirk, an organization that focuses on supporting the needs of children with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, and high functioning autism.

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 Nancy Hopkinson

Our summer worship services are moved from Sundays to Wednesdays. On Wednesday, Aug. 20, we are at Nobleton United for a Hymn Sing & Pot Luck. We gather at 5:15 p.m., sing at 5:30 p.m., eat at 6 p.m. Please bring either a main course, a salad or a dessert. Anyone who enjoys singing and eating can join us. We continue to alternate locations with Schomberg United throughout the summer.

Rev. Richard Gardner has been away in Calgary representing our churches at the United Church of Canada's General Council. Every 3 years a new moderator is selected. Our new moderator is Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath. There were other important issues being discussed: genocide and conflict in our world and the church's response to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID).

We are grateful to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan for filling in during Richard's



absence for pastoral care. Richard returns on Saturday. If you need pastoral care, please call the church office at 905-859-3976

The Dufferin Marsh Ecumenical Worship Service will take place on Sunday, August 24 at 10 a.m. Use the entrance by the pumping station on Dr. Kay Drive that will take you into the shelter area on a grassed pathway. (There will be some signage to point you in the right direction.) St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton & Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Schomberg & St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Schomberg & Christ Church Anglican, Kettleby & Schomberg United Church & Nobleton United Church will partic-

ipate together in an outdoor service at the Dufferin Marsh. All are invited!

Please bring some potluck 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.

Thursday morning Bible study will resume in the fall.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, Sept. 9 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. 2025 marks the 175th Anniversary of King Township. To help us celebrate this milestone, Bev Flanagan and Sharon Bentley will give us an overview of the King Township Historical Society (KTHS) along with interesting snippets from the newly released book, authored by Ann Love and Sharon Bentley, *The History of King Township: A Community Shaped By The Land*. The meal is quiche, peameal bacon, leaf lettuce salad with homemade dressing, and fruit crisp with ice cream 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.

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 or not.

Messy Church will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. for family fun & 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.

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

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

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Peter passed away peacefully at Southlake Health in Newmarket on August 1, 2025 at the age of 86 years. He was the devoted husband of his beloved wife, Anne Van Dyk (Kenny). He was a loving father, "Pops", to Peter Jr. (Pamela), and Joseph (Maria).

He was a wonderful grandpa to Victoria (Joost Van Dorp), Rebecca (Christopher Joksas), and Samantha (Ian Censner). Unfortunately Peter did not have the opportunity to meet his first great grandchild, Timothy Peter Van Dorp, who was born in April of this year.

He will be sadly missed by his siblings, of which he was the eldest: the late John (Mary), the late Johanna (Marinus Van Bake), Elizabeth (the late Reagh Mann), Maria (the late Dieter Wiedeman), Narda, Lena (Henry Sterling), Len (the late Doty), and Annie (Andrew Magee). Fondly remembered by his brother-in-law Peter Kenny (Bev), and his sisters-in-law, Christena (the late Bill Jonkman), and Marie (the late Terry Charlton). He will be missed by his cat, Goldie, who he simply referred to as "The Cat!"

Peter will forever be in the hearts of his many relatives, especially throughout the Netherlands. He will be greatly missed by his many friends (The "Boys Breakfast Club" has lost a very committed member.)

Peter was born to Leonard and Maria (van de Gevel) in Zandoerle, the Netherlands, in 1939. The family then moved to the island of St. Eustatius in May of 1949. They arrived in Toronto, Canada, in July of 1952. Peter was very proud of his Dutch and Canadian heritage.

Peter and Anne settled in Schomberg where they raised their two sons. He had a fulfilling career in the sewer and water main sector. After their retirement, Peter and Anne enjoyed travelling. They were fortunate through the years to experience many wonderful places. Peter was always in favour of travelling within Canada and the Netherlands.

He was well known for his antique automobiles, his support of historical organizations, and local charities.

We would like to sincerely thank all of the staff, nurses, doctors, and PSWs at Southlake Health in Newmarket. Thank you Father Eric Mah for the times you were there to bestow your blessings to Peter over these many weeks.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. James Church, Colgan, 2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, on Thursday August 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place in St. James Cemetery, Colgan. Reception will follow in the Cliffside Hall at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road in Tottenham. 905-936-3477. Please consider donations to Sick Kids or St. Vincent de Paul, in Peter's memory.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

708 OBITUARIES

Andrew: Linda Jean "Jeannie"

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family at her home in Schomberg on August 4, 2025. Jeannie Andrew (née: Stanley) at the age of 78 years, beloved wife of Mike Duggan. Devoted mother of Kit Andrew (Nichole Curtis) and Gaby Andrew (Jen) and daughter-in-law Anna Lester. Cherished stepmother of Carrie Pais (Joe), and Mikey Duggan (Tammy). Loving Granny of Samantha Byng, Morgan Byng, Baxter Andrew, Max Andrew, Grady Duggan, Tyler Duggan, Lucas Andrew, Michaela Duggan, Mason Andrew, Andrew Frasco, Jonathan Frasco, Devon Frasco, and Nicholas Frasco. Forever remembered in the hearts of her extended family and many friends. Cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held, with interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery Schomberg at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

Sherrer: Elaine Carol (née: Brett)

Suddenly, on Thursday, July 31st, 2025. Elaine Sherrer, at the age of 79. Reunited in heaven with her beloved husband John. Loving mother of Geoffrey (Bettyanne), Gordon (Sylvie), and William (Kathy). Cherished grandmother to Rebecca, Kelly, Sophie, Sara, Jean, Nicholas, James, and Christopher. Fondly remembered by her many brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

An invitational family Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. James Church, Colgan on Monday, August 11th, 2025 at 11:00am followed by interment in St. James Cemetery, Colgan. Donations in Elaine's memory to the Humane Society or animal shelter of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

The Ex starts this week and as a kid that always triggered the end of summer and the return of school. While I no longer attend school, I still feel a twinge of anxiety of summer ending. As I've said many times, it goes way too fast.

While the heat and dry weather of this past month is be nice for a change, with that weather comes another issue, forest fires. If you've been watching the news the last few days, you'll know that sections of Ontario's cottage country is struggling to extinguish the fires that have recently started. Most areas of the province now have a fire ban, including King Township, so please be responsible and follow the rules for the sake of all of us.

King Township invites you on August 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. for a forest therapy walk into the woods of Fox Trail in Schomberg. This gentle, guided experience invites you to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature at a comfortable pace.

This short walk includes frequent pauses with seating options inviting

you to engage your senses and deepen your connection to the forest.

Experience the tranquility of Forest Bathing, rediscover familiar trails in a new way, and enjoy the peace and well-being that nature provides.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and meet at Fox Trail Park on Roselena Dr. For detailed program information, including fees and links to registration visit coldcreek.ca

Ever wondered what life inside a beehive looks like? Join King Township for a hands-on tour of the apiary at Cold Creek Conservation Area led by third-generation beekeeper André Flys on Sunday, Aug. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Get ready to open a hive and explore a real colony of bees up close. You'll learn how to identify the queen, brood, larvae, nectar, pollen, propolis, and the different types of bees that keep the hive thriving. Discover how bees forage for food and water, and which plants are essential to them throughout the seasons. We'll also dive into the fascinating world of native pollinators, how they compare to European honeybees, and the environmental challenges they face today. Cost is \$19 per person.

Register at king.ca/Environmental-Events

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.

Don't miss this vibrant celebration of community and nature! Reserve a free ticket on EventBrite to secure your spot for the event and free lunch:

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Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre takes place on Thursday nights, in the curling lounge and we start at 7 p.m. and play till 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

Summer is sadly ending, and we'll be back up and running on 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 fifty-five and like having fun and learning new things. Please note that for the first couple of weeks of September we will be moving to the Trisan due to renovations at Schomberg community Hall.

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.

Tuesday, September 16 - 10am-12pm - Speaker - Victoria Muir-Burcea, founder of My Recreo Wellness, Brain Fitness Part 2, Schomberg Community Hall.

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