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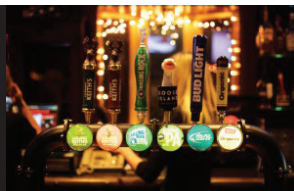
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Recent fluctuating temperatures have adversely affected local roads. King Township has launched pothole repair blitz and residents are encouraged to report issues in their area.

King Township launches pothole repair blitz

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

After a challenging winter and repeated freeze-thaw cycles, the Public Works Department has launched a Township-wide pothole repair blitz to address road damage and keep drivers safe.

King Township regularly inspects roads and repairs potholes in line with provincial maintenance standards.

Rapid temperature fluctuations – daytime thawing followed by overnight freezing – can cause potholes to form quickly and unexpectedly, sometimes within hours. When water seeps into small cracks in the roadway and freezes, it expands and weakens the pavement. As temperatures rise and traffic passes over these compromised areas, potholes can appear suddenly and spread rapidly.

This late-winter and early-spring increase in potholes is common across Ontario municipalities. Aging pavement, heavy vehicle traffic, moisture infiltration, and winter maintenance activities such as plowing and salt-

ing all contribute to accelerated pavement deterioration during this time of year. Timely pothole repairs contribute to smoother road conditions and enhance overall safety.

King's roads and operations crew has initiated a focused pothole repair blitz, prioritizing high-traffic roads and locations with safety concerns. Repairs are progressing as fast as possible, depending on the weather and road conditions.

To support this effort, the Township is also leveraging CityROVER artificial intelligence (AI) technology, which automatically detects and maps potholes as municipal vehicles travel the road network. Staff use this information to generate repair work orders, allowing them to prioritize tasks and allocate resources effectively where they are most needed.

Spot a pothole? Residents are asked to help by using ServiceKing to report potholes.

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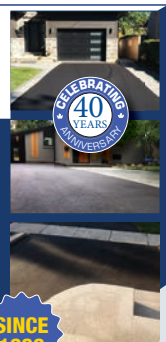
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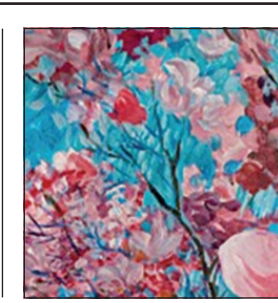
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Monday, March 30
6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting

Monday, April 13
6 p.m. – Council

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

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Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This family-friendly event is stacked with activities including a pancake breakfast, face painting, arts and crafts with Art Spot, a strolling magic show and more!

Become a bona fide maple syrup expert with guided hikes through the sugar bush, tree tapping demonstrations and lessons at the evaporator.

Tickets are \$12 (plus HST) per person and \$40 (plus HST) for a family of four and can be purchased online until 11 p.m. on March 13. **Prices increase at the door.**

Buy your tickets at coldcreek.ca/MapleSyrupFest



Have your say!

Your input will help shape King Township's first comprehensive **Invasive Species Strategy**, and ensure community values are reflected in King Township's management approach.

Take the survey at king.ca/InvasiveSpeciesManagement

Make the most of March Break in King Township

Visit your local recreation centre or library branch for family-friendly activities from **March 16 to 20**

Recreational programs

Families can lace up for skating, dive into swimming, or hit the ice for shinny hockey. There's also a lineup of drop-in sports including soccer, basketball, badminton, pickleball, volleyball, lacrosse and frisbee.

View schedules at king.ca/DropInPrograms.

Library activities

Head to your local King Township Public Library branch, where March Break is all about performances, hands-on programs and crafts... even a candy-counting contest! Families can enjoy simple, drop-in fun at the King City, Nobleton and Schomberg library branches all week long. Learn more at kinglibrary.ca/march-break.



Public Swims at Zancor Centre

Swimmers: Effective **Sunday, March 15**, King Township is introducing a quick pool ticket check-in for public swims at Zancor Centre.

Here's how it works:

1. Stop at the Customer Service Desk before heading to the pool changerooms.
2. Staff will confirm your payment, RecPass, or Xplor Recreation registration and provide a ticket.
3. Bring your ticket to the pool deck—our lifeguards will collect it before you enter the pool area.

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Pothole repair blitz during winter thaw

With the rapid freeze-thaw cycles we've been experiencing lately, potholes can form quickly and unexpectedly—sometimes within hours. Water seeps into small cracks, freezes overnight, expands, and weakens the road. When temperatures rise and traffic passes over, potholes can appear and spread fast.

This late-winter/early-spring increase in potholes is common across Ontario. Aging pavement, heavy traffic, moisture, and winter maintenance activities (salting/sanding) all play a role.

King Township's roads team has launched a Township-wide pothole blitz, focusing on fixing road defects as quickly as conditions allow—starting with high-traffic roads and safety-related locations. Crews are also using **CityROVER AI** technology, which automatically detects and maps potholes as vehicles travel our road network. This data helps staff prioritize repairs more efficiently.

Spot a pothole? Report it to ServiceKing via email to serviceking@king.ca or call **905-833-5321**.



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Ontario names supervisors at York Catholic and Peel boards

The Minister of Education has appointed supervisors at the Peel District School Board (PDSB) and York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) in response to serious concerns about infighting and long-term financial unsustainability that risk disrupting learning and undermining student outcomes.

As part of its plan to protect Ontario and ensure students are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow, these actions will help the province restore sound financial management at these boards and ensure that every dollar invested is preparing students with practical skills for good-paying, stable careers.

"After careful review, it is clear that both Peel and York Catholic are facing serious challenges that they cannot resolve on their own," said Paul Caland-

ra, Minister of Education. "I have appointed supervisors to restore sound management, strengthen oversight and ensure every decision is focused on protecting student learning and success."

In January, the Minister placed the PDSB under provincial supervision on a provisional basis to prevent a mid-year staffing change that could have resulted in uncertainty for parents, students and educators. At the same time, he advised the YCDSB that the board's significant governance issues were affecting matters of public interest and that he was considering placing the board under supervision.

Ms. Heather Watt has been appointed as supervisor at the PDSB. Ms. Watt is a management consultant with over 20 years of career experience in public and private sector leadership. She has

worked in crisis consulting and senior strategy roles across multiple sectors, including government, life sciences, health insurance, pharmacy, consumer products, industrials and private equity.

Ms. Carrie Kormos has been appointed as supervisor at the YCDSB. She is a seasoned advisor with over 30 years of experience supporting executive teams and boards in Canada's government, gaming, hospitality and tourism sectors. Ms. Kormos has previously advised Ministers and Premiers, and has also served as Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at one of Canada's largest hospitality companies. Ms. Kormos serves as a Director for Invest Ontario and the Canadian Gaming Association.

Ms. Watt and Ms. Kormos will provide the ministry with regular updates on their work to stabilize the boards' financial situation, introduce efficiency measures and strengthen overall operational effectiveness.

Eight school boards are currently under provincial supervision due to

mismangement, reflecting the government's ongoing efforts to uphold public trust and strengthen accountability in Ontario's publicly funded education system with a back-to-basics focus on student outcomes. This is part of the government's ongoing work to protect Ontario and prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow, by redirecting every dollar to equipping students with practical skills for good-paying, stable careers.

Passed in November 2025, the Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025 made amendments to the Education Act to simplify, streamline and broaden the Minister of Education's powers of oversight, including over school board finances, governance and program performance.

Public encouraged to report potholes

From Front Page

Public submissions complement automated detection and help staff respond more quickly to emerging issues, particularly as weather conditions continue to fluctuate.

To submit a pothole repair request, email serviceking@king.ca or call 905-833-5321.

The Township maintains a total of 650 lane kilometres of road, 536 lane kilometres paved and 114 lane kilometres gravel. Pothole repair service level standards vary for each road type.

Paved roads: While pothole repair timelines for Township-owned paved roads can range from 7 to 30 days depending on road classification, staff often attend much sooner where conditions allow. This prioritization is based on traffic levels and the importance of the roadway.

Gravel roads: Repair timelines for potholes on gravel roads depend on road classification and the extent of

the damage and may range from 14 to 30 days; however, staff make every effort to respond as soon as possible. This approach acknowledges that gravel surfaces require distinct construction and maintenance methods.


Road shoulders: Repairs to shoulder defects are completed in a time frame ranging from 14 to 60 days, depending on the road class and the severity of the issue. Roads with higher classifications receive faster attention, especially when safety is involved.

Pothole repairs are a routine part of spring road maintenance, alongside street sweeping, ditching, dust suppressant application, gravel road grading and graveling, sign repairs, minor asphalt patching, sidewalk grinding, pavement markings, and rural grass cutting.

For more information about transportation services and road maintenance in King Township, visit king.ca/transportation.




Jean Umehara Rume
RCAF Veteran ~ Social Worker




Born to Japanese immigrant parents, Jean Umehara (1923-2005) grew up in Temperanceville and attended high school in Aurora.

During WWII, Jean enlisted to serve with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Women's Division. Her enlistment was a notable act of patriotism, as it occurred during a time when Japanese Canadians faced intense discrimination, including forced relocation and internment.

After the war, Jean graduated from Shaw Business College and University of Toronto with a degree in Social Work. She joined the Toronto Children's Aid Society where she worked until her retirement.



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Concerned Citizens of King Township



Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) is reaching out to the King community for new members, and specifically for additional board members. CCKT is a long-standing, not-for-profit, volunteer organization that is in the process of renewal, as we seek to chart our way forward through 2026 and beyond. An important current goal is to refresh our vision and to set priorities for the coming years.

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We're becoming slaves to the 'working day'

Like the dwarves in Snow White, I “owe,” so it’s off to work I go. Day in and day out, month after month, year after year.

After so many years of climbing the ladder, who isn’t tempted to simply “walk away”?

Just ask The Box, who proclaimed in their 1984 tune Walk Away:

“I caught myself dreaming of an open field

In October when the wind turns the sky to grey

I could stand still there in the middle of the hay

Could do nothing but to wish time would fade slowly here

It's a working day, a rainy day ...

Walk, walk, walk away ...

It's a mid-week day, a working day...

Walk, walk, walk away ...”



Mark Pavilons

The brain, according to Robert Frost, is a wonderful organ. “It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office.”

It’s funny that we’ve come to the point where we have to remind ourselves to switch off, unhook, unplug at the end of a work day. How many still answer calls, texts and emails into the evening?

As Michelle Obama put it, “we need to do a better job of putting ourselves higher on our own ‘to do’ list.”

And yet Joseph Campbell observed one of the western world’s realities: “I think the person who takes a job in order to live – that is to say, for the money – has turned himself into a slave.”

Here, in top-shelf North America, our work day involves getting up to an alarm, commuting upwards of an hour to work, chugging along for eight hours or so, and then heading home. Sometimes, we head out to lunch, a less than nutritional, quick meal somewhere near our office. Often, we eat at our desk, in front of our computer.

I’m sure we’ve all had bosses who

didn’t care one iota about their employees. I’ve also had to follow directives, no matter how ludicrous, from the higher ups over the years.

We’re scrambling in search of a balance, something we’ve ignored for decades. Now we’re paying the price.

I’m not sure why we haven’t taken some pointers from our brothers and sisters around the globe, who practise a very strict life-work relationship.

I’m a foodie and love travel shows on TV. So, I thought I’d point to the Italian approach to work.

The Italian work day is designed for living, not just laboring. The rhythm of work follows a different beat than in many other countries. It’s one that accommodates family, leisure, and that essential midday meal.

And this approach to working hours is firmly grounded in legislation designed to protect worker rights and wellbeing. The standard work week is legally set at 40 hours, typically distributed across five days.

The maximum working week cannot exceed 48 hours averaged over a four-month period. This ceiling is enforced to prevent worker exploitation and maintain healthy work-life boundaries. Also, overtime work is strictly regulated.

The typical Italian day might run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a lengthy lunch break of two to three hours. Work then resumes from 3 or 4 p.m. until 6 or 7 p.m. This schedule acknowledges both the biological reality of the post-lunch dip and the cultural importance of enjoying a proper meal, often with family.

The extended mid-day break allows people to return home for freshly prepared meals, visit local markets, or simply enjoy a slower pace.

Many Italian businesses maintain the tradition of closing early on Fridays, allowing workers to get a head start on the weekend.

Italy offers a generous allocation of both public holidays and vacation time. The country has 11 nationwide public holidays.

Civil servants also enjoy this type of flexible schedule. Government offices, including local municipalities, judicial bodies, and educational institutions, typically operate from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday.

This condensed schedule allows public sector employees to dedicate afternoons to personal interests, family, and social activities. Many public sector entities close for a lunch break, usually for an hour between 12 and 1 p.m.

Being a fan of Italian travel shows, and the spate of Stanley Tucci episodes, it’s

the love of food that grabs my attention.

Italians (like many others) are passionate about fresh, home-made dishes, with ingredients grown only footsteps away.

I’ve never made pasta from scratch or sipped a wine bottled just down the street. But it’s on my bucket list.

Italy is not unique.

Spain, too, is known for its mid-day siestas and socializing with colleagues after work is also ingrained in their culture.

It’s common for employers in France to offer four-day work weeks, and the French actually frown upon “workaholism.”

In Switzerland, a whopping 35% still work from home and most enjoy a minimum of four weeks holidays.

Conversely, in many Asian cultures, working longer hours shows dedication and loyalty. But this has some profound consequences, not the least of which is a ding to family life.

What I find odd is that many countries actually limit the hours in a work week by law.

It shows the government puts personal health and well being above bottom-line productivity.

So, while we Canadians (and The Box) dream of an open field where the wind kisses our tired mugs, our counterparts have got it down pat. What are we doing wrong and why are missing out on so much in life?

I say let’s make extended mid-day breaks mandatory for all. Let’s organize massive, community pot-lucks on a regular basis. Let’s raise a glass!

Who’s with me?

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Quote of the Week

“Most people work at keeping their job, rather than doing a good job.”

— George Lois

Trivia Tidbits

Clara Hughes is the only Canadian athlete to win medals at both the winter and summer games.

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you concerned about escalating tensions in the Middle East?

a) Yes **60%**

b) No **40%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you feeling the pinch at the gas pumps?

a) Yes
b) No

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U.S. actions near Venezuela portend an oily catastrophe

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Canada's government has been silent about the United States killing people on boats off the Venezuela coast. Whether or not the boats were being used to transport drugs (and there's no evidence they were), these appalling acts have been labelled "war crimes" — or "murders," since no war has been officially declared ... yet.

The U.S. administration first claimed the boats were transporting fentanyl, but Venezuela doesn't produce or supply much, if any, of the drug. U.S. President Donald Trump also used alleged fentanyl smuggling from Canada to justify imposing heavy tariffs on us.

The U.S. has since said the boats were carrying cocaine and/or that those aboard were "terrorists." Trump has also indicated the U.S. could invade Venezuela. At least nine warships — including "aircraft carriers, guided-missile destroyers, and amphibious assault ships capable of landing thousands of troops" — along with nuclear-powered submarines and fighter and spy planes,

are positioned within striking range of the South American country, the BBC reports.

If it isn't drugs, and it likely isn't that Venezuela is run by an autocratic, ostensibly socialist government (which the U.S. has also labelled "terrorist"), what is it about?

Consider what Canada and Venezuela have in common. As is often the case, it's about oil. Venezuela sits on the largest proven reserves in the world — about 300 billion barrels — most of it "extra heavy" oilsands oil. Canada has slightly more than half that amount in its oilsands, but of denser bitumen.

Since his 2024 election, Trump and his cronies have been eyeing fossil fuel and critical mineral resources from South America to Canada to Greenland. Some in the U.S. are making no secret of the real goal in Venezuela.

"Venezuela for the American oil companies will be a field day because it will be more than a trillion dollars in

economic activity," Republican Representative Maria Salazar recently told Fox Business. "The Venezuelans have the largest reserves of oil in the world, more than Saudi Arabia. This is going to be a windfall for us when it comes to fossil fuels."

People in the U.S. and worldwide are rightly dismayed by the boat killings, but the bigger picture is more disturbing.

"To initiate a war of aggression is not only an international crime, it is the supreme international crime differing from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole," Associate U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Chief Prosecutor Robert Jackson said at the start of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal of Nazi war criminals.

Beyond war crimes, invading and killing for the sake of polluting, climate-altering fuels and the oligarchs that profit from them is a crime against humanity.

United Nations secretary general António Guterres has rightly stated,

"Our addiction to fossil fuels is pushing humanity to the brink. We face a stark choice: Either we stop it — or it stops us. We are digging our own graves."

The oil, gas and coal interests that still exercise tremendous influence over global economies are becoming desperate in the face of a shifting reality. Renewable energy — from sun, wind, geothermal and energy storage — is now more efficient and much cheaper than fossil fuel energy, with costs dropping rapidly as dirty fuel costs rise. Renewable energy also allows for greater energy independence and stability and more equitable distribution of benefits.

The accelerating impacts of global heating are impossible to ignore or deny: floods, droughts, water shortages, agricultural failures, plant and animal extinctions, increasing heat- and extreme weather-related illness, death and migration crises.

The Trump administration demonstrates the desperation and stupidity of this fossil-fuelled madness. The president has called climate change a "hoax" and has promoted fossil fuel expansion while overturning small but significant gains his country has made on climate policy and regulation.

Why has Canada been silent about the recent boat attacks? We could be next in the crosshairs. Is it part of our prime minister's strategy to not "poke the bear"? Or is it because Canada remains a major player in the insane global push to continue exploiting a dirty, outmoded fuel — albeit one that could be incredibly valuable if used more wisely and sparingly?

Regardless, it's time for Canada to step up and help lead the necessary and growing transition from fossil fuels to safer, healthier, cleaner energy.

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Some facts about Canadian oil

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

With skyrocketing prices of crude, and various embargoes, Canadians are feeling the pinch at the gas pumps.

Consumers faced the largest increase in prices last week, a ripple effect of the world tensions.

The price per litre soared above \$1.54 Monday. Last week, crude oil jumped roughly 35% — the largest weekly increase in futures trading since records began in 1983. The previous time prices rose above \$100 per barrel was after Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022.

Canadians often wonder why, as a major oil producer, Canada can't supply its country with less expensive oil and gas.

Here are some facts.

Canada is the fifth-largest crude oil producer in the world.

According to Canada Energy Regulator, total production in 2025 was roughly 834 billion barrels.

In 2014, Canada produced 3.8 million barrels per day of crude oil. Of this, 2.2 mb/d was produced from the oil

sands and the remaining 1.6 mb/d was conventional, offshore, and tight oil production. Globally, only the United States, Saudi Arabia, Russia and China have higher oil production.

According to Natural Resources Canada, our country's total "proven" oil reserves are estimated at 171.0 billion barrels, of which 166.3 billion barrels are found in Alberta's oil sands and an additional 4.7 billion barrels in conventional, offshore, and tight oil formations. Canada accounts for 10% of the world's proven oil reserves.

Canada cannot fully supply its own oil needs due to a lack of pipeline infrastructure connecting Western oil production to Eastern consumers, insufficient domestic refining capacity for heavy crude, and high capital costs for new refineries. Consequently, it is more economical to export crude to the U.S. and import refined products.

Reasons for this situation include:

Geographic and Infrastructure Gaps: Most Canadian oil is produced in the West, while major consumption hubs are in the East. Lack of pipeline infrastructure makes it cheaper for

Eastern Canada to import oil from other countries than to transport it from Alberta.

Refining Capacity: Canada lacks the capacity to refine all its heavy oil/bitumen domestically, and many existing refineries are not designed to process it.

Economic Factors: Refining is capital-intensive, and many Canadian oil producers find it more profitable to export crude to U.S. refineries, which have the capacity to handle heavy oil.

Global Market Structure: Oil is an interchangeable global commodity. Canadian oil companies often own refineries in the U.S., making it an integrated cross-border market rather than a strictly national one.

The price of oil is set in the global marketplace. Oil is traded globally and can move from one market to another easily by ship, pipeline, or barge. As a result, the supply/demand balance determines the price for crude oil around the world.

Prices vary globally to reflect the cost of transporting crude oil to that market and the quality differences between the various types of oil.



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Provinces and territories united to build electricity infrastructure

The Ontario government announced a historic effort to connect and strengthen Canada's electricity systems by launching a first-of-its-kind interprovincial-territorial partnership to build transmission infrastructure needed to power the country's next generation of growth.

The landmark agreement, initiated by Ontario, will bring together British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Yukon, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories to advance new electricity transmission projects and strategic interties across Canada.

Following Ontario's Connecting Canada – Building an Energy Superpower

Summit in September 2025, provincial and territorial energy ministers agreed that expanding electricity transmission between jurisdictions is essential to meeting rising demand, strengthening energy security and unlocking the full value of Canada's clean and diverse energy resources. The agreement marks a major nation-building milestone, breaking down longstanding barriers between provincial grids and enabling a more connected, resilient and self-reliant energy system.

Under this Canada-first agreement, provinces and territories will collaborate to:

Identify and advance new interprovincial and territorial transmission



King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines, met with Alberta's Minister of Affordability and Utilities, Nathan Neudorf, to formally sign our partnership to build a stronger, more connected Canadian grid. "Ending the fragmented electricity grids of Canada that undermine reliability and economic efficiency," Lecce said. "Ontario is proud to have secured an agreement with provinces and territories to help supercharge Canada's economy."

infrastructure, including key intertie projects with elevated speed.

Expand electricity trade within Canada, helping regions meet growing demand and maximize the use of clean, reliable power before exporting abroad.

Advocate for federal support, including investment to accelerate transmission corridors and an electricity strategy that connects Canada east-west and north-south.

Partner with Indigenous communities in energy development, ensuring meaningful participation and shared economic benefits

"With the backdrop of global uncertainty, Ontario is emerging as a reliable partner at home and abroad focused on protecting jobs and our economy," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines, and MPP for King-Vaughan. "Ontario has secured a landmark agreement to build an energy corridor that will strengthen our grid using Canadian materials, expertise and workers. This first-of-its-kind partnership lays the foundation for thousands of jobs, billions in investment, and a modernized grid that advances Canada's long-term energy future. Together, we are advancing Made-in-Canada energy solutions to meet unprecedented energy demand and keep Canada's economy strong."

Canada's grids were built for a different era — designed within provincial borders, rather than a modern economy. According to the North American Electricity Reliability Corporation (NERC) several jurisdictions across North America are currently labelled an elevated risk, requiring more power. Rapid population growth, major industrial expansion, critical mineral development and electrification are driving unprecedented demand for power, while limited interprovincial connections prevent regions from sharing reliable, clean electricity efficiently. Without action, these constraints will lead to higher costs, slower project development, and missed economic opportunities at a time when Canada must strengthen its energy security and global competitiveness.

Two-way trade in goods and services between Ontario and other provinces and territories was valued at more than \$324 billion in 2024, underscoring the scale of economic activity that depends on stronger internal connections and reliable, affordable energy to move goods, power indus-

try and support jobs across the country. By working together to modernize and connect their systems, provinces and territories are reducing duplication, lowering long-term costs and ensuring Canada has the infrastructure required to compete globally while remaining energy secure at home. This agreement reflects a shared commitment to build a truly Canadian electricity grid — one that supports regional development, attracts investment and ensures every part of the country benefits from Canada's abundant energy advantage.

Additionally, Quebec supports the idea of enhanced collaboration between the provinces and territories to identify the most promising projects that meet market needs, provided that this collaboration respects the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces. It also wishes to contribute to the effort to position the provincial and territorial energy sector on the world stage and is open to discussing concrete, economically viable projects that comply with North American market rules with interested parties.

Strong interprovincial partnership in energy supports the government's plan to protect Ontario and is a key part of Energy for Generations, the government's long-term approach to ensuring the province has the reliable, affordable power it needs to be energy secure and drive economic growth. The government's integrated approach and record-setting investments in energy infrastructure are also providing the certainty needed for Indigenous communities, municipalities, businesses and industry partners to invest confidently in Ontario's future.

According to Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), the province's demand for electricity is forecast to increase potentially as high as 90 per cent by 2050.

As Ontario brings new nuclear, storage, and other clean energy projects online in the years ahead, the province will be positioned to expand — becoming a long-term, reliable supplier of clean electricity to other jurisdictions across Canada.

Ontario currently operates 14 interties with two neighbouring provinces, three with Manitoba and eleven with Québec, representing a total export transfer capability of about 2,385 megawatts (MW) and a total import transfer capability of about 2,580 MW.



Minister boosts sector

At the Investors Exchange, Minister Stephen Lecce met with with leaders and workers from across Canada's mining sector, driving billions in investment and strengthening secure supply chains. The Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) hosted its 94th annual mineral exploration and mining convention bringing industry leaders, investors, government reps, Indigenous communities and students from around the world for the four-day networking gathering, March 1-4.

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Historic King properties move toward heritage designation

Two prominent historic buildings in King Township are being recognized for their cultural heritage value and importance to the Township's history and community identity.

At the Feb. 23 council meeting, it was noted the Township plans to designate Schomberg Community Hall and the Jan Rupke House, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Notices have been issued allowing for a 30-day objection period, after which Council can pass the designation bylaw which will advance the formal designation of the properties.

Heritage designation helps protect buildings and places that reflect King's architectural, historical, and cultural heritage, while allowing for thoughtful change and continued use. These designations support the Township's ongoing commitment to heritage conservation and the preservation of places that contribute to King's distinct character and charm.

Schomberg Community Hall

The Schomberg Community Hall, located at 325 Main Street, is recognized for its long-standing role as a civic and cultural landmark within the historic core of Schomberg.

Originally constructed in 1907 by the Schomberg Market Association to support what was once one of the most active small-town produce markets north of Toronto, the building was expanded in 1922 with the addition of a second storey and auditorium, allowing it

to function as both a market hall and community hall. In 2022, the hall underwent a comprehensive renovation that modernized building systems, improved energy efficiency, and achieved full accessibility, while maintaining its historic civic function.

The facility is used as a site for recreation programming and summer camps and is available to rent for private functions. It has two levels, each including separate kitchens and washrooms, with elevator access. The Upper Hall accommodates 150 people and the Lower Hall accommodates 90 people. The entire facility can be permitted, making it a popular venue for large parties and events. For more information, visit king.ca/facilities.

Jan Rupke House

The Jan Rupke House, located at 19130 Dufferin Street, is acknowledged for its cultural heritage value and its direct association with the early Dutch settlement of Ansnorveldt. Constructed circa 1934, the two-storey vernacular dwelling blends Dutch Colonial Revival, Victorian, and American architectural influences, distinguished by its steeply pitched gable roof, original front bay window, dormers, and board-and-batten exterior.

The property has strong historical and associative value as the original home of Jan Rupke, one of the hamlet's original settlers and a prominent community leader, whose home served not only as a family residence but also as



a place for early communal gathering and leadership. Retaining much of its original form and location, the house remains a defining feature of Ansnorveldt's historic streetscape and a tangible link to the agricultural, cultural, and settlement history that shaped the community. This designation represents an important milestone for heritage conservation in Ansnorveldt and is the first designated heritage property in King Township's portion of the Holland Marsh.

King Heritage & Cultural Centre

In addition to these two heritage designations, Council supported an update to the heritage designation for the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, located at 2920 King Road, following the completion of a significant, multi-year restoration initiative in 2025.

The update repeals outdated des-

ignation by-laws and consolidates all relocated heritage structures on the property – including the King Railway Station, the King Christian Church, and the Laskay Women's Institute Hall – under a single, modern by-law. This approach simplifies future administration and strengthens the long-term conservation of this important cultural destination.

Heritage designation is a key tool for conservation, guiding future changes while allowing historic places to remain active and relevant within the community.

Learn more about King Township's heritage conservation efforts, including the Municipal Heritage Register and the interactive Heritage Story Map, available at king.ca/heritage. The Story Map highlights designated and listed heritage properties and helps share the stories that have shaped King Township over time.



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Council ponders the use of a licensing framework

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township is looking for more tools in its fight against bylaw infractions.

While the idea of a commercial licensing program has merit, councillors weren't convinced it would be efficient and cost-effective, and give them more "teeth" in identifying offenders.

Council received a presentation on the potential licensing framework, from David Bryden and Jordan Zaitchik of Ernst & Young LLP. The matter was referred to staff for review and a future report to council.

The presentation noted that King is experiencing steady business growth, some of which has resulted in issues related to bylaw compliance. This is a concern in many wards, particularly in Ward 6 with illegal agricultural operations.

Councillor Avia Eek noted many businesses flock to the rural area and basically flaunt the rules.

Either the Township needs to get super restrictive, or they need help from

upper levels of government to get more "teeth" into local bylaws.

Zoning bylaws are being updated as King reviews and revamps its Official Plan. Licensing and penalties, the consultants noted, would help with compliance and the fees generated would help offset operating costs.

When asked about the actual numbers, the consultants noted the licensing could recoupe just under 50% of costs but the municipality has the ability to set the rates at whatever they deem reasonable.

Councillor David Boyd wasn't convinced and he's awaiting staff's response and recommendations. He wants to know why the Township needs the licensing but he wants more information to make an informed decision.

The primary objective of the licensing is to address non-compliance of land use regulations. The consultants said it's part of a slew of existing tools available to municipalities to "drive compliance."

Under commercial licensing, municipalities can prohibit most businesses

from operating without a license.

They can also:

- Impose operating conditions on most businesses as a requirement of obtaining, holding or renewing licenses.

- Require businesses to comply with all applicable laws to hold a license.

- Establish enforcement mechanisms to support compliance, which may include inspections, fines, and other penalties.

But they can't restrict the location of most businesses solely through a commercial license.

Municipalities also can impose licences on transportation businesses which convey property in motor vehicles (i.e. trucking and couriers) or imposing conditions with respect to motor vehicles in those businesses.

License tow operators and certified operators of towed vehicle storage facilities.

Impose conditions with respect to the sale or service of liquor as a requirement of obtaining, holding or renewing a license.

Prevent manufacturing, industrial, wholesale retail, or natural resource development businesses from operating without a license.

Ernst & Young LLP (EY) developed a commercial licensing framework focused on enhancing King's ability to address business compliance and improve risk management.

The framework is also intended to complement King's current licensing/permitting activities, which include doggy daycares and kennels, film and motion picture production, fireworks, and liquor licensing with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

The framework was informed by a jurisdictional scan and subsequent financial analysis and public engagement.

The consultants propose implementation in 2028 to provide staff with

time to develop an implementation approach, including a commercial licensing bylaw, short-term rental bylaw, as well as administrative and governance functions.

EY noted that from 2028-2037, approximately 93-103 businesses would be impacted by the recommended option.

To move forward, two full-time staff are required (Bylaw Officer and Administrative Clerk). They also pointed out this model is not expected to break even over a 10-year forecast.

Ongoing operating costs include staffing, benefits, license administration and compliance software, third-party services for short-term rentals, assets and equipment for enforcement.

The consultants also noted that Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) is another tool for municipalities to use. MAT is a local tax levied on short-term, transient lodging such as hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts, and short-term rentals for stays typically under 30 days.

Rates range from 4-6% added to the nightly accommodation rate.

Implementing a licensing framework creates an opportunity for the Township to explore the creation of a MAT, as figures for short-term rental providers will be validated through implementation. This will give the Township greater insight into what could be gained from a tourism promotion perspective through a MAT.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted MPAC charges landowners taxes based on use, not zoning.

He wanted to know whether the "order for closure" process for offenders is efficient and timely. It's done through the courts and is not an "over the counter process."

The mayor noted they're looking for more "tools," but if this becomes another multi-year process, it's basically useless.



York Regional council members standing in front of the YRT 25th anniversary wrapped bus at the York Region Administrative Centre in Newmarket.

York Region Transit celebrates 25 years of service

York Regional Council proudly commemorated York Region Transit's (YRT's) 25th anniversary today at the York Region Administrative Centre in the Town of Newmarket. The celebration showcased a specially wrapped bus and a display of YRT archives and memorabilia.

YRT was established in 2001, merging the transit systems of the Towns of Aurora and Newmarket, and Cities of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill to create a unified service across the Region.

Today, YRT provides York Region with a comprehensive family of services consisting of Viva rapid transit, Local, Express and School Special routes, as well as On-Request and door-to-door Paratransit services. This vast network provides transit services to 1.29 million residents over a large geographic area including urban, suburban and rural communities.

Since amalgamation in 2001, YRT ridership has increased more than 30%, from 7.7 million to 24.7 million in 2024.

YRT's progress over the past 25 years is an achievement made possible through the support of York Regional Council, together with the work of staff, community partners and transit users.

Over the next several months, YRT will host special events, displays and contests to mark this milestone.

For more details on YRT's 25th anniversary, visit yrt.ca/Celebrate25

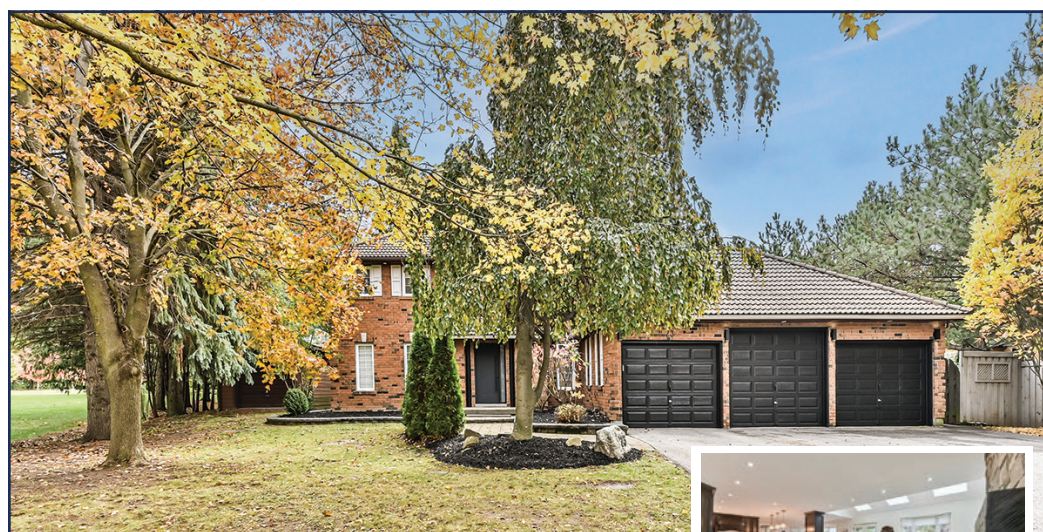
Advisory body aims to improve student achievement

The Ontario government has appointed an expert advisory body to lead a comprehensive review of student achievement and assessment across the province, with a focus on improving results in reading, writing and math. This advisory body is part of the government's ongoing work to ensure that the provincial education system is supporting student success and helping them reach their full potential.

"Student achievement must always come first in Ontario's education system," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "While there has been progress in recent years, too many students are still not meeting provincial standards. Our government will continue using every tool available to keep Ontario's education system focused on accountability and a back-to-basics approach to support student achievement, so that students can reach their full potential and be prepared for good-paying, rewarding careers."

William (Bill) Robson has been appointed Chair and David R. Johnson has been appointed Advisor to the Advisory Body on Student Achievement and Assessment. Mr. Robson has been President and CEO of the C.D. Howe Institute for the past 20 years and previously served for eight years on Ontario's Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board, where he helped oversee certification standards for postsecondary programs and made recommendations to the government. Mr. Johnson is an emeritus professor of economics at Wilfrid Laurier University whose research for nearly two decades has focused on the economics of education, including student achievement, assessment practices and post-secondary access and persistence.

This expert body will examine EQAO testing and lead a comprehensive review of how Ontario supports student learning, focusing on math, reading and writing.



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Southlake Health celebrates \$1 million of impact through ride

Every September, for the last decade, cyclists from across northern York Region, southern Simcoe County, and beyond, have gathered for the highly anticipated NewRoads LakeRide event.

Hosted by the NewRoads Automotive Group, and championed by President Michael Croxon, the premier-cycling event of the region marked the 10th and final year of the event hosted by NewRoads in 2025, but not without achieving one last incredible milestone.

Through participant fundraising, and the caring support and leadership of NewRoads Automotive Group, the NewRoads LakeRide achieved \$1 million in fundraising over the 10-year span of the event. Funds raised have supported leading edge care across Southlake Health, but most recently, helped to transform care in Southlake's Mental Health Program.

Earlier in January, President and CEO of Southlake Health Foundation, Jennifer Ritter, along with members

of the Southlake Health Foundation Team, attended a NewRoads Town Hall to express the immense gratitude of Southlake to the entire NewRoads Team. NewRoads Automotive Group President, Michael Croxon, was also presented with a custom cycling jersey to recognize his philanthropic leadership and ongoing support of Southlake.

"Our partnership with NewRoads Automotive Group, through the thoughtful and generous leadership of Michael Croxon, has been a point-of-pride for Southlake Health. Over the last 10 years, we have seen the NewRoads LakeRide grow and inspire cyclists across the region to fundraise and ride to make an impact on the health of our communities.

"That impact is felt across our hospital, but nowhere as acutely as in our Mental Health Program, where care has been transformed through the compassionate support of NewRoads. We



NewRoads Automotive Group President, Michael Croxon, was presented with a commemorative cycling jersey by Southlake Health Foundation in celebration of \$1 million fundraising achieved by the NewRoads LakeRide over the last 10 years. From left: Jim VanDusen, Chief Operating Officer, NewRoads Automotive Group, Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO, Southlake Health Foundation, Michael Croxon, President, NewRoads Automotive Group, and Melanie Osmond, Associate Manager, Events and Community Partnerships, Southlake Health Foundation.

Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest arrives

Get ready to indulge in a day filled with sweetness, laughter and fun at King Township's Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Taking place at the scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area, located at 14125 11th Concession in Nobleton, this family-friendly event will be filled with plenty of activities and sweet new memories. Buy your tickets at coldcreek.ca/MapleSyrupFest.

Fuel your day with a scrumptious pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon (served outside of the Education Centre) before embarking on a journey to become a bona fide maple syrup expert. Join guided hikes through the sugar bush, witness tree tapping demonstrations and immerse yourself in lessons at the evaporator.

Let the little ones enjoy face painting, head to the craft area with My Art Spot, or bask in the wonder of the strolling magic show. Weather permitting, try snowshoeing or cross-country skiing over 7 kilometres of marked, wintry trails or grab your skates and head to the new 'backyard' rink at the picnic shelter (max 25 skaters at a time). Snowshoe, ski and pole rentals are in-

cluded in the event ticket cost and can be borrowed from the chalet.

Tickets can be purchased online until 11 p.m. on Friday, March 13 at coldcreek.ca/MapleSyrupFest.

Individual tickets are \$12 (plus HST) and a family of four costs \$40 (plus HST). Children three years of age and younger are free.

Ticket prices increase to \$14.16 (plus HST) a person and \$48.67 (plus HST) for a family of four at the door. Free parking is available on-site.

Need volunteer hours for high school? Sign up to be a Waste Champion or Event Volunteer at Maple Syrup Fest! As a Waste Champion, you'll help attendees sort items into the correct waste streams, share quick tips on what goes where and support a mini waste audit. The shift runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 14+. As an Event Volunteer, you'll help to assist setup/takedown and event activities. The shift runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 14+. Limited spots left; apply now at king.ca/volunteers. For questions, email volunteers@king.ca or call 905-833-6557.

Celebrate with us year-round! Learn more about King Township's annual and signature events at king.ca/events.

are so grateful to the entire NewRoads Team for the commitment, enthusiasm, and support they have demonstrated for Southlake Health," said Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Health Foundation.

Funds raised through the NewRoads LakeRide have helped ensure patients relying on Southlake's Mental Health Program have healing environments to meet their unique needs and support their recovery. In 2020, the NewRoads Automotive Group Emergent Mental Health Assessment Unit opened – a dedicated unit with six private assessment rooms for those patients experiencing mental health crisis and requiring urgent support.

Then in 2023, a new 12-bed adult inpatient unit opened, enabling increased mental health care capacity for Southlake and purpose-built, expanded healing spaces for patients. Spring 2026 will see Southlake open a new patio for the program – a first ever outdoor space to support in-patient recovery.

"As a psychiatrist caring for patients in Southlake's Mental Health Program, I know the important role that a peaceful and healing environment plays in enabling a patient to recover," said Dr. Gaurav Mehta, Physician Leader of Southlake's Mental Health Program. "Patients in our communities who come to us for care are benefiting from our improved and expanded spaces, like the NewRoads Automotive Group Emergent Mental Health Assessment Unit. These light-filled, purposefully designed spaces are tailored to meet the needs of mental health patients and we're so appreciative of our partners at NewRoads and participants and donors of the NewRoads LakeRide over the last 10 years for making this a reality for Southlake."

To find out more about supporting the Mental Health Program at Southlake Health, or to get updates about other upcoming community fundraising events in 2026, visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca

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Ontario breaks ground on Stevenson Memorial Hospital expansion

The Ontario government has officially broken ground on the redevelopment of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital, supported by the government's investment of \$174 million, marking a major milestone in the project and helping to deliver on the province's goal to connect every family in New Tecumseth and the surrounding communities to convenient, high-quality care close to home.

The project is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario's health-care system by investing nearly \$60 billion in more than 50 major hospital projects across the province over the next 10 years.

"With more inpatient beds, expanded diagnostic and surgical services and an emergency department triple the size of the current one, the new Stevenson Memorial Hospital will connect more patients and families across Simcoe to

convenient, world-class health care," said Premier Doug Ford. "Our government will continue to deliver on our historic hospital and primary care expansions, so families have reliable access to quality health-care services, no matter where they live."

The redevelopment of Stevenson Memorial Hospital will be completed by 2028 and include new and expanded acute care areas, the construction of a new, three-storey building that will more than double the size of the hospital, to approximately 147,100 square feet, as well as an increase in inpatient bed capacity by 20 per cent, providing more access to care to the community.

"With this investment, our government is protecting Ontario's health-care system and ensuring that more people in New Tecumseth and across Simcoe County can connect to convenient care, where and when they need

it," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This investment is another example of how we are investing in the health-care needs of communities, to deliver the highest standard of care for generations to come."

Once the hospital's redevelopment is completed, the expansion will provide patients and families with:

Space to accommodate nine new inpatient beds at the hospital, increasing the total number of beds from 38 to 47.

A new emergency department that is triple the size of the current department.

Expanded diagnostic and surgical services.

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Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government continues to take bold and decisive action to expand and

modernize Ontario's hospitals, making it faster and easier for people of all ages to connect to the high-quality care they need, where and when they need it.

Stevenson Memorial Hospital is a fully accredited hospital that currently offers 38 inpatient beds and a wide range of outpatient services to the communities it serves, including Adjala-Toronto, Canadian Forces Base Borden, Essa, Innisfil and New Tecumseth.

The redevelopment is expected to create and support hundreds of good-paying jobs in the community.

Following extensive evaluations through an open, fair and competitive procurement process that began in August 2024, Canadian construction company Pomerleau Inc. was awarded the construction contract for this project on Jan. 30.

Over the next 10 years, Ontario is investing nearly \$60 billion in major health infrastructure. This is part of the government's plan to get shovels in the ground on more than 50 major hospital projects across the province, which will deliver approximately 3,000 new hospital beds and build a connected, people-first health-care system.

The Ontario government is investing \$257 million in 2025-26 to support critical infrastructure upgrades and repairs at 126 hospitals and 66 community health-care facilities across the province, a 12.3 per cent increase from the previous year.

In 2025-26, Stevenson Memorial Hospital is receiving \$434,000 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund, including \$205,000 in one-time funding as an Exceptional Circumstance Project Grant, to support the critical infrastructure needs of the hospital.

"Today's groundbreaking announcement is a monumental milestone that has been years in the making and will be remembered for years to come. Our new hospital expansion will transform Stevenson into a modern, state-of-the-art facility, enhancing the health-care services and space our growing community needs and deserves today and for future generations. We are thankful for all our partners, donors, staff and physicians, and local municipal and provincial governments, for their unwavering support," said Carmine Stumpo, Supervisor, Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Mackenzie Health Foundation unveils new fundraiser

Donor generosity will take centre stage this spring as Mackenzie Health Foundation launches Spotlight, a new signature fundraising celebration headlined by award-winning singer-songwriter Chantal Kreviazuk and hosted by comedian and actress Jessica Holmes. The event will bring together local corporate leaders, community partners, philanthropists and health care champions to celebrate the impact of giving and raise funds to meet the evolving health care needs of patients across York Region.

Taking place for the first time on March 27, 2026, at The Theatre at Great Canadian Casino Resort Toronto, Spotlight will immerse guests in an unforgettable evening of music, networking and storytelling. It will engage attendees in several meaningful opportunities to support Mackenzie Health and the talent, technology and tools needed to deliver exceptional health care.

"Spotlight is the moment where generosity, gratitude, celebration and purpose take centre stage," said Nicole McCahon, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health Foundation. "This new event reflects where Mackenzie Health is today, where we're headed next and the vital role our community plays in strengthening care close to home. As

demand on our hospitals continues to grow, philanthropy helps accelerate progress and create a lasting impact."

With approximately 251,000 more residents expected to call western York Region home by 2041, the need for accessible, innovative and compassionate care at Mackenzie Health's hospitals is more significant than ever. Funds raised through the event and throughout the evening will be directed to the highest and most urgent priorities across Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, providing the flexibility to address immediate needs while investing in essential equipment, upgraded patient spaces and critical care programs.

"Demand on our hospitals continues to rise as our community grows at a rapid pace, and we're feeling the pressure every single day at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital," said Mary-Agnes Wilson, Interim President and CEO, Mackenzie Health. "The generosity and support of our community are what allow Mackenzie Health to rise to meet these challenges, and it remains absolutely essential as we plan for the future. Spotlight is an opportunity to come together, recognize the generosi-

ty that improves care close to home and ensure we have the people, equipment and spaces needed to deliver exceptional care for residents across Richmond Hill, Vaughan, King and beyond."

With a limited number of sponsorship opportunities currently available, Spotlight's corporate partners will enjoy a uniquely elevated experience, including premium VIP seating, brand recognition throughout the evening and exclusive guest engagement opportunities such as a private meet-and-greet with Chantal Kreviazuk. In addition to these benefits, sponsors will play a pivotal role in ensuring the success of this new fundraising event and advancing health care in one of Ontario's fastest-growing regions.

Mackenzie Health Foundation is proud to welcome the following Spotlight 2026 sponsors: Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (Bronze), Forest Group (Bronze), and Lorwood Holdings Incorporated (Bronze).

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Recreational programs

Burn off energy at Zancor Centre in King City, which will be packed with ways for kids to stay active and happy all week long. Families can lace up for skating, dive into swimming, or hit the ice for shinny hockey.

There's also a lineup of drop-in sports including soccer, basketball, badminton, pickleball, volleyball, la-

crose and frisbee. Public skate and shinny hockey times are also available at Nobleton and Trisan arenas. Pay-as-you-go; pre-registration is required for recreational sports.

View schedules and plan your week at king.ca/DropInPrograms.

March Break Bash and Sensory Swim

Enjoy some therapeutic recreation on Wednesday, March 18 at Zancor Centre, during our free "March Break Bash and Sensory Swim" delivered in partnership with Children's Treatment Network and Seneca College. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with activities led by Seneca College students, then continues in the pool with a sensory swim from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. With reduced capacity and lower noise levels, these programs offer a welcoming

space for children of all abilities and their caregivers.

For more information, including the link to online registration, visit king.ca/inclusion.

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Library activities

Prefer a creative break? Head to your local King Township Public Library branch, where March Break is all about performances, hands-on programs and crafts, even a candy-counting contest! Families can enjoy simple, drop-in fun at the King City, Nobleton and Schomberg library branches all week long. Whether your child loves building, reading, creating or watching something magical unfold, there's

something new to discover every day. From live entertainment to interactive workshops, programming highlights include:

Hands on Exotics, The Magic of Scott Dietrich, Scientists in School, Fantasy Map Making, DIY Stickers, Buttons and Bookmarks, Eric Carle Art Class, Improv for Kids, Bollywood Dance Workshop.

Make-It Lab: The King City Make-It Lab will offer drop-in hours, so children and youth can explore hands-on STEM learning by experimenting with tools and technology such as 3D printers and scanners, robotics, Cricut maker, button makers, and film and recording equipment.

Many activities are free and offered as drop-in programs, with some specialty programs requiring registration. Children six and under must be accompanied by an adult.

A full schedule of March Break library programs, including age ranges, registration requirements and locations, is available at kinglibrary.ca/march-break.

Families are encouraged to check the schedule in advance, as space is limited for some programs.

King's Spring Recreation Guide now out

King Township has planned a fun lineup of spring recreation programs for the (snowless!) spring days ahead. The new 2026 Spring Recreation Guide is now available at king.ca/recreation.

From dance lessons and sports leagues to inclusive cooking and baking classes, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Learn ballet, master engineering, try tai chi mindfulness, play pickleball, basketball, soccer and volleyball or hit the ice as part of the King 3-on-3 hockey league. Explore the fresh outdoors on an 'animal adventure in the park' or take aim at archery, climb the high ropes and go on an apiary tour at Cold Creek Conservation Area. Give back to the community – and earn credits for the high school requirement – volunteering at an event or lending a hand on deck, assisting King's lifeguards and swim instructors.

Registration for spring recreation programs opens at 7 a.m. on Monday, March 16 at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. Spring programming begins the week of April 7 at recreation facilities across the Township.

The spring schedule for swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses at Zancor Centre is now online at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The facility offers learn-to-swim lessons for all ages, based on the Ontario Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program, which features programming for parent and tots, preschoolers, children, teens and adults. Private lessons are available for children ages three and above, except for those registered in Swimmer 7 to

12 as group work is required in those levels. Aquatic leadership programs to train youth for employment as a swim instructor or lifeguard are also available.

Registration for spring swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses opens at 7 a.m. on Monday, March 16 at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The spring session starts the week of April 14.

Looking to register your child for spring swim lessons but unsure what level would be the best fit? Sign them up for a 15-minute swim assessment (\$4) where a swim instructor will guide your child through a series of in-water skills and provide you with a recommendation on the most appropriate swimming level to register your child.

For more information about spring recreation and aquatic programs, view the 2026 Spring Recreation Guide at king.ca/recreation.

Need one-on-one support? The Township's new Inclusion Membership is a free program designed to make it easier for individuals and families living with a disability to access one-to-one inclusion support in recreation and aquatic programs. Learn more at king.ca/inclusion.

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 March 16. If you require assistance creating an account, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

Youth invited to submit cooking video



Do you have a teen chef in your kitchen? Cooking isn't just delicious, it builds confidence, promotes healthier eating habits, saves money and brings people and cultures together. Now's the chance for your student to share their favourite recipe with the community!

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Prizes for the top 3 videos include gift cards on Yorks website and gift baskets.

Check out the video content criteria, contest information and rules before entering, to ensure your video is eligible. If you have questions, contact them at HealthySchools@york.ca.

Submissions will be accepted until Thursday, April 30.

Cooking is for everyone, you don't need to be a professional chef. Cooking boosts confidence and self esteem.

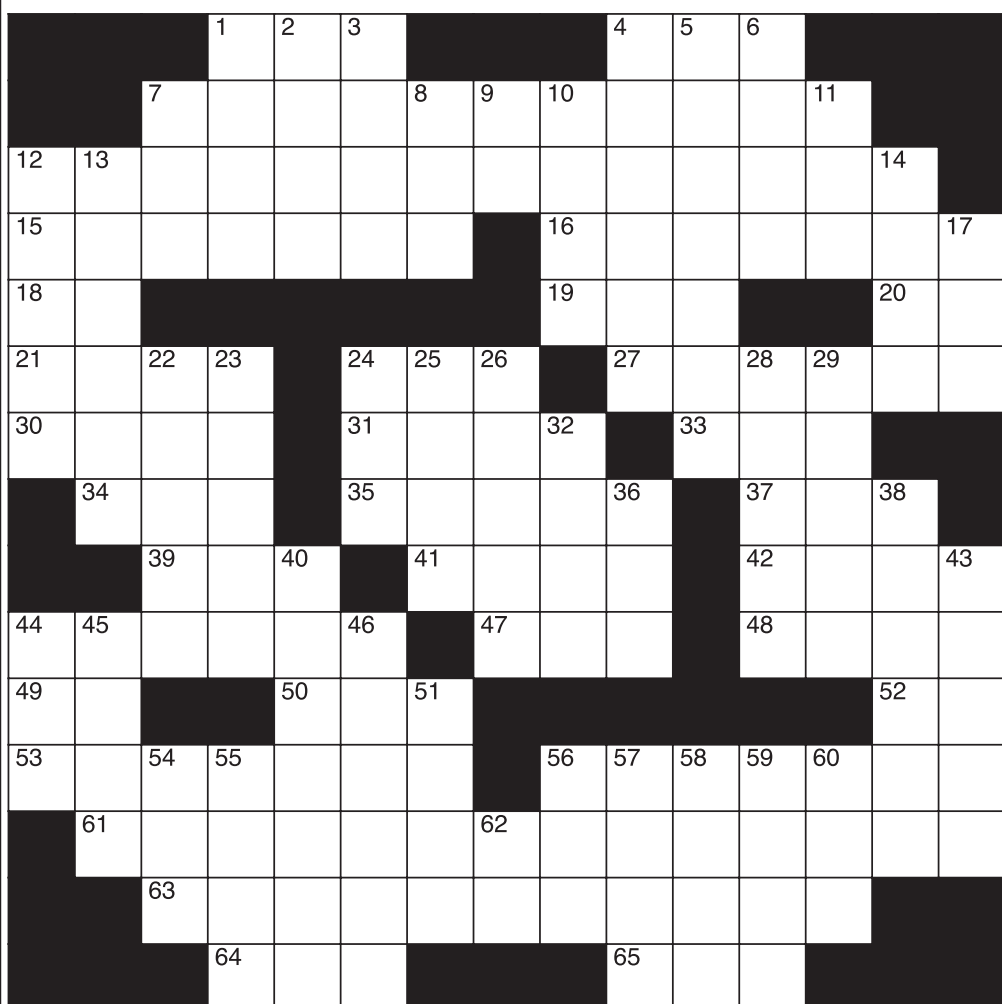
Cooking is healthy and tastes good and you choose exactly what goes in your food. You can use ingredients that are high quality and nutritious

Home cooked meals are usually cheaper than takeout and prepared foods. Simple recipes can be made in minutes. And buying seasonal ingredients helps save money.

For more on the contest, visit https://www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/reel-recipes-student-video-contest?utm_source=%23YRMatters&utm_campaign=08254e10a8-YRMatters_2018Issue2_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a04838cd51-08254e10a8-304617233#Rules

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1. Blockchain-based entity
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7. Painted with glue
12. Legendary crooner
15. Structure made with strips of wood
16. Tropical fruits
18. Commercial
19. Comedienne
- Gasteyer
20. The Ocean State
21. Ancient Scot
24. Basics
27. Stated propositions
30. Scottish island group
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Large tree
34. Engine additive
35. Conspiracy
37. Drunkard
39. Someone who is

- morally reprehensible
41. Ancient Syrian city
42. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
44. Carry (slang)
47. Sweet potato
48. European river
49. The Golden State
50. Windy City
- ballplayer
52. New Testament
53. Possess spiritually
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Popular historical novel
63. In a law-abiding way
64. A place to sleep
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Impression in a surface
2. Computer language
3. Relating to the ear
4. Occupant

5. Member of Great Plains people
6. Social media firm
7. Digital audiotape
8. Midway between east and southeast
9. Chronic, progressive disease
10. Chinese lute
11. Not wet
12. Moves wings up and down
13. Communication devices
14. Swiss river
17. Female sibling
22. Receive
23. Relating to a type (abbr.)
25. Steep bank
26. Taxi driver
28. Moves into without difficulty
29. Bicycle manufacturer
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on it
38. Bitter-tasting organic substance
40. Die
43. Matched
44. Literary genre ___fi
45. Cannot
46. Pounded
51. British rock group
54. Debt relief order
55. 2006 NL Cy Young winner
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Ailments
60. Famed singer Charles
62. Camper

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

New book challenges traditional concepts of classroom education

By Brock Weir

The role of a teacher used to be to impart information.

This role has significantly shifted in recent years, says Dr. Cinde Lock, and schools need to recognize this to stay relevant in a window as short as five years.

“Look at the world we live in,” she says. “With AI, everybody is going to have their own private tutor soon – they already kind of do – and it can push them along, help them learn, and give them oodles of extra questions, things to think about and context. If we want to be relevant in five years’ time, we’d better rethink what school is, what we can amplify, and what we can help bring alive that AI can never do – and that is human connection.”

Dr. Lock, an educator of more than 30 years and now Head of School at Newmarket’s Pickering College, explores this topic in-depth in her new book *Connections, Academics, and Purpose: Designing the Future of School*.

Co-authored with her daughter, Anneke Lee, the book explores “a bold and timely reimagining of education – one where learning begins not with curriculum expectations, but with authentic connections, real-world problems, and meaningful community partnerships.”

First published in January and formally launched at Pickering College recently, it has already sparked a conversation.

Human connections, says Dr. Lock, can include fostering an environment where students feel involved, valued and heard, and where they can better understand and connect with the world around them.

It is essential to help students forge a meaningful link between some of the challenges facing our world and be a part of the change they want to see in the world. Connecting them with changemakers can help students see the issues through a new lens and see that they can make a valuable contribution.

“From a very young age, they can

say, ‘I want to be a part of that journey. It’s informed citizenship and engaged citizenship. It’s also building empathy. It helps them feel like their learning is purposeful and meaningful,’” Dr. Lock explains. “It’s not for the purpose of just being graded. If you go into a traditional school, every day you’re just being assessed. It’s about assessment and not learning.”

“We’re doing that in spades at Pickering College and this is really a love story to Pickering in so many ways, but it’s so much broader than that because it’s about a vision for what school should be and it’s a methodology for teachers on how to actually put it in place.”

Other types of schools and other educational institutions are so ingrained with existing systems and potentially outdated ideas of what universities are looking for in accepting first-year students out of the high school environment, Dr. Lock says.

She cites a recent discussion with a teacher just out of school as a prime example of this way of thinking. When Dr. Lock asked how the teacher could make her math lesson more interesting, the teacher linked the equation of a curve with art. But that didn’t necessarily underscore the purpose of why students need to make that calculation in the first place.

“What if the student went away and said, ‘there’s something really cool in that, and I thought it was really interesting,’ and, on their own time and in their own way, went and extended the project far beyond what you’d ever originally assigned?” she says, relating a question she posed to the educator. “What if the student comes back four weeks later and says, ‘Look what I did! I’m so excited about this.’ Would you change the grade in the original assignment?” The teacher said no, and I asked why? What is it that’s so ingrained in your thinking about student learning that your

timing and structure have to be so tight that you don’t want to encourage, nor do you want to accept a student that’s gone far beyond, and you don’t want to credit it because somehow that’s an advantage that student had that no other student did?”

The newly minted teacher stuck to their guns and said going down that route would result in “everybody getting 100 per cent,” says Dr. Lock.

“Why is that bad? Isn’t that learning? Don’t you want students to be passionate about their learning? Unfortunately, this is a narrow view of school – it’s about the assessment more than the learning, more than it is about the passion or the interest in learning. If we want to have anything other than disengaged kids, we’ve got to make changes.”

As *Connections, Academics, and Purpose: Designing the Future of School* continues to reach educators and parents alike, Dr. Lock says she wants the volume to “create a movement.” She senses an opportunity to foster change, she says, just as Pickering College instills in its own students.

“I want to take advantage of the opportunity I have because the truth is the public school system is a bigger, more difficult machine to change,” she says. “They don’t have the ability to be as playful and as innovative as an independent school like Pickering College. If we can do that hard work here and see what works, and actually figure out what school could be, we can show how it can be scaled up and share it.”

“The very core thing we want kids to do is feel that they can actually make a difference in the world, live their lives with a sense of meaning and purpose.”

For more information on *Connections, Academics, and Purpose: Designing the Future of School*, including how to order the book, see supporting materials, and view online workshops, visit www.cindelock.com.



Photo by Caley Taylor

The Addams Family cast and crew bring magic to CDS stage

By Helen Turner

Draped in shadows and filled with delightfully eerie backdrops, the stage set the scene as CDS Senior School students recently staged a phenomenal production of *The Addams Family School Edition*.

Audiences were treated to a “comical feast” of the macabre, following the beloved, ghoulish family as they faced their most terrifying nightmare yet: Wednesday Addams (Delilah Johnstone) growing up and falling in love with a “normal” young man Lucas (Logan Colozza) from Ohio.

The production was a showcase of talent, from the suave and conflicted Gomez (Max Ngo) to the sultry and commanding Morticia (Amar Minhas). Highlighting the show’s themes of love, honesty, and “moving toward the darkness,” the ensemble of ghostly ancestors (Hailey Grossman, Lucas Juhasz, Renee Ng, Yovela Nnoaham, Cassidy Palmer, Gabby Rizek, Maya Sood, Lanna Wappel and Breanna Zhai) filled the stage with high-energy choreography, while characters like the moon-loving Uncle Fester (Meghan Weinroth) and the deadpan Lurch (Drew Hollett), along with Lucas’s parents Mal (Myles Brown) and Alice (Charlotte Dilworth), Wednes-

day’s brother, the mischievous Pugsley (Charlotte Hadden) and eccentric but loveable Grandma (Keira Gentemann), kept the theater echoing with laughter and finger-snapping.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our stage managers (Seba Alhusayen, Antonio Di Giorgio and Tommy Merianos) and costume and tech crews (Austin Cheng, Evi Dodgson, Isabella Du, Livia Easton, Charlotte Griffin, Josh Griffin, Theo Hinton, Ashley Loxton, Andrea Mascan, Larkin Powers, Jamie Stefanov and Cameryn Wilbur). Their behind-the-scenes support brought the characters and Addams Family Mansion to life.

While the show was a triumph of comedy and music, it also marked a poignant milestone for our Grade 12 students. This production served as the “final bow” for five of our Grade 12 students, concluding their high school stage careers with one last hauntingly beautiful performance.

These dedicated soon-to-be graduates have spent years honing their craft, and seeing them take their final curtain call as part of the Addams clan was a moment of “happy/sad” reflection for teachers, parents, and peers alike. We wish them nothing but the best as they move toward their next bright – or delightfully dark – chapters.

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ARTROAM King 2026: A new way to experience local art

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ARTROAM King is a juried art show and sale featuring 26 exceptional local fine artists. For one weekend, the KHCC's four historic buildings will be transformed into vibrant gallery spaces, inviting visitors to roam, discover, and purchase original artwork in an inspiring heritage setting.

After more than two decades of artists opening their home studios to the public through Studio Tour King, ARTROAM King introduces a fresh, centralized format. By bringing all participating artists together in one location, visitors can experience the full event in a single stop – making it easier than ever to meet artists, browse their work, and enjoy the creative energy that defines King Township.

This year's exhibition showcases a dynamic range of artistic styles, voices, and mediums. Here's a brief introduction to just some of the diverse work you'll encounter during ARTROAM King. For more detailed information on all 26 artists, including those not listed below, please visit ASK's website. There's truly something for everyone, regardless of what type of art you enjoy!



Alexandra K. Conrad brings more than 30 years of fine art experience to the show, working in oil, acrylic, and woodcut prints. Her warm, vibrant palette and energetic brushwork make her landscapes, portraits, and abstracts instantly recognizable.



Andrea End draws inspiration from sunlight filtering through forests and across lakes. Her paintings, shaped by her photographic documentation of the

countryside, are part of the permanent collection at the Richmond Hill Central Library.



Ashraf Sheibaniaghdam explores themes of time, transformation, and women's emotional experiences through expressive painting and sculpture. Through expressionist and symbolic imagery, she engages with memory, resilience, and the shifting stages of life.



Donna Greenstein began painting what she grew in the garden using precise watercolor botanicals then progressing to farm animals and bird

subjects. A regular exhibitor at the McMichael Autumn Art Show, she brings a joyful love of nature to every piece.



Galina Lebedeva, a photographer turned painter, strives to capture and preserve the moments of beauty in the world. Her chosen subjects are flowers and landscapes.

Hans Martin discovered painting in retirement and has since earned awards through numerous exhibitions. His watercolours reflect years of study, practice, and community involvement.

ARTROAM King is a free community event, open to all. Whether you're an art collector, a casual browser, or simply curious, this immersive exhibition offers something to inspire every visitor. Bring a friend, spend the day, buy some beautiful art and experience the creativity that thrives in our community.

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Flight Centre in Caledon offers drone courses

By Riley Murphy

With the Olympics said and done, the talk of the “whirring” is seemingly not. Taking centre stage at this year’s Olympics seems to be discussions surrounding the drones, often both in sight and in earshot of the athletes and surrounding cameras.

Although many have taken to the internet to complain about the noise, Richard Hubley, Chief Ground School Instructor, Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS), and Manager of RPAS Operations at Brampton Flight Centre in Caledon points out the benefits of drones and their advancements over recent years.

Back in 2016, Hubley, who has a PhD in Astrophysics and is retired from the United States Air Force, began the RPAS program at The Brampton Flight Centre, and has since taught hundreds of RPAS courses.

In 2016, he explained there were little to no regulations.

But now, in Transport Canada’s eyes, flying a drone is equal to operating an aircraft, bringing numerous regulations, training, and enforcement.

There are different levels of RPAS courses that drone pilots can take, including Basic Operations, Advanced Operations, Level 1 Complex Operations, Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight (BVLOS), and more.

In November of 2025, Transport Canada introduced more flexible and inno-

vative ways for drone operators to conduct their work.

These changes aim to enhance safety and streamline operations.

The use of RPAS in these circumstances also opens new career opportunities, including in film, television, real estate, and agriculture.

Hubley explains that new regulations help RPAS be used to streamline operations, for example, during pipeline inspections.

Before the new regulations, companies had to place a Visual Observer (VO) every few feet; now, some distances no longer require VOs.

Some airports are now also using RPAS to survey and scan their planes for safety, which the Brampton Flight Centre has helped train for.

Drones are everywhere now, says Hubley, you most likely won’t watch a movie without a shot taken by a drone.

With the industry changing, you may begin to see them more and more, as Hubley notes, in certain countries, they are now being used for package and food deliveries.

More drone capabilities also focus on safety, as paramedics and EMS use RPAS systems to deliver resuscitation devices and other essential equipment when they can’t reach a site in time due to traffic or other issues.

Drones are now also being used for security scans, out in the wilderness for planting trees, and for surveilling forest fires.

They are also used in the military, police, mining operations, wildlife tracking and census, agriculture, energy, utilities, real estate and inspections.

“It’s a growth industry. It’s very big in the U.S. It is growing quite well in Canada. We’re really pleased to see so many people are really getting into it. There are some people who get into it and then they just decide it’s too much regulation,” explains Hubley.

Comparing how drones are now to when they started their RPAS programs in 2016, Hubley says they’ve been able to watch the industry grow immensely.

He says Transport Canada estimates that around 400,000 drones are in use in Canada, with over 100,000 used commercially at various levels.

Hubley says, for example, that in a few weeks, a company that facilitates industrial roofing will be coming in to take their RPAS courses, as they wish to use drones for roof inspections.

He adds that more and more companies are seeking BVLOS courses, as they see the benefits of these operations.

For their more advanced programs, such as BVLOS, they run tabletop exercises that include potential hazards, site surveys, flight paths, and more.

They’ve seen numerous businesses and film crews come to the flight centre to take their courses, and they come from coast to coast.

He notes that people come from all across Canada to take their RPAS courses here at the Brampton Flight Centre.

What sets them apart is their in-person learning style.

A look into Brampton Flight Centre’s RPAS programs. Photo provided.

Hubley explains that many RPAS courses are completely online, which many users find frustrating when it comes to the technical aspects.

At Brampton Flight Centre, they teach everything in person besides their basic program.

“When you get into complex chats about manned aviation components, parasitic drag and all kinds of other things that are manned aviation related that you have to know for the exam, people will get lost,” says Hubley. “And [we] have that in-house support right there.”

He says they also support anyone who takes the course for a year after, and it all comes down to the personal touch they can offer.

The programs cover a lot of different areas, he explains, such as battery power, wind velocity, meteorology and more.

In their courses, Hubley will discuss past incidents in history with his students to reiterate the need for safety when it comes to RPAS.

“A lot of people will just say, it’s just a drone, it’s a toy. Well, it really isn’t,” he says. “It is an aircraft and you should have the respect to use it properly in the airspace with other aircraft and other people.”

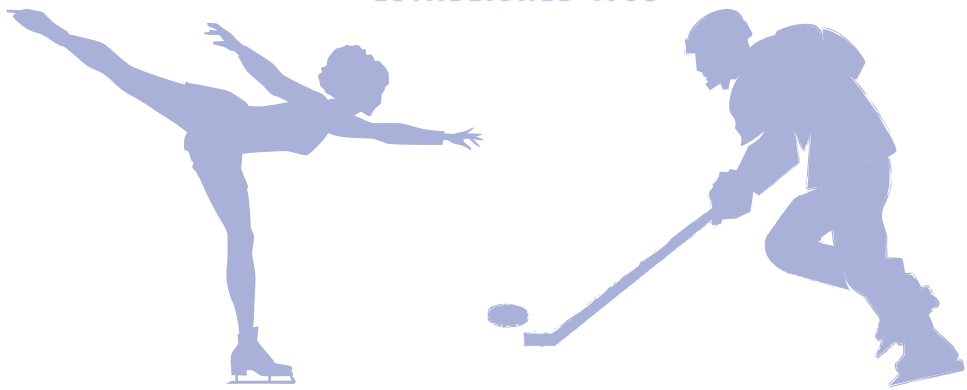
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King down two in quarterfinals against Collingwood

By Jim Stewart

The Collingwood Blues edged the King Junior A Rebellion 3-2 on Friday night in front of 1,194 fans at the Eddie Bush Memorial Arena.

It gave the Blues a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven OJHL West quarterfinal series. The two teams have met in the opening round of the playoffs for three seasons in a row.

Rebellion forwards Julius DaSilva and Adam Smeeton scored power play goals five minutes apart in the first period to give King a 2-1 lead that the visitors took into the first intermission.

After DaSilva's goal with the man-advantage tied the game 1-1, Smeeton described his go-ahead goal: "It all started with Lucas Manikis at the top. We looked for a shot where I could be a presence in front of the net. Manikis set me up. It was a good feeling to go ahead 2-1."

Smeeton – who tallied 16 goals and 18 assists in the regular season including four game-winning markers – described the efficacy of the Rebellion power play versus the Blues in Game 1: "Our power play hasn't been the best through the regular season, but we knew that Collingwood has the best PK in the league so we'd have to finish our chances when we got them."

The steady power forward described the rush of scoring goals as a visiting player in front of over 1,000 vociferous fans at the Eddie Bush Arena: "I think Collingwood is my favorite rink to play in – their fans get me juiced."

Smeeton's goal stood as the difference until 5:28 of the second period when high-scoring Blues forward Hayden Martin tied the game 2-2.

Atom Thusaka's second goal of the game was the game-winner for the Blues at 14:39 of the middle frame. Thusaka opened and closed the scoring on Friday night. His power play tally exactly nine minutes into the first period had staked the home side to a 1-0 lead.

King netminder Logan Kenne-

dy turned in a strong performance in Collingwood, blocking 28 of the 31 shots he faced.

In Game 2 at the Zancor Centre on Sunday afternoon, Blues goaltender Hagan Bach turned aside all 21 shots he faced to shut out the Rebellion 2-0. Consequently, Collingwood jumped out to a two-game advantage in the best-of-seven quarterfinal series.

On a contested play just past the mid-way mark of the first period, the Blues took a 1-0 lead when Owen McNamara banged home a bouncing puck on a delayed penalty that appeared to be whistled down in the crease scramble that preceded the goal. As the gifted Rebellion PA man Doug Ireland played "Come Out and Play" by The Offspring with the catch phrase "You gotta keep 'em separated" while the officiating crew reviewed what they saw, it became apparent that the referees could not separate fiction from truth as the dubious goal stood – much to the chagrin of the 300 vocal King fans assembled.

Because there is no audio in the Zancor Centre review feed, the goal could not be challenged by the King coaching staff. Despite the animated protestations of Rebellion Captain Jared McNeil in the neutral zone, the visitors took a 1-0 lead with 8:40 left in the first period.

The entertaining playoff game remained close due to the masterful goaltending of Noah Mavin who was spectacular on Sunday afternoon. Mavin held the high-scoring visitors off the scoresheet through the second period, making a huge kick save on a Blues breakaway as a King power play expired. His athleticism was on full display when he turned aside a sharp deflection at 5:45, thwarted a high right corner scoring attempt by the Blues' power play unit with 28 seconds left in the frame, and kicked out a point blank shot and flashed the leather on its rebound at 16:59 of the third period to keep King's deficit at one goal.

After another magnificent save by



Noah Mavin (67) hugs his post as Justin Pavese (23) defends against a Blues attacker on Sunday afternoon at the Zancor Centre. Mavin made 33 saves – many of them spectacular – in King's narrow 2-0 loss to Collingwood in Game 2 of their OJHL West quarterfinal series.

Mavin in a goal mouth scramble, Carson McGurn one-timed a rebound from the right edge of the crease into the open cage to give Collingwood a 2-0 lead with 5:58 left in the evenly-matched contest.

Smeeton described the stellar goaltending performances his club received from Logan Kennedy in Collingwood on Friday night and Noah Mavin on Sunday afternoon: "They kept us in the game. We have two of the best goalies in the league. Our goalies are the heart of the team. They played great for us."

After acknowledging that King is getting the kind of quality netminding to win a playoff series, Smeeton noted what his club needs to do better to get back into the best-of-seven matchup with the Blues: "We feel good about coming back in this series after two close games against Collingwood. It's a 2-versus-7 series, but it doesn't feel like it. We need to bear down and finish our chances. We had our chances again today. We played them close. We just need to keep our head down and win Game 3."

Annual King Proud Charity Golf Challenge ready to roll at Cardinal West Wing on June 25

By Jim Stewart

Event Committee Chairman Brent Morning has extended his invitation to enjoy the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge at Cardinal's West Wing Course on Thursday, June 25.

Morning mentioned that "Golfer check-in is 8:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. shotgun start for a great day of golf in support of Easter Seals Ontario-York Region – sending kids with physical disabilities to camp – the King Chamber of Commerce's Morning Youth Grant which supports young entrepreneurs; and the King Township Lions Clubs which serve our community.

Following golf, a buffet lunch will be served on the main floor at Cardinal and auctions, silent and live, will take place. Four-time Canadian Olympic Skier Brian Stemmler will be Emcee.

The cost to play in the charity fundraiser is \$175 per person which includes golf, cart, taxes, and a Charity Golf Challenge gift. Registration is limited to 120 players. Tee sponsorships are \$125. Register online early to play or sponsor at <https://www.charitygolfchallenge.ca> in what Morning notes is "truly become a community tradition."

The Kettleby resident and long-time community booster was encouraging golfers to register early: "Register to play by May 1 and be eligible to win a foursome at Cardinal Golf Club. Confirm your sponsorship or prize/auction donation by June 1 to ensure your company name is included in our event program. On behalf of our volunteer committee, Easter Seals, the King Chamber of Commerce and the King Township Lions Clubs, we thank you for considering taking part in the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge."

Morning's Charity Golf Challenges have raised a princely sum for local organizations since its inaugural manifestation twelve years ago: "Since its inception in 2014, this event has raised over \$165,000. Let's continue to send more kids to camp and enrich our local community while enjoying a day of golf! If you have any questions about this event, or would like to donate a prize or auction item, please contact me at 905-841-5735 or email brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca."

Playoff picture set for curling leagues

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

With the recent Men's Brier held this past week and the retirement of legendary Brad Gushue, the inspiration to do your best is fresh on the minds of every curler, across the nation.

Gushue; The "GOAT" (Greatest Of All Time) has been not only an ambassador to the sport of curling, he has also redefined the sport on so many levels. As the pros make it look so easy on TV, club curlers can only dream of executing the kind of shots they make. But dreams are what athletes strive for.

Regular season games have now come to a close and the playoff season has begun. Is there a new kind of air circulating around the sheets of King? You betcha! Playoffs in any sport are a whole new beast.

Athletes expect to perform at their highest levels to achieve their goals and capture their dreams. It's no different at the King Curling Club whether its recreational social play or the more competitive team entry leagues. The desire to be the best you can be will sweep thru the curlers for the next three weeks for the quarters, semis and final championship rounds.

The Mixed Team Entry league, that has been in a battle for position for the top 8 teams all season, has come down to the final game of the regular season. Claiming top spot is Inglis with 73 points and Barber behind with 72. Teams Battershell and Kolody tied at 70 needed a draw to the button measure to break the tie. Kolody drew for a closer measure earning 3rd place overall. Morning sits in 5th with 65, Clark has 63 for 6th place while Sheardown with 61 and Flannigan with 59 make up the top 8 qualifying for Quarter final playoff action.

As always, the mixed league will



Christine Warner, Beth Egan, Marnie Deathe and Kathleen Gorsline captured the 2025-26 Ladies League winner, earning a bye to the semi-finals in the Women's playoff series.

witness high intensity games with all the attention on shot making and the all illusive win to move on.

Ladies league has a new League winner this season in Team Gorsline. Team Stronach claimed 2nd and both received a bye in round 1 of the A Division advancing to the semi-finals.

Quarter-final action will include teams Morning (3), Fraser (6), Cairns (4) and Hamilton (5).

Teams DeWinter and Gerrits took first and second of the B division advancing on to the semis with a bye in round 1.

Teams D. Holmes (9), J. Holmes (10), Sinclair (11) and Browning (12) will play in the quarters.

The parity has increasingly grown in this league and will prove to have a very exciting playoff series.

With one more week of regular play for the Men's league the need to succeed continues for this core heavy weights. Stay tuned.

From the Archives



Kettleby Girls' Softball Team, 1959

King Heritage & Cultural Centre

King's Corners

King City-York Pines By Sheryl Sinka

King City-York Pines United Church worships at 10:30 a.m. Sunday when we again welcome back former King City resident Jon Brooks to lead the service on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

In recognition of International Women's Day last Sunday, Jon spoke about the contributions and struggles of the women who assisted with the birth of Christianity. Romans 5 verses 1-12 speaks of suffering, out of which endurance, strength of character and hope will be borne. "God has poured his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us," may it be so in your lives in these times.

As King City and York Pines merge into one congregation, we welcome all to join in our journey as we explore our faith and how it shapes our futures together.

Our Lenten study continues this Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at King City United Church and every Saturday until Easter. We are using the e-book, Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living available through ucrdstore.ca. Feel free to join us for an insightful discussion of our faith.

Monday, March 23 The Book Club will meet at King City at 10 a.m. "People of The Book" by Geraldine Brooks is the subject of this meeting. This book is a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity, and you don't need to have read it to join in. Contact the office for more information or to participate remotely on Zoom.

We would like everyone to know that the church does have an accessible entrance and lift to the auditorium floor for anyone needing this assistance. If there are any pastoral emergencies, you may leave a message at the office at 905-833-5181. Prayer shawls are available on request.

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your giving. This Sunday is Hungry Sunday when donations of dry spaghetti and canned fruit are especially appreciated.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark will be speaking on our sermon series "The Unstuck Life." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

We have a Small Group Bible Study that meets at the church every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. We will be studying "The Unstuck Life."

Our next Open Closet Outlet is Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We invite you to come and shop for free! Restrictions apply and not for re-sale.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:
Friday, March 13 - 10 a.m. - Angela will provide a painting workshop. The theme will be hydrangeas. \$10/pp.

Friday, March 20 - 10 a.m. - Cooking Demo - Serena, a Culinary Arts graduate, is excited to demonstrate how to create simple, flavourful and easy to make nutritious Italian dishes designed for seniors. Cost \$5/pp due by March 13. Limited space so registration is necessary. No walk-ins.

Friday, March 27 - 10 a.m. - Presentation - You have a medical emergency in your home. You call 911. What happens next? Who will help you? What do you need to know? A representative of York Paramedics will walk us through dealing with an emergency to prepare us, in a calm setting, on how to handle an emergency.

The following activities are offered at the King City Senior Centre.

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

Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Music and Movement/Cribbage. Monday afternoons: 2 p.m. - Crochet class.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Line Dancing. Tuesday mornings: 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Bone Fitness (must be registered with the Township).

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Bid Euchre.

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

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Bridge.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi). Thursday mornings, 11 a.m.- Qigong (must be registered with the Township).

Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling.

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

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

Sacred Heart Church

Lenten Schedule: Holy Mass, Mondays; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Every Friday evening at 6:15 p.m.

Confessions - Wednesday, March 18, Friday, March 20, Wednesday, March 25, Friday, March 27 (after 7 p.m. Mass).

Tenebrae Service is Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

We welcome into the Church of Jesus Christ, Isabella Chiara Provenzano, daughter of Roberto & Alyssandra. May the Lord Jesus pour his blessings on Isabella and her family. The Sacrament of Baptism will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 11 a.m.

Would you have an hour or so to spare on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am. Team Martha is looking for two or three individuals who could assist with cleaning the Church. If you cannot commit to every Wednesday that is okay. Please contact Beverly, Team Martha at rbm-cauley@zing-net.ca

Thank you to the Vian family for hosting last week's Coffee Sunday.

Support and supplies are provided. Contact Justine Cariati, thecariatifamily@gmail.com OR Nadia Pascuzzo NPascuzzo@archtoronto.org.

Rectory: 905-833-1161. Email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org

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King City Tennis Club

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township. The King City Tennis Association outdoor season runs from May to October 2026.

The 2026 KCTA Website Opens on Sunday, March 15 at 9 a.m. ready to accept 2026 Early Bird KCTA Memberships with discounts, until April 13.

The KCTA Website Homepage is found at: kingcitytennis.com

KCTA 2026 Registration of individuals addresses and contact information and Membership Payments must be completed and paid by credit card, before registering for KCTA tennis programs on-line.

Markus Ziegler, our OTA Certified Head Tennis Coach of several years, is ready to provide tennis programs and lessons for all ages and levels of ability.

Markus offers many excellent and varied skill-level tennis instruction for Adults, in addition to Junior Programs for ages 4 to 14 years, starting in May and which continue to October.

Don't forget the very popular 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, Junior Summer Camp in July and August. A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 28 Juniors, so please sign up early.

The KCTA executive looks forward to seeing our members playing tennis this spring.

Kingcrafts Studio Spring Artisan Sale

Join us for our annual Spring Studio Sale featuring 40+ local artists.

Shop unique handcrafted items and gifts: card making, decorative arts, enamelling, fibre art, fine art, fused glass, jewellery, leather art, needlework, pottery, stained glass, rug hooking, wire sculpture, weaving.

The sale runs Friday, and Saturday, April 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kingcrafts Studio is located at 12936 Keele Street.

Schomberg AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are

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

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's welcomes you! Our morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The World Day of Prayer was hosted by St. Andrew's this year and everyone felt it was a wonderful event for the King City churches to be together. Next year it will be Sacred Heart's turn on the first Friday of March. So mark your calendars!. All are welcome!

Last Sunday, March 8, Pastor Alison continued with her sermon series and the letter "I" for "Imitator." We looked at the book of Ephesians 5:1-17. We are to be imitators of Christ, with His help to live/walk in the Light. Have a look at the recording. You'll find the YouTube link on our website: standrews-kingcity.ca

We have 2 more "Thursdays at Three" (3 p.m.), in our church lounge March 19 and March 26 as we lead up to Easter. It is a great time to get together over coffee/tea. Pastor Alison leads us, using a book called What if Jesus was serious about Prayer? by Skye Jethani. Join us, if you are able.

For pastoral care, please call the office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew, or your Elder - 905-833-2325.

All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

Even though we are still in the season of Lent, there are signs all around us that spring is on its way.

The days are stretching a little longer. The snowbanks are slowly melting away. If you listen carefully in the morning, you can hear birds returning and calling to one another again.

Creation itself is beginning to wake up.

This time of year reminds us that renewal rarely happens all at once. It begins quietly, with small changes that gradually transform the landscape. Lent invites us into that same kind of gentle renewal in our own lives.

Many people think of Lent as a season when we give something up. But it can also be a time when we add something life-giving like a moment of prayer, an act of kindness, a step toward simplifying our lives, or a renewed connection with community.

At All Saints Anglican Church in King City, there are a few simple ways to take part in that spirit of renewal.

Every Wednesday morning, parishioners and volunteers gather to sort donations for our annual rummage sale. It's a wonderful opportunity to declutter our homes while helping others at the same time. If you have gently used items to donate (anything except electronics), you are welcome to bring them to the church for donation.

This Lenten season we are also sharing Saintry Quests. These are small daily invitations to live with greater mindfulness, kindness, and awareness of God's presence. These simple practices are posted on our social media pages throughout Lent and are open for anyone to try.

And of course, you are always welcome to join us for a Sunday service, where we gather in prayer, reflection, and community.

Spring reminds us that renewal is always possible. Just as the earth slowly comes back to life after the long winter, our spirits can also find new energy, new hope, and new purpose.

Sometimes all it takes is a small step in a new direction.

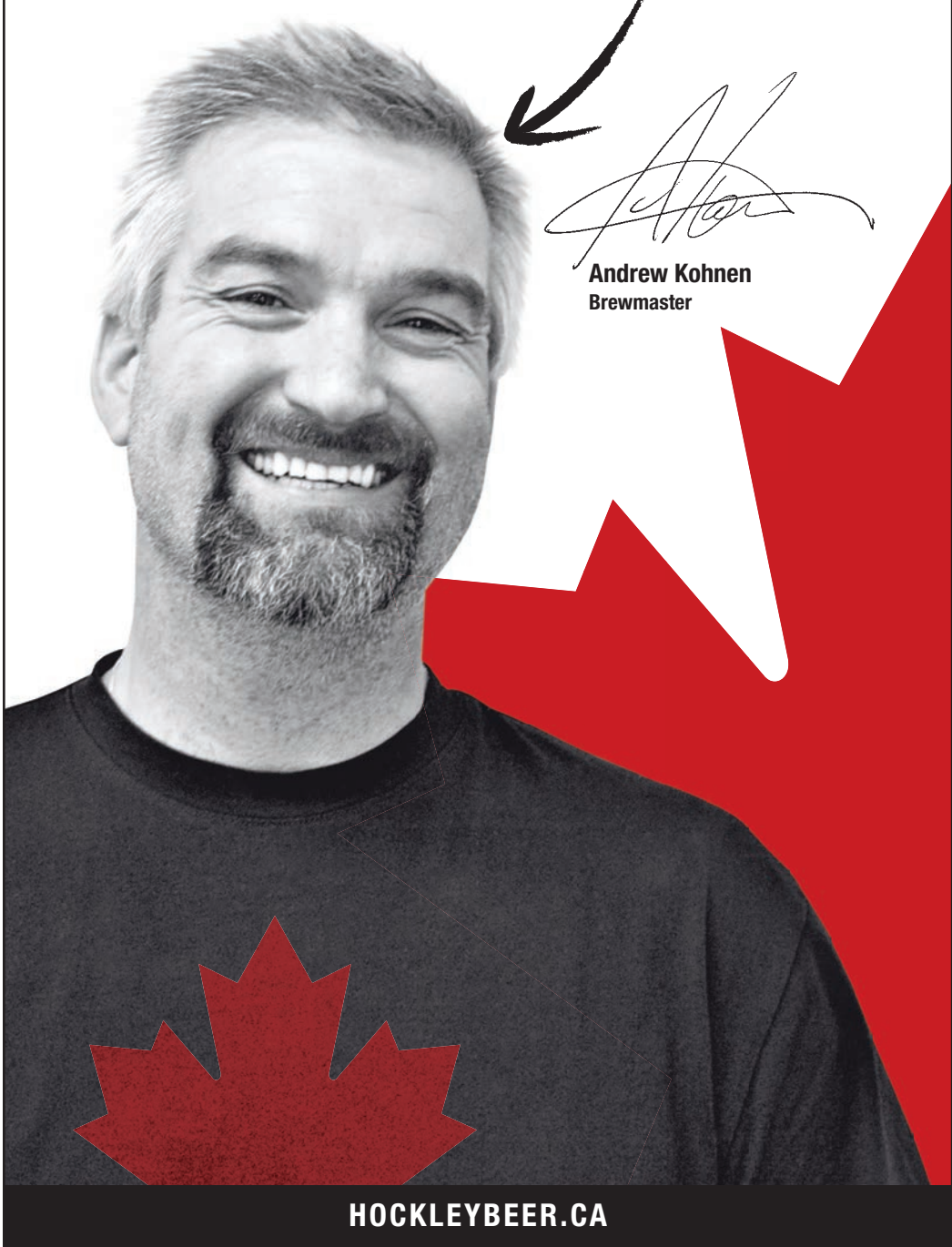
Wherever you are on your journey this season, we hope you'll know that you are always welcome at All Saints.

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Image: Lillian Beynon Thomas (Back Left) is seen here with other members of the Political Equality League and their signed petition for equal rights, c. 1915 - Archives of Manitoba via the Manitoba Free Press.

Lillian Beynon (1874-1961) was born in King Township and moved west with her family as a teenager. By 1906, she had earned a BA from the University of Manitoba, taught school, and joined the Manitoba Free Press as assistant editor of the Weekly Free Press.

Lillian was an important figure in the prairie women's movement; she wrote about women's rights, helped form the Manitoba Political Equality League, and fought for women's right to vote.

In 1911, she married journalist A. Vernon Thomas and continued her career as a journalist, playwright, and novelist. In 1916, Manitoba became the first province to grant women the right to vote!



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service this morning with a message entitled, "Feeling Sorry For the Pigs" from Mark 5:1-20.

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 youtube.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 Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, with the next meeting being Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of activities open for all ages from Grades 7 to 12.

St. Paul's monthly men's group meet on the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 4 at 9 a.m. Our mid-week LifeConnect small groups are a great opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

St. Mary's Mission St. Patrick's Parish

Mass Time Changes: St. Pat's Church - 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday. St. Mary's Church - 5 p.m. Saturdays; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sundays.

As my mother always said, if no one told you that they loved you today, let me be the first. I love you. God Bless, Fr. Bob Glynn.

Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey Program Chair

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

Regularly scheduled programs are:
Mobility Matters - Tuesdays 12:15 to 1 p.m. and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Fridays 2:15 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 3:45 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring their own weights, balls and resistance bands.

Bone Fitness - Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (must be registered with the Township).

Educational Thursdays run weekly from 10 am. to noon.

March 12 - A fun day of singing and entertainment by a musician. This event will be sponsored by Richview Manor of Maple under the direction of CEO Joseph Gulizia. Snacks will be provided as well.

March 19 - The Red Carpet is ready for a movie on our TV screen. Sit back and relax and enjoy the snacks provided. Movie will be selected by the group.

March 26 - Emergency Preparedness. Presented by Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Ritson. CPR will be demonstrated and the seniors will be able to participate and review the technique of CPR. Be informed and know what to do when an emergency arises.

April 2 - Easter is Coming, Artist Angela Del Borrello will provide instructions on how to create a "Bunny Wood Décor." The cost is \$10 per person which includes all materials.

Be sure to register by March 26 so materials are available for you.

April 9 - "Laughing for the Health of It: Connecting Through Joy" Presented by Cathy Nesbit, certified teacher. This heart-warming session will alleviate isolation and foster connection. Event will be sponsored by Kristen Egan, Community Outreach Manager, Delmanor, Aurora.

April 16 - Chair Yoga via YouTube with Kierstie Payge (level 3). Improve your flexibility, strength, balance, and mental well-being as we participate in this session together.

April 23 - Chair Zumba with Frank De-Bartolo. This fun, low-impact workout will improve cardiovascular health, strength, flexibility, balance, and mood. Surprise Frank and wear your favourite hat.

April 30 - "Fables, Fairytales and Rhymes", will be presented by Liana Harris, Historian. Turn the pages of classical Fairytales and Mother Goose Rhymes and see how they give us the lessons to navigate in real life.

For more information on 55+ programming, memberships and services visit king.ca/seniors or call 905-833-6655.

Garden Club

March has arrived, and with it, the promise of a new gardening season. The countdown is on for the Nobleton & King City Garden Club's first in-person meeting. We're thrilled to have a great lineup of speakers again this year. Our speaker for March will be Glenn Munroe. He will present an interactive workshop on Compost, Soil Health and Climate Change. He will also discuss how composting, and compost use are among the best tools we have to make a positive connection happen.

Join us on Monday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Laskay Hall, 2920 King Rd., King City. If you haven't already done so, renew your annual membership of \$30 at that time or contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com to e-transfer the funds prior to meeting. Guests are always welcome, cost \$10.

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Kingcrafts Studio is located at 12936 Keele Street.

Nobleton Lions

Hey Kids! Come on out for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. at Tasca Park. There will be free chocolate bunnies for kids to age 10 and hot chocolate for everyone. This is a joint event put on by all three Lions Clubs in King Township, working together.

Next, look for our float in the parade and visit us at our booth at the arena grounds on Victoria Day, May 18.

Then, on Sunday, May 31, the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides will take place to raise funds for training dogs as service dogs. Registration at the Library Gazebo starts at 9 a.m. and the walk gets underway at 10 a.m. To donate, please visit <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/> and search Nobleton. Bev Berger will be one of the walkers

and welcomes your contribution. Currently financial support is also critically needed in order to complete the construction of a new national training school in Oakville and to keep programs running. For more information, visit dogguides.com

Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June. The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com.

To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website which can be accessed by googling "nobletonlions.com" At the website on the Upcoming Events page you will also see announcements for events offered by non-profit organizations in King. If you have an activity that qualifies, please contact Lion Jerry MacBain. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)

Book club

The Nobleton Book Club holds monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located at 8 Sheardown Drive. The schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the program room at the Nobleton Branch.

The Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly for over the past 13 years; new members are always most welcome to join! Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. All these titles are available to borrow, for free, through the Nobleton Library and other King Township libraries. If you have any questions, call Heather, the Branch Supervisor, at the Nobleton Library at 905-859-4188. Come and join this wonderful group of Nobleton readers!

Here is the reading list for the Nobleton Branch Book Club:

Wednesday, April 8, The Laundryman's Boy, by Edward Lee.

Wednesday, May 13, Indians on Vacation, by Thomas King.

Wednesday, June 10, Diva, by Daisy Godwin.

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St. Patrick's parish marks milestone 150th



St. Patrick parish Schomberg celebrated its 150th anniversary March 8. The gala birthday party was held at Copper Creek golf club with 200 people in attendance. It was a fundraiser to raise money to fix the rectory. Guests gathered in the basement of the parish for refreshments.

Many high-profile officials and members of the community attended. Shown here are (l to r) Decon Milan, Father Paul, Father Bob, Father Swift, Cardinal Francis Leo, Father Ignacio, Decon Don, Father Arthur.

Local politicians, including King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, were in attendance.

"History in the making as we came together to celebrate St. Patrick's 150th and St. Mary's 171st Anniversary in King," he said. "Grateful to these patriotic communities and to Father Bob for inspiring our families and faith."

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson



The Schomberg United Church Women will meet today, Thursday, March 12 at 1 pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The theme of hearing and discussing stories of Women in the Bible continues. There will be an Irish touch as well.

If you missed last Friday's World Day of Prayer in King City, there is one more this Friday, March 13 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 91 Church St., Schomberg followed by a light lunch. The theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come," written by women in Nigeria.

On Sunday, March 15, there is no service at our local churches. Instead, come to Knox United Church, 2976 Charleston Sideroad, Caledon at 10 a.m. This is just west of Hwy. 10. This is an Affirm Service and there will be a joint choir. There will likely be pies afterwards!

Hurry to reserve your seat for the fa-

mous DiFebo Pasta Dinner which is on Friday, March 20 at 6 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. The meal includes pasta with meatballs, salad & dessert. It is a great time to socialize. The cost is \$20/adult, \$5 for 12 years and under, free for those under 5. Seating is limited. Contact Nancy Hopkinson at 416-316-5064 to reserve your seat ASAP.

Our next Messy Church is Monday, March 23 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6 p.m.) are based on different Bible stories. The theme for March is the Prodigal Son. God always welcomes us home. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. One activity is always decorating a cookie in

the theme of the day. Please let Nancy Hopkinson know (text 416-316-5064 or email nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) if you would like to attend, as we need to have enough food for everyone.

Palm Sunday (March 29) is a joyous Sunday and we wave real palm branches to celebrate Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem. On Good Friday (April 3) at 10 a.m. we will have a solemn Joint service in Nobleton to remember Jesus's crucifixion.

Easter (April 5) is coming. If you would like to place a pot of tulips in one of the churches, as a floral memorial, the cost is \$10. Tulips can be ordered through Kim Campbell (for Schomberg) or Sue DiFebo or Val Ball (for Nobleton).

The next Lenten Bible Study is each Thursday at 1 p.m. at Nobleton United for scripture, reflection and good conversation. Last one is Thursday, April 2. All are welcome.

There is a 15-minute Reflection for Lent on Zoom every Monday at 7 p.m. Begin each week with hope. Short scripture, reflection and prayer. Last one is Monday, March 30.

On Sunday, March 15, there is no service at our local churches. We are all invited to Pie (Public, Intentional,

Explicit) Day at Knox United Church in Caledon at 10 a.m. This is an Affirm Service and there will be a joint choir. There will likely be pies afterwards!

Our next Schomberg Senior's Luncheon is Tuesday, April 14 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The guest speaker is Richard MacLeod, The History Hound, making a presentation on local farming history for us. The meal is ham and scalloped potatoes, grilled green veggies, and Orange Bavarian for dessert. Please RSVP with Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend as space is limited. Although the meal is free, donations are appreciated to defray costs.

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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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring-like weather and is secretly hoping that spring has arrived and it's not the usual where spring gets our hopes up and then brings back Winter for one last blast. Clocks sprung forward this past weekend, and that gives us a renewed hope for warmer weather and the extra daylight is the bonus.

Bird Watching Club

All are invited to join the newly formed "Bird Watching Club" which meets every third Saturday at the corner of West Canal Bank Road and Highway 9, remember to bring binoculars, spotting scope, and dress for the weather.

Maple Syrup Fest

If that's not your thing, maybe you love Maple Syrup? I mean, who doesn't! King's Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest promises a day 'stacked' with sweet memories (and pancakes)! Join in on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area in Nobleton. Tickets are \$12 (plus HST) per person and \$40 (plus HST) for a family of four and can be purchased online until 11 p.m. on March 13. Prices increase at the door.

Buy your tickets now at coldcreek.ca/MapleSyrupFest

Taste of King

Now if you're not big on maple syrup but you do love food, good news, the "Taste of King" is back, and many local restaurants are participating this year. For more information and menus, check out king.ca/TasteOfKing

Through March 14, savour exclusive prix fixe lunch and dinner menus, specialty combos and signature dishes at some of King Townships best restaurants.

Restaurants include Craft Kitchen, Historia Cantina, Holland Marsh Wineries, In This Corner, Koharu, Leonardos Smoke House, Misoya Sushi, Pine Farms Orchard Port Soiree, Raffaele's cantina, Taj Royal, The Schomberg Pub.

Aquatics in King

The spring schedule for swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses at Zancor Centre is now online. King Township is offering learn-to-swim lessons for all ages, based on the life saving society Swim for Life program, which features programming for parent & tots, preschoolers, children, teens and adults, as well as private lessons for children ages 3+. Aquatic leadership programs to train youth for employment as a swim instructor or lifeguard are also available.

Be ready to register! Registration for spring swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses opens at 7 a.m. on Monday, Mar. 16. Programs start the week of April 13. For more information, visit king.ca/aquatics.

Horticultural Society

March 24, Schomberg Horticultural Society's first meeting of the year. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Schomberg Community Hall.

The first meeting of 2026 will be both fun and delicious - from beginning to end! Come early and enjoy a slice of pizza before the meeting! Members are invited to bring in homemade baked goods, squares, savorys, pies, or cookies to participate in the friendly "Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice!" competition. Baked items should be in place by 7 p.m.

The speaker, Maria Shtemberg, is a member of the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners. She will take a fresh look at the growing trend of "Container Gardening," offering tips and tools to make your flower and vegetable containers spectacular and useful year-round. Container gardening is ideal for both beginners and seasoned gardeners. Attendance at the meeting is free to members. Guests are welcome - \$5 at the door.

We have an exciting lineup of speakers,

a garden tour; and a plant sale to look forward to, as well as the monthly flower shows and end-of-season photography contest. We look forward to seeing you in March!

Annual membership is \$20 per member or \$30 (2 per family + \$10 for each additional person (all in same household)).

Guests are more than welcome at \$5 per meeting. This annual membership fee entitles you to admission to all meetings, including expert guest speakers, member events, flower shows and discounts from local merchants.

All general meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall at 325 Main Street, unless otherwise notified. Virtual meetings may be held if and as necessary. Members will be notified by social media (eg. Facebook) and emailed of any changes. At these meetings, a sales table is set up, and as a member of the Society, we hope you will donate previously loved gardening books or magazines, vases, cuttings, perennials, seeds, small plants and whatever you might want to share with other gardeners. Please label plants along with instructions for their care. This table is dedicated to Clara, a former and long-time member of the Society, who used to bring in bouquets of flowers to sell.

Contact Information: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Friday night at Trisan in Room A/B from 7 to 9 p.m. 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. Please note that due to conflict we won't be playing on March 27, and we will be moving to Thursdays, April 2, in the Curling Lounge.

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we had a very informative presentation by Marie Loureiro on "The Art of Becoming." Marie shared her very personal story

about starting over after a brain injury and how far she has come and how she healed herself through creativity. Being in transition whether it be retirement, a death of a spouse or just finding yourself in a place you never imagined, is difficult, and Marie offered us some wonderful coping skills and has written a book to be a guide through the process. Thanks again Marie, for a sharing your personal journey with all of us.

Monday, March 16 - St. Patrick's Day celebration with the 'Tightly Wound' ukulele players.

Monday, March 30 What's My Line - Mystery guest #1 (replaces Carol Hindley, members Life Story).

Weekly Events:

Please note new times for Mobility Matters!

Monday afternoons - 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Mobility Matters Trisan Centre (new time).

Tuesday afternoons - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Bridge - in Multi Room A at Trisan.

Wednesday mornings - 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. - Bone Fitness.

Wednesday afternoon - 2 to 4 p.m. - Mahjong - in the Multi Purpose Room A at Trisan.

Thursday afternoons - 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling - at Trisan. Thursday afternoons - 3 to 4:30 p.m. - The Tightly Wound ukulele group in the Multi Room A at Trisan.

Friday afternoons - 1 to 3 p.m. - Bid Euchre in Multi Room A at Trisan, newbies welcome

Friday afternoons - 1 to 1:45 p.m. (new time) Mobility Matters (Trisan Centre).

Annual 2026 memberships remain at \$20 for King Township residents, \$25 for non-residents. For members that hold a valid Rec Pass at the Trisan Centre, the 55+ membership fee is included at no additional cost.

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