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ONE YEAR LATER - Jason Woodhams talks about the trials he's faced trying to get his house rebuilt after it was destroyed on May 21, 2022. Woodhams told his family's story to those gathered at a Town Hall meeting last Thursday evening, marking one year since the tornado hit Uxbridge. *Photo by John Cavers*

Councillor caught in no-win situation

Roger Varley

Ward 5 councillor Todd Snooks found himself placed in a no-win situation on Monday when council debated a report on the township's banner policy.

The report recommended that banners be allowed for charitable organizations and non-profit community groups to advertise events such as charitable fundraising campaigns, heritage, arts and cultural celebrations, community events and public awareness campaigns.

In particular, the report said the four posts at the Brock/Toronto street intersection may be used for "special interest groups."

Snooks put forward a motion to table the report for more consultation. When it was pointed out that the move would interfere with the installation of Pride banners at the end of this month, Snooks suggested that the flagpoles

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Tears, laughter and anger at tornado town hall

Roger Varley & Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Over 80 people gathered at the Seniors Centre last Thursday for a town hall meeting organized by the *Uxbridge Cosmos* to discuss their experiences during, and resulting from, last year's tornado.

Questions from moderator Ted Barris to a 10-member panel and the audience elicited a range of stories and emotions. Panelist Rev. Karen Croxall came close to tears as she recounted the devastating damage to Trinity United Church and the difficult decision to tear the building down.

"It was bewildering, it was overwhelming," she said.

Croxall said it was determined to be too unsafe to attempt to restore the building. She said Trinity hopes to have a new church in about five years, adding she wants it to be part of the healing process.

Panelist Rob Garrard said he was upstairs at The Second Wedge Brewing Co. when the storm hit.

"It happened just like that," he said, snapping his fingers. He said that when he finally made his way downstairs, he saw a scene of utter devastation and customers covered with insulation, hiding in a washroom. Garrard said it wasn't until 9 p.m., eight hours after the tornado hit, that he managed to go home to check for damage there.

Although the evening began with numerous stories of how neighbours came out in droves to help those affected, there were also stories of difficulties with finding alternative accommodation for those left homeless - and with insurance companies. Several people offered that they were still negotiating with insurance companies, with one person saying they were now dealing with their twelfth adjuster.

Councillor Willie Popp told the gathering that it was only about a month ago that the town-

ship's insurance claim of \$850,000 in damages was approved.

Fire chief Mike MacDonald, another member of the panel, said the tornado was "a wake-up call" that emergencies can happen here, adding "we learned some valuable lessons." He said the township's emergency co-ordinating committee gathered quickly after the storm hit and, because of all the emergency training they have been through, "there was a sense of calm."

However, one of the lessons learned was to consider designating other facilities in the township as emergency shelters because the prime location, the Uxbridge arena, was damaged by the storm and was unusable because of a lack of power and a hole in the roof. He said the whole region is now looking at building backup into their emergency plans.

Back at the Seniors Centre, several people related how they have been living in alternate accommodation while their apartments and

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for May and June, 2023

Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.
BIA BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 30, 4:00 p.m.
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.
GENERAL PURPOSE AND
ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 9:00 a.m.
TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 12, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.
HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Monday, June 19, 10:00 a.m.
GENERAL PURPOSE AND
ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Monday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.
BIA BOARD MEETING

Proclamations for May

- Asian Heritage Appreciation Month
- Community Living Month
- May 18 - Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- May 19 - Personal Support Worker Day
- May 20 - Asian Gold Ribbon Day
- May 20 - World Bee Day
- May 21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity
- May 21-27 - National Public Works Week
- May 21-27 - Paramedic Appreciation Week
- May 25-29 - Durham Pride Week
- May 28-June 3 - National Accessibility Week
- May 31 - Red Shirt Day

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of Uxbridge. Check out
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event schedule beginning May 2023 until
September 2023.



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email: accessibility@uxbridge.ca
phone: 905-852-9181 ext.209

Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for these positions
are available at uxbridge.ca/careers

Public Works and Operations - Crossing Guards
Resumés accepted on an ongoing basis.

Summer Opportunities

Uxbridge Historical Centre - Community Museum Technician, contract - Closes Friday, May 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Discover Uxbridge – Assistant Tourism Development Coordinator, summer student, contract - Closes Friday, May 26, 2023

Uxbridge Public Library – Children’s Summer Programs, summer student, contract - Closes Friday, June 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to
https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/business-and-development/bids-and-tenders.aspx?_mid_=23193

- **U23-05 - Fire Extinguisher Maintenance** - Closes May 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.
- **U23-14 - Supply, Deliver and Installation of Library shelving for Uxbridge Public Library** - Closes May 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Board & Committee Appointments 2023-2026

The Council of the Township of Uxbridge invites applications from members of the public who are qualified electors of the Township of Uxbridge who wish to have their names considered for a four-year appointment (term of Council – expiring November 2026) to the Museum Advisory Committee (see detailed description below). **Any** person interested in offering their services, and would accept an appointment (including present members with expired terms), are invited to submit a Volunteer-Committee Member Application Form available on the Township’s website <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/boards-committees-and-initiatives.aspx> along with a letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience to the undersigned by Friday, May 19, 2023.

Any questions regarding these appointments may be directed to the Clerk.

Debbie Leroux Telephone: (905) 852-9181
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Fax: (905) 852-9674
P.O. Box 190 e-mail: dleroux@uxbridge.ca
51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1T1

Museum Advisory Committee

The Uxbridge Historical Centre Museum Advisory Committee shall advise, comment on, recommend and assist Council with specific reference to the operation and management of the Uxbridge Historical Centre (Uxbridge-Scott Museum & Archives) and the delivery of museum services to the community in compliance with relevant municipal, provincial and federal legislation. The Advisory Committee will achieve this purpose by working with Council, Township staff, other Township committees, and related agencies.



Senior Games' Horseshoes

The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society's Horseshoe Club is hosting Durham Region 55 plus Horseshoe Games on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Uxbridge Museum, 7239 Concession Rd 6, Uxbridge.
To register, visit Durham Senior Games at <https://www.durhamseniorgames.ca/2023-summer-forms>
Cost is \$ 20.00.
Contact Bob Kirvan for information at 905-852- 9176.



Uxbridge at a Glance *continued*

The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge

Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning an Application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment

This Notice is to inform you that the Township of Uxbridge has received a Zoning By-law Amendment application which has been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Planning Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, a proposed Township Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, submitted by Anne and Bill Starke.

The statutory public meeting will be held in a hybrid format allowing for in-person attendance or virtual viewing of the public meeting. The Township of Uxbridge will be processing the Zoning By-law Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- The purpose and effect of this application is to amend the Zoning By-law to permit a secondary unit within an accessory building.
- The subject property is designated “Prime Agricultural Area” in the Region of Durham Official Plan and zoned “Rural (RU) Zone” and “Environmental Protection (EP) Zone” in Township Zoning By-law No. 81-19.

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject property, is located west of Concession Road 3 and north of Regional Road 8, having the municipal address of 7200 Concession Road 3 and is legally described as Part of Lot 31 and 32 Concession Road 2, being Part 1 on Plan 40R30678, Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

FILE NO: Zoning By-Law Amendment 2023-03 (**ZBA 2023-03**)

APPLICANT: Anne and Bill Starke

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection in the Development Services Department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Township Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario. It is preferred that if you require additional information that it be requested by email, mail, or telephone from the undersigned. However, if necessary, the Township Office can be accessed Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by contacting the undersigned.

Jennifer Beer, Permits & Approvals Analyst

Development Services

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PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

This Notice is being given in accordance with Planning Act requirements. A final recommendation on the application will not be presented until after the Township Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

The public meeting is being held in a hybrid format allowing for in-person attendance or virtual viewing of the public meeting. The livestream public viewing can be accessed by visiting <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/council-meeting-calendar.aspx>.

The meeting date and time is as follows:

MEETING DATE: Monday, June 5, 2023

TIME: Public Meeting 11:30 a.m.

REPRESENTATION

ANY PERSON may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment.

1. Written Submissions

Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments should be submitted before **Friday, June 2nd, 2023**. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption of the by-law.

2. Oral Submission

Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the meeting on livestream, you must pre-register with the Clerk's office by email at dleroux@uxbridge.ca, or telephone at 905-852-9181 ext. 228 or mail at the address below **before 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Friday, June 2nd, 2023**. Please include your full name, address, and a call-back phone number. You will be contacted by the Clerk's office to confirm your participation and receive the online call-in information before the meeting. Technical assistance may be provided to ensure you are able to participate.

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the proposed application is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Uxbridge to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or a public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the application is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 16th DAY OF MAY, 2023.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk

Township of Uxbridge

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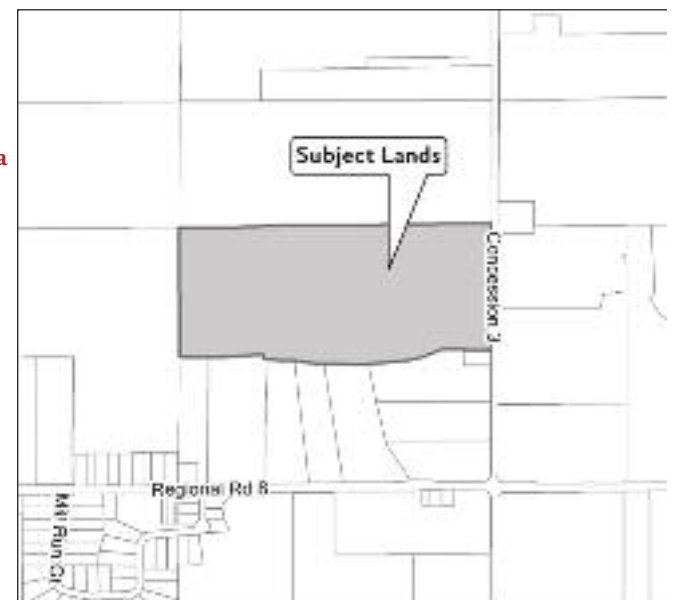
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KEY MAP (not to scale)



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Schedule for sweeping:

1. S/E corner of town

2. N/E corner of town

3. Rural subdivisions and hamlets

4. N/W corner of town

5. S/W corner of town

6. Town parking lots

(The town portion is divided into 4 areas with Brock & Main Streets as the centre point.)

Road Closures

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Line Painting Underway



Attention All Pet Owners!

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it the responsible thing to do, it's also the polite thing to do. Let's continue to keep Uxbridge a clean and safe environment we can all enjoy!

Our two cents

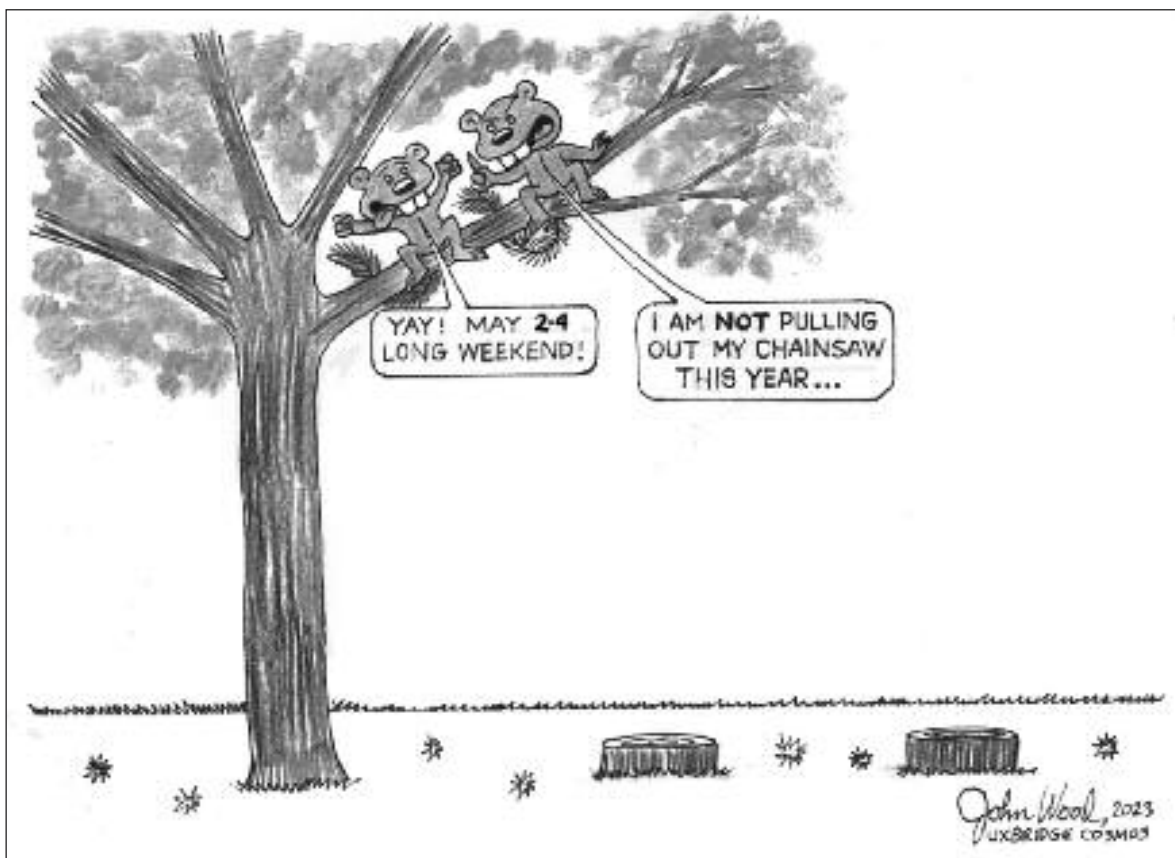
Uxbridge is made of strong stuff

Everyone in the township of Uxbridge will likely take a few minutes some-time this weekend - namely Sunday - to stop and think about where they were this time last year. The May 2-4 long weekend - we were all enjoying a sunny, relatively warm Saturday afternoon when all hell broke loose and our little town (along with many lives) was torn asunder.

We all know what happened, and we are all still telling the stories of "where we were when...". There was much story-telling last Thursday evening when several Uxbridge residents got together at the Seniors Centre to discuss what's happened in the past year. So much has changed, yet so much has stayed the same. It's normal to walk around the downtown and still shake your head in disbelief when you notice the black steeple of Trinity United Church is no longer there. It's normal to miss the huge, green trees that would just be coming into leaf right now. We have to say, it's *not* normal that those who had to find alternative accommodations when the roofs of their homes blew off are *still* having issues, one year on. Whether it's with insurance agencies, contractors, paralegals or lawyers, no one should have to *fight* to have their home restored to them in some fashion after a natural disaster, and we feel deeply for the people who are still struggling with this situation. That is the dark cloud that hangs over what, in hindsight, was a pretty minor major weather event. It was terrible awful horrible at the time, but thankfully no one was hurt badly or killed. We lost things, but we didn't lose people.

People are, in fact, what made May 21, 2022, and the days that followed more tolerable and manageable. Of all the stories we hear, we hear the same phrase, "...then they asked if we were ok, and if we needed anything." We all needed something - we needed each other. We helped, we fed, we chain-sawed, we did everything we could to ensure that we put the worst of the physical damage behind us as quickly as possible. The mental aftermath takes longer to heal, but heal it will, with the support of other people.

Notice how we haven't mentioned the "t-word" once here? There will come a day when we don't mention it at all, except for as a "remember when?" Like the trees, we'll grow and put our roots down, reaching for the sun - and one another. What else to say, but "Uxbridge Strong."



Letters to the Editor

The Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the community for its untiring support of our major fundraiser - Chances Are, our thrift store. This store has 125 volunteers and they are the best.

However, we are having problems we would like the community to help us with. Please observe the signs and do not drop off goods and clothing when the bins are full and the shed is closed. The shed is not open on Sundays. Bags left in the parking lot are looted and the mess has to be cleaned up.

Secondly, please do not give us clothing that looks worn or has holes in it.

Also, we cannot take big furniture or appliances that are broken. We pay a large amount each month to have unusable clothing and items hauled away.

Please remember that everyone at Chances Are is a volunteer and that they give selflessly of their time and are passionate about the store. We look forward to serving the community and to raising funds for our hospital. Thank you!

Nancy Emo
President

Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary

May 21, 2023, marks one year since a devastating tornado tore through Uxbridge. Although it did not last a long time, it destroyed or damaged businesses, homes, a historic church and upended the lives of many of Uxbridge's citizens. While many people have had their homes or businesses repaired, many are still in the process of trying to put their lives and their homes or businesses

back together. As always in a difficult situation, the people of Uxbridge came together to help out their fellow citizens. It was the first responders, the municipal employees and elected officials, hydro workers, merchants, food bank volunteers and many individuals who rolled up their sleeves and helped out those most affected by the tornado.

On Sunday, May 21, St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church will hold a special Come Together - One Year Later service at 10:30 a.m. at the church. This will not be a usual church service. Instead, we will hear from Mayor Dave Barton on what it was like to be the mayor during such a crisis and time of devastation, as well as moving forward.

Also, we will have a message from Joanne Richter of The Second Wedge Brewing Co., Wynn Walters from First Ave., a very hard hit area, and Terry Baskin, president of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge.

We will remember what happened, we will celebrate that there was no loss of life or serious injury, and we will let those people still in the midst of trying to put their lives back together know that we still come together and stand with them.

Uplifting music will be a key part of the service as well. Following the service there will be a lunch hosted and sponsored by the church.

We know this is a long weekend but we want to invite you and your family or a representative to join us on this Sunday to come together once again. It would be helpful for planning purposes if you could advise the church if you plan to attend

– sacpc40@gmail.com.

Dave Phillips
Come Together –
One Year Later Committee
St. Andrew's-Chalmers
Presbyterian Church

Re: Drug treatment centre, May 11 edition

One has to ask, why do we hate our fellow citizens that we can gleefully help them off to and early demise? Is it because it costs too much money to actually help them? It is just cheaper to help them fill their bodies with harmful substances to move them to the grave just a little faster?

How do we actually help them? We cut them off from supply, put them in a treatment facility with locked doors until they are no longer suffering the effects of addiction. At that point, we provide medical and psychological assistance to deal with the root causes of their issues.

I know this costs money. As a resident of Uxbridge, I don't want to be complicit in assisting people to "harm reduction" themselves to death.

Gordon Skinner
Uxbridge

Re: Bascom St. firehall, May 11 edition

Not to be cynical about a new building downtown; I actually like the idea. Particularly if it adds rental apartments for residents.

That said, would it be too much to ...continued on page 10

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Please leave the classics alone

A couple of weeks ago, in advance of Mother's Day, Blue Heron Books devoted one of its windows to books about mothers.

Scanning the selection the store had picked, I noticed that there was one particular book that was not included and, being the opinionated so-and-so that I am, I went into the store and asked why. The sales clerks immediately agreed that I had a legitimate beef, went into the shelves and produced a copy which they then placed in the window.

The book? Robert Munsch's *Love You Forever*, which Munsch wrote in 1986 after he and his wife had experienced the shattering devastation of two stillborn children.

Just about every adult I've talked to who has read the book admitted it moved them to tears. I read it again today and, once again, the eyes watered. Those who know the book will understand. For those who haven't, I recommend it. The book is an iconic piece of Canadian children's literature. Munsch, born in America, moved to Canada in the early 1970s and took out dual citizenship.

Unfortunately, in a trend that seems to be growing, there are those who apparently believe the author got it wrong. Enter an American playwright named Topher Payne. He says he likes the book, but he finds parts of it "a little bit creepy" and so has written a completely different ending.

What arrogance! Munsch has written dozens of children's books, and according to its publisher, Firefly Books, *Love You Forever* has sold over 36 million copies. But, apart from the preceding paragraph, how many of you have ever heard of Topher Payne?

Unfortunately, Payne's exercise is part of what appears to be a growing trend: the "sanitization" of classic literature. Roald Dahl's children's books have come in for similar treatment to remove "offensive" passages. After all, we can't have characters referred to as being "fat." Ian Fleming's *James Bond* books were marked for cleansing; Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* was rewritten to remove "racist" words; *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* had to be rewritten to reflect today's values, not the values of the period in which it was set.

What the latter-day Puritans behind all this nonsense do not take into consideration is that books are supposed to reflect the reality of their times. Comedian Bill Maher coined a term for this: presentism. That means judging past historical events (and literature) by the values and sensibilities of the present day and ignoring the norms that were generally accepted in earlier times. The use of the N-word - (I absolutely hate that term, but if I use the actual word itself you can be sure we'll receive letters slamming us) - in *Tom Sawyer* reflected the attitudes of the society in which Twain lived. I'm quite sure Twain didn't stop to ask himself what readers might think about it 150 years later! Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* contains a reference to "Japs," which is incredibly offensive now but not when the play was written shortly after the defeat of the Japanese in the Second World War. I'm sure that, at the time, Christie never imagined Japan would be a staunch Western ally, and that the aforementioned reference would *never* fly now.

As was stated in an opinion piece in the publication *The Hill* a couple of months ago, sanitizing books is worse than banning them. As the writer pointed out, a banned book can always be located somewhere if someone really wants to read it. But sanitizing literature is "an attempt to erase language and ideas altogether, as though they never existed." Someone reading a sanitized version for the first time will be led to believe that is what the author truly wrote.

But this sanitizing has been around for a long, long time. A new word entered the English lexicon in the Victorian era: "bowdlerize." That's because one Thomas Bowdler decided to publish "family friendly" versions of William Shakespeare's classics, pruned of any reference to God or Jesus, with every hint of sexual pleasure or misconduct snipped out.

It seems to me that the modern-day Bowdlers are not really "woke:" they're just stuck in Victorian times.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Tempest in a passport

Last April, about the middle of the month, I took a detour from my regular travels. I turned down a dirt road south of town, got out of my car and wandered into the bush. There, just a few feet into the woods lies a bunker containing the rusted frames of century-old shooting targets. It was here young men, three generations ago, prepared to become part of Canadian wartime history. And as I imagined those young recruits of the 116th (Ontario County) Battalion, practising on their Ross rifles, I think of the photograph - depicted in our downtown mural - of troops leaving for the Great War in 1916.

"God bless our splendid men," the sign over Brock and Toronto streets reads in the photo and the mural. "Send them safe home again."

Almost exactly a year later, those same young men, under the command of local lawyer and sitting Member of Parliament Samuel S. Sharpe, arrived at the Western Front and a prominent rise northwest of Paris, France, called Vimy Ridge. They were trained to lay new or to repair broken communication lines between advancing Canadian troops and their headquarters while under fire. "No sooner had our men begun work on the wiring schemes," the 116th Battalion adjutant wrote on April 9, 1917, the first day of the battle, "than a veritable hail of shells was poured into them from retreating German artillery. In spite of heavy casualties, the work of consolidation was completed." It's the adjutant's journal of these young Ontario volunteers, as well as the image of their send-off commemorated in our town that come to my mind every April 9 to 12.

Not the image in my passport.

Last Wednesday, Sean Fraser, the minister for refugees and citizenship, announced that the federal government planned to replace images that are screened into the backgrounds of the 35 pages of a Canadian passport, including the removal of the two grey-green portrayals of the Vimy Memorial and Mother Canada mourning. The next day (May 11), the Vimy Foundation wrote a press release that it "is disappointed in the decision to remove one of Canada's most important icons one month after the 106th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge."

That was just the start of an avalanche of reaction. On Facebook, comments included: "Cancel culture, this is shameful." "Feds should give their head a shake." "An utter dis-

grace." "Trudeau is out of control." Then, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre piled on, accusing the Prime Minister of remaking Canada's passport in his own image.

"(Trudeau) deletes Terry Fox, the soldiers who died at Vimy, the City of Quebec and the RCMP from our passport," Poilievre rants, "to replace it with a colouring book that includes an image of him swimming at Harrington Lake as a boy."

Hold on a second! Let's all take a deep breath here. Who says we're erasing Canadian history? Since when does changing the look of a passport imply the feds are "cancelling" Canadians' admiration for iconic cancer-cure campaigner Terry Fox, or savaging Canadians' respect for the legacy of a 150-year-old national police force, much less demeaning the 7,000 Canadian soldiers killed or wounded in the Battle of Vimy Ridge? Speaking of evolving symbols, have we forgotten the way we came to leave the Canadian Ensign flag behind in favour of the Red Maple Leaf in 1965?

Outrage over changing images in a passport looks a bit to me like false controversy and fake outrage. Instead, each April I stop by the woods south of town to remember the members of this community who felt compelled to serve King and country in the Great War, but found a nation instead. You won't find Gregory Clark in your passport, but he's the Canadian reporter who convinced his editor he should interview the volunteers at a Toronto army enlistment office in 1915, and found himself recruited as a member of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles at Vimy. But if you care to acknowledge what happened in the battle, you'll read his journal:

"For the first time in our history, the four Canadian divisions lined up along the front, shoulder to shoulder," he wrote from the top of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917. "As far as the eye could see, south, north, along the miles of ridge, there were the Canadians. And I experienced my first full sense of nationhood."

I challenge those who claim they care about preserving Canadian history to repeat such stirring quotes as these, to make such history mandatory in school curriculum, and not worry whether Vimy remains on page 22 of their passport.

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Damage done to tree canopy during tornado not irretrievable

Conrad Boyce
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's estimated that about a thousand trees of various sizes were damaged or destroyed by the May 21 tornado that tore a narrow swath across Uxbridge. High winds in other parts of the town or beyond toppled many others. Uxbridge Tree Service (UTS), and other tree service companies across southern Ontario, were kept extremely busy in the following weeks and months, dealing with the carnage.

When asked at the Town Hall last Thursday if the tornado had done irretrievable damage to Uxbridge's 'green canopy', David Watts, the arborist who founded UTS more than 40 years ago, said no.

"Many of those trees," he said, "would have been gone in a few years anyway. It's just a shock when so many go at once. But if we replace them with trees that have a better

chance at being healthy and strong, the canopy will be even greener."

Watts cites the example of the tree pictured here, which wreaked severe damage to the house on the southeast corner of Reach and East Streets, outside the tornado path on May 21, but well within the "derecho" zone of extraordinarily high winds.

"That tree had no chance," he says. "It looked big and strong, but it was too close to the pavement. The roots on that side were stunted. Roots aren't just there to provide nourishment, they're like ropes or guy wires that stabilize the

tree. If you compromise the root on the west, as this one was, a high wind will take the tree over to the east, in this case right on top of the house. There wasn't much damage to the tree itself, it just blew over, and took a lot of the pavement with it. If they



Arborist David Watts said this tree "had no chance" to withstand the high winds on May 21, 2022.
Photo by Conrad Boyce

replace it, the new tree needs to be much farther from the road."

The same problem exists with most 'street trees.' They're often planted close to the curb,

even between the sidewalk and the street, because that's where the municipal property is, and there's no room to grow. Watts says most such trees will need to be replaced in five or six years.

"However high you expect a tree to grow," he says, "that's the circumference of the ground around it that the tree needs to be healthy. And it needs a two-foot depth of good earth below

it, with another six inches of good leaf mulch on top of that. Even in Elgin Park, the trees need better soil, to have greater vitality."

Watts also points to the pine plantations on the Countryside Preserve as examples of trees not destined for long life.

"You can see them swaying in even a moderate wind. That's because they were planted so close together, they were intended to reach for the sun, to be tall and straight. Perfect for lumber, not good if you want them to live very long. They should have been thinned decades ago, they're living on borrowed time. There's a reason why the oldest trees tend to be off by themselves."

Watts wishes young people learned more about trees in school.

"They think of arborists as just lumberjacks with chain saws," he says. "But I have a university degree (a B.Sc. from Guelph) that says I know a bit about how to give a tree the best chance to thrive. All the trees that were lost in the tornado can be replaced with stronger, healthier ones. We just need to make the right decisions."

A tornado story - student recalls stormy afternoon

Georgia Buchanan

On May, 21 2022. I was walking home with my friends, Jorja and Sophie. We heard the first severe weather warning, but we continued on to my house to hop in the pool, not thinking much about the weather report. When the rain started, my brother, Rowan, who'd been watching us, told us to get out of the pool. By the time we reached the shallow end and started climbing up the stairs, the rain started to feel like hail. By the time we got out of the pool, the wind was so strong that chairs and other stuff was being blown around the yard. We grabbed our dog, Indie, and went inside. My grandpa went around the house and closed all the windows to make sure no water got in. As the wind got stronger, and the rain got heavier, the sky got very dark - it looked like night outside. It all happened so fast!

Before the storm hit, my dad was outside doing woodworking. He had a bunch of tools and had a tent set up to stay out of the sun. The storm hit so fast, and he couldn't hold the tent down himself, so he called my mom to help him, and they held it down for the entire storm.

After the storm, neighbours started coming out of their houses to see the extent of the storm on our court. We had lost some shingles and part of our fence was down.

The next day, we walked over to Quaker Village Public School, and noticed that there were lots of branches, sticks and twigs around the yard. We came back later that day with saws and yard waste bags, and cleaned up the school yard to make it safe.

Three days after the storm, our power came back on; some of our friends power didn't come back on for 12 days.

I realize it could've been a lot worse, and we were very lucky in the end.

Georgia Buchanan is a Grade 6 student, Quaker Village Public School

Tornado Town Hall, from page 1

homes are repaired. A number of them were taken in by friends and family.

For Melissa Hancock and her husband, who live on Ash St., it meant spending a week with her mother, five weeks at an AirBNB and five weeks at Durham College before finding a temporary apartment in town. Hancock said the tenants of all six apartments in her building were forced out by the damage and then received letters from the landlord saying the leases were terminated.

"Five of us fought to get back in," she said, adding that with the help of a paralegal, they moved back into the repaired building last month, with a "reasonable" rent increase. But she had sympathy for the landlord, saying "the storm was a big slap in the face for him, too."

Hancock said she also went through PTSD counselling after the storm.

24 Spruce St. was heavily damaged in the storm. Bernie Korte, who lives in the Sandford area, has owned the building for 10 years, and was just a few weeks away from finalizing the sale of the building when the tornado hit. Korte says he had no idea what had happened in Uxbridge till he got a call from a tenant, telling him to hurry down to check on the damage. He came down Conc. 7, and when he turned onto Toronto Street North, said he was 'gobsmacked' by what he saw. Tenant Dorothy Partridge looked out her window about the same time Korte arrived, and vividly recalls the look of disbelief on his face as he saw what had happened to the building.

Korte quickly checked on the safety of the tenants, all of whom were at home when the storm hit. By day's end, building inspectors from the Township had determined that the entire building was unsafe, and all the tenants were obliged to find alternate accommodation.

Also by day's end, Korte had been in touch with his insurance company, and they immediately sent a contractor to look at what needed to be done. Although he has been pleased by the work of his insurers, and by the Township staff, Korte has been disappointed by the pace of work of the restoration contractor, and that the insurer has not enforced a sense of urgency in him. Korte was also dismayed that the power company, Elexicon, has continued to send him bills with 'delivery charges', even though the building has been without power since the tornado.

Korte has stayed in touch with all the tenants over the winter. If any of them wanted to retrieve items from their apartments, he has made appointments to meet them there, since they're not allowed to re-enter the building on their own. He believes about five of the seven tenants plan to return to the building when they're allowed to do so, although Korte has no idea when that will be. Most of the tenants, he says, have been there for many years, so their rents are well below the market standard. He said some have agreed to a somewhat higher rent with that adjustment in mind, and others will receive just the annual two per cent increase allowed by provincial regulations.

The tenants of 24 Spruce have had very different journeys over the last year. Partridge and Hilary Balmer (along with Hilary's cat Chester) have been able to find alternate accommodation not far away, and have had good discussions with their insurers about compensation for damaged goods and higher rents. Niko Pupella stayed at a Durham College residence in Oshawa last summer, and has bounced back and forth to five or six different places over the year.

Panelist Jacqueline Laszlo, a teacher at Quaker Village Public School, said she was concerned when the school was opened on the Tuesday after the storm because there were still many power lines down on a number of streets. But she said it gave students an opportunity to show concern and offer support to their peers.

Georgia Buchanan, a Grade 6 student at the school, recounted that many neighbours came to her parents' home because they had a gas stove and could make coffee even though the power was out.

Panelist Sebastien Sauvé, a volunteer with Team Rubicon, was concise when he offered the biggest lesson from the storm.

"Be prepared for everything," he said.

Team Rubicon recruits, trains, equips, organizes and deploys volunteers to aid in disaster response operations around the world, and members of the team were quick to arrive in Uxbridge to help with the cleanup. The *Cosmos* and Barris combined to donate \$600 to Team Rubicon.



A panel of 10 residents/experts/business people from Uxbridge shared their experiences and knowledge with those who attended a Town Hall at the Seniors Centre. The informal meeting was an opportunity for the community to gather and discuss how they, and Uxbridge, are doing one year after the tornado that swept through Uxbridge.

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More than 80 people gathered last Thursday evening to discuss the tornado and all that has happened in the year since it occurred.

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Moments After And One Year Later



Much of the township went several days without electricity.



One year later

Hydro poles across the township were repaired or replaced.



Not one display inside the Orange Hall at the Uxbridge Historical Centre was disturbed by the damage.



One year later

The fate of the Orange Hall has yet to be determined.



Damage to Trinity United Church was too extreme to see the church restored.



Second Wedge Brewing Co. customers hid when the tornado came through.



Moments after the storm, people emerged to survey the damage wrought.

A lot - or a little - can happen in a year. In last year's post-tornado special May 24 edition, the Cosmos presented a photo essay of various hard-hit locations. Here are those same locations one year later.

2022 pictures - Cosmos file photos. 2023 pictures by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove.



One year later

The empty lot where Trinity United once stood.



Dozens of residents had to relocate when their homes were destroyed at 40 Ash Street.



One year later

Legal issues plagued some residents following the tornado.



All over town, clean-up began immediately after the storm.



One year later

The corner of Brock Street E. and Third Avenue N. today.



One year later

The Second Wedge Brewing Co. tasting room under renovation.



Broken windows, lost shingles, but nothing inside Uxbridge's historic train station was damaged.



One year later

Work continues on the roof of the station and in the yard.



One year later

The corner of King Street and Ash Street.



York-Durham Heritage Railway yard.



One year later

No train cars were damaged when the railway yard was hit.

Letters, from page 4

ask that the demolition permit for the old fire hall contain the appropriate legal clauses? I say that, as it backs onto the Music Hall, which is perhaps one meter away. This is a useful historical building that the town residents enjoy and have invested resources in.

We have seen no conclusion to the questions around responsibility for

the buildings damaged during the culvert installation (Coffee Time/Circle K, and the building containing Mondo Hair Salon). A company hired to complete such work as demolition or construction should, along with their engineers and insurers, be wholly responsible for the entire scope of work. This would include protection first, and as needed, restoration of surrounding buildings. Simply agreeing they

caused the damage and moving on is unacceptable. If assurances can not be made that their actions would not harm the Music Hall, then a request for demolition should be denied.

Paul Kennedy
Uxbridge

Re: Letters (Mueller), May 4 edition

In a town that seems to be agonizing over how to attract tourist dollars, I, too, was incredulous over council's decision to electronically charge for parking at the main trail heads and to line Conc. 6 with No Parking signs.

In a hopefully one time COVID lockdown, the trail head parking lots were filled to overflowing, causing people to park on the road, as we were all desperate to escape the lockdowns and get outside. As a Conc. 6 resident, I was happy to see the joy that connecting with nature brought to so many people of all

ages. At no time did I feel the road parking would block emergency vehicles, which seems to be the justification for the expense of installing No Parking signs. Neither before the lockdown nor since was it revealed there was excessive roadside parking.

Now the parking lots I pass at trail heads are usually completely empty. I'm sure visitors are shocked and dismayed by the need to pay for a walk, bike, horseback ride or ski in the woods. Better to explore the multiple trails in York Region.

I would like to know what the revenue intake from the parking charges has been. Has it come close to covering the cost of installation of signs and machines and the travel time and gas use of by-law officer visits, not to mention the loss of tourist dollars to business owners?

Margaret Brock
Uxbridge

Congratulations to the *Cosmos* on

the well-deserved coverage of Uxbridge's tornado last spring. The other local rag that didn't have a word about the story until it had been international news for more than a week.

Likewise, we might say the CBC is no longer the venerable source of news that it once was. Anyone with a modicum of discernment will be able to identify its left-wing bias and commitment to woke values. A recent example - it has failed to mention Ontario student Josh Alexander, who was banned from his Catholic high school for defending girls' rights to the privacy and protection of girls-only washrooms and change rooms. When Josh had the audacity to show up at school, he was arrested. This was for maintaining the biologically and doctrinally correct view that males are males and females are females.

The CBC is no longer a media organization that deserves huge reservoirs of taxpayer money. They have every right to publish what they want, but not on the dime of ordinary Canadians who are extremely patient and tolerant, but who are tired of "woke" ideology. Most of us wish to uphold sane, universally recognized (up until about five minutes ago) truths and values.

Aleta Voss
Uxbridge

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Hospital Auxiliary's 'Run for the Diamond' looking for participants and pledges

The Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary (UHA) is busy preparing for the 2023 edition of Run for the Diamond. The popular walk/run is scheduled for Sunday, June 25, starting and finishing at Elgin Park.

The UHA is a volunteer group of individuals who work diligently to support and fundraise to purchase new equipment for the Uxbridge Hospital. This year, the funds raised by the Run for the Diamond will be going towards the purchase of a Hamilton Ventilator.

For those not familiar with the Run for the Diamond, it is a five and ten kilometre walk/run and Kids Dash. The five kilometre run/walk route is all on the road and quite scenic. The 10 km run/walk route begins on the road and then cuts into one of the trails

that Uxbridge is reknowned for, eventually looping back to Elgin Park.

The kids have a fun "dash" that is approximately one kilometre long within Elgin Park.

Registration for Run for the Diamond includes a t-Shirt, medal, a timing bib, and a small bite to eat. Entrants who are 16 and older are

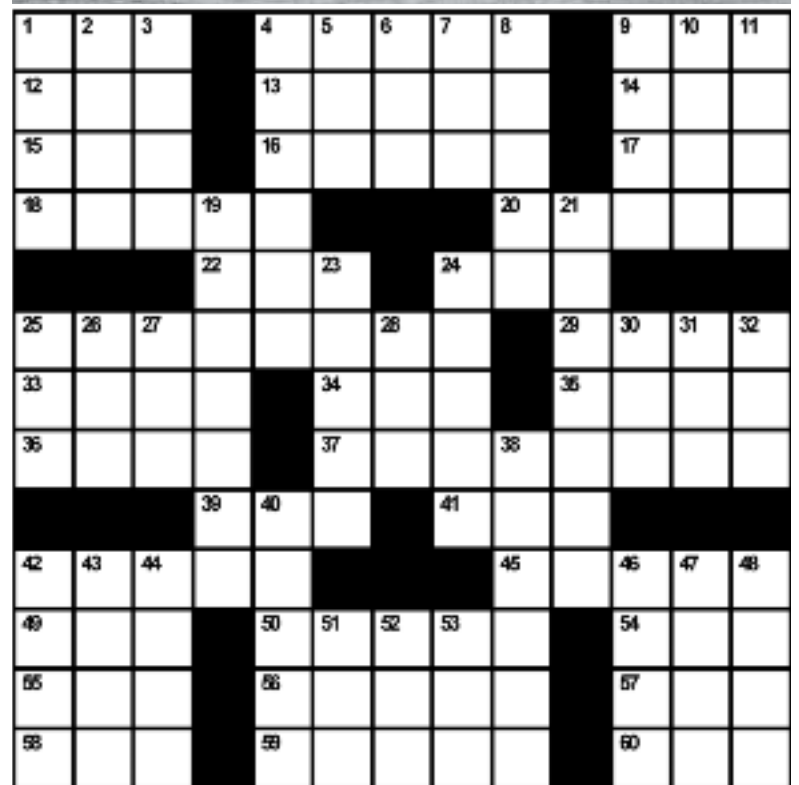
entered into the draw for a real diamond.

The UHA appreciates everyone's support.

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Please join the Uxbridge Lions & Pet Valu on our annual Walk for Dog Guides to raise money for training.

Meet with guide dogs and foster puppies on May 28 at the Lions Food Booth in Elgin Park at 12:30 for registration for 1:00 p.m. start.

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Walk for Dog Guides, to empower Canadians living with disabilities by providing Dog Guides at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.

“With one in five Canadians living with a disability, Dog Guides are in high demand,” explains Andrea Stevens, manager of events at LFCDG. “Each Dog

Guide team costs \$35,000; however, none of that cost is passed down to the applicant. LFCDG relies on the success of all Pet Valu Walks for Dog Guides that take place across Canada, to continue to create an impact for Canadians through Dog Guides. With this

year’s goal set to \$1.4 million, the organization needs the public’s support now more than ever.”

The Uxbridge Lions Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides takes place next

Sunday, May 28, starting at the Elgin Park Lions Food Booth at 1 p.m. (12:30 p.m. registration).

All proceeds go directly to the seven Dog Guide programs:

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Register or donate to Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides at walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/uxbridgelionsclub



Even COVID-19 couldn't stop this group from participating in the annual Walk for Dog Guides in May, 2021. Each dog costs approximately \$35,000 to raise, train and place, and all Dog Guides are provided at no cost to qualified applicants. *Cosmos file photo*

Banner policy, from page 1

on Elgin Park's path of inclusion be used for those banners.

Councillor Willie Popp suggested a "friendly" amendment allowing the scheduled Pride banners to be placed at the intersection while the consultation is under way. Snooks rejected the amendment.

Mayor Dave Barton then called for a vote on the amendment, which passed. With the amendment in place, council was then asked to vote on Snooks' motion. Snooks pointed out that he couldn't vote for his own motion because the amendment allowed for the installation of "special interest" banners at Brock and Toronto, which is what he wanted to be examined.

Before Councillor Snooks's motion was voted upon, Barton took a moment to point out that "anyone who visits downtown Uxbridge needs to feel comfortable in their own skin, and sometimes symbolism matters. Uxbridge must be a fully inclusive community."

Snooks's motion was not carried. Instead, council accepted the recommendation of the report that the banner policy be approved.

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Teen rugby players joining Team Canada Rugby team

Justyne Edgell

Uxbridge teens Rowan Closs and Cole Harris will be putting on the red and white jersey to join Canada's U18 Rugby team.

Closs and Harris are seniors at Uxbridge Secondary School and both grew up playing sports.

"My whole family all played rugby," says Closs. "I started playing minis at U12 with the Ajax Wanderers, and I played with them until U14. When we moved into Uxbridge, I changed schools and met Moose (Cole Harris) in Grade 8 at Joseph Gould, and started playing U16 at Brock RFC.

In a similar trajectory, after growing up playing lacrosse and hockey, Harris began playing Rugby at age 12 when he and Closs joined Brock RFC.

The two have played on the Uxbridge Tigers rugby team throughout their high school careers, barring the pandemic-enforced sports hiatus. They both played with local teams during the summer months and were then invited to attend the first national team tryouts in Guelph this past November. They then went on to the final tryouts, which took place just last month in British Columbia.

"Making Team Canada was a very proud moment for me," says Harris. "Getting to represent your country is something you always look forward to as a kid. I am looking forward to putting on the Canadian jersey and playing for my country."

Harris says he believes that being

part of the USS team had a hand in preparing him for this next step in his athletic career.

"The coaches at USS, Coach McKee, Coach Con and Coach Berry, have all been a big help in improving my rugby skills. Getting to go to OFSAA last year and playing with the boys helped me prepare for this opportunity."

While USS is known for its rugby, Closs says they haven't had the easi-

est go.

"It was hard because of COVID, we didn't get the full four years to play. When Paul Connelly came back last year to coach us to an OFSSA bronze medal, our entire group got really into it and we are really excited about this year's OFSSA tournament."

After graduation, both boys will be heading to Durham College and will be playing for the Durham Lords, with the goal of making the Canada U20 team next year.

The teens are also looking forward to being one step closer to some of their mentors.

"I know other local guys like Brock Webster and Kobe Faust have had great opportunities traveling and representing Canada and the Toronto Arrows, so we have the same path in front of us," says Closs.

Both boys agree that without the camaraderie of their fellow players, they wouldn't be taking this next step.

"Rugby is such a great team sport and neither of us would be here without all our teammates and friends. It feels good going into competition knowing your guys are behind you," says Closs.



Rowan Closs, left, and Cole Harris have been recruited to Team Canada's U18 rugby team. Submitted photo

Eagles lose Schmalz Cup by one goal

Roger Varley

After a brilliant 2022-23 season, the Clarington Eagles came up one goal short last weekend in their quest for the Schmalz Cup and the PJHL Junior C championship.

The Eagles decimated their competition in the playoffs to earn a berth in the final four, along with the Wellesley Applejacks, Stayner Siskins and Lakeshore Canadiens. Following a round-robin, the Eagles and Applejacks both emerged with two wins and a loss. In their semi-final game, Clarington defeated Stayner 2-1 to advance to the final against Wellesley.

However, the Eagles fell short in the final period, losing to the Applejacks 3-2.

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Here is this year's Cruise-In Calendar! Get your cars ready!
 Elgin Park gates open at 4:30 p.m.
 Uxbridge Lions Club Food Booth will be open for Cruise-In cuisine!

May 18	First show - Chris Johnson singing
May 25	Mopar night
June 1	60s night
June 8	Ford night
June 15	80s night
June 22	Ladies' night, 50s night, Elvis and vendors. Dress up in 50s style.
	Rain date - June 29
June 29	Convertibles
July 6	Hot Rods
July 13	Pre-50s
July 20	Food Bank drive. Bring food or give a donation.
	Bill Nadeau singing. Rain date - July 27
July 27	Chevy night
Aug. 3	70s night
Aug. 10	Truck night
Aug. 17	90s night
Aug. 24	To be announced
Aug. 31	Appreciation night. Deidrey Francois singing. Rain date - Sept. 14
Sept. 7	No show (Uxbridge Fall Fair)
Sept. 14	Muscle car
Sept. 21	Anything (weather permitting)
Sept. 28	Anything (weather permitting)

All vehicles are welcome every week. To find out if a show is cancelled, call Donna at 416-525-9198 or Jason at 416-543-3428, or go to bonnerboys.org/cruise-in

See you there!



Events at Uxbridge Secondary School

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Registration open in the Library: sign-in/package pick-up
Decade Rooms and decade meeting areas open, self-guided school tours and scavenger hunt. Guided school tours every hour, meeting just outside of the Library. Last tour at 8:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.
Tigers Rugby Alumni Co-ed Touch Game/Tournament
Social time to follow

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023
7:45 to 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Registration open in the Library: sign-in/package pick-up

8:00 to 10:20 a.m. Family & Friends Breakfast (pre-purchase required)

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
Decade Rooms and decade meeting areas open, self-guided school tours and scavenger hunt. Guided school tours every hour, meeting just outside of the Library. Last tours at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Official Ceremony in gym with gallery

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Alumni Volleyball Village Tournament in new gym

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Guided trail walk by Outdoor Education students

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Decade Room memorabilia pick-up

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023
10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service in cafeteria

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Events in the Community

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023
8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Evening at the Legion, "93rd Anniversary of the Legion Charter"
Free event for all featuring entertainment and legion tours
Royal Canadian Legion Uxbridge, Branch 170
109 Franklin St., Uxbridge

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023
8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Quaker Trail (accessible) 2 km guided walk
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. South Balsam Trail 2km guided walk
Uxbridge Arena & Recreation Centre, 291 Brock St. West, Uxbridge

1:00 p.m.
Anniversary Golf Tournament (pre-registration required)
Foxbridge Golf Course, South Course, 350 Reach St., Uxbridge

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Uxbridge Secondary School (USS) Music hosts
Busking on Brock, Alumni Edition
Enjoy musical performances by current students and alumni at various stations on Brock Street, downtown Uxbridge

6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Saturday Night Social
Cover: \$32 advance, \$40 door (cash only), 19+ event
Performance by Julien Kelland 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Slabtown Cider Co., 4559 Concession Rd. 6, Uxbridge
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