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Busing still a bit of a bust • On the street where we live • Get artsy this weekend



PINT-SIZED DESTRUCTION - Underage drivers took to the ring on Saturday evening at the Uxbridge Fall Fair, as Power Wheels Derby premiered just before the main event of the Demolition Derby. Kids from ages 5 - 9 took to their Derby-style painted Power Wheels and, according to one onlooker, "just drove around and banged into one another." For more on this year's fair, see page 3. *Photo by John Cavers*

Turn trash to treasure this Saturday

Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

You've likely heard the old saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure." Do you have "trash" that might be someone else's treasure? Your chance to pass it along is this Saturday, September 16.

Curbside Giveaway Day is a pilot project event organized by the Region of Durham in cooperation with the local area municipalities. Residents throughout most of the region can place unwanted items in good condition - clearly marked as free - on their curb for anyone to pick up. At the end of the Giveaway Day, residents return unclaimed items to their home.

Curbside Giveaway Day lasts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sept. 23 is scheduled as a rain date. (As of Tuesday evening, before press time, the forecast for Saturday, Sept. 16, in the town-

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Service club wants exclusive light rights

Roger Varley

In a letter to council Monday, the Uxbridge Optimists Club requested it be granted exclusivity in the staging of Christmas lighting displays in the township.

The letter comes on the heels of two applications made by commercial organizations at the last council meeting seeking permission to stage similar Christmas light displays. The Optimists said the club's annual Fantasy of Lights in Elgin Park has enabled the club to donate almost \$320,000 to a variety of community organizations in the last five years.

"Because of the way we have been able to help these local organizations, we also respectfully request that the Optimist Fantasy of Lights remain the exclusive lights event in Uxbridge," the letter continued. "With the possible inauguration of other local light

events, we fear that we would not be able to support these groups as we have in the past."

Councillor Willie Popp said the Optimists have shown a commitment to the community over the years and suggested others were attempting to "capitalize" on their success. However, Mayor Dave Barton said he would have some "legal concerns" in granting the club's request, asking "is this something we can do?"

Council passed Popp's motion to have staff prepare a report.

At the same time, a report from clerk Debbie Leroux said Illuminations Lighting Inc., one of the two aforementioned applicants, has decided to put off its request until 2024. That company wanted to put on a Christmas lights display just west of Zephyr.

"Given the complexity of the requirements in the Special Events By-law and the narrow

timelines to have the event up and running, (the company) opted to hold off on making application for his proposed event until 2024," the report said.

Leroux noted the township had "some items of concern" regarding Illuminations' application, including the fact that only on-road parking was available for the event; its request to make the light show an annual event and the fact that no farming currently takes place on the property "and therefore does not conform to the province's guidelines for on-farm diversified uses."

A report from staff on the second application, from Spooktacular Light Show, is expected to be presented to council next week. Spooktacular requested to run a Halloween light show and a Christmas light show on a property on Brock Road, south of Webb Road.



Uxbridge at a Glance

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for September, 2023

Monday, September 18
 GENERAL PURPOSE AND
 ADMINISTRATION MEETING,
 10:00 a.m.
 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING - ZBA
 2023-06, CP REIT ONTARIO
 PROPERTIES, 4 BANFF RD., 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19, 2:00 p.m.
 AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.
 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Monday, September 25
 COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING - ZBA
 2023-05, CHINA CANADA, 309
 ZEPHYR RD., 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.
 BIA BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 2
 CANCELLED – GENERAL PURPOSE
 AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Proclamations for the Month

- September - National Hunger Action Month
- September - Big Brothers Big Sisters Month
- September - Local Food Month
- September 10 - Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- September 17-23 - National Legion Week
 - September 18 - Big Brothers Big Sisters Day
- September 18-24 - Rail Safety Week
- September 21 - International Day of Peace
- September 25 - Franco Ontarian Day
 - September 28 - Test Your Smoke Alarm Day
- September 28 - British Home Child Day
- September 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

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September 15 – Scot Benson & Susan, Flute & Guitar
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Office of the CAO - Downtown Marketing and Event Coordinator

Closing date: Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

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- By Mail - Payments must reach the Municipal Office by the due date.
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- At most Financial Institutions.
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Busing issues linger: a back-to-school update

Conrad Boyce
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

School is back in full swing throughout the Township, but controversial questions about how some students get there continue to fester.

Dead end roads

In recent years, DSTS (Durham Student Transportation Services), the agency responsible for managing busing on behalf of both the public and Catholic school boards in Durham Region, has invoked a policy that, allegedly for safety reasons, prevents buses from backing up on their routes. This has meant that for the dozens of dead end roads in rural areas (the Township of Uxbridge has 25 of them), a turn-around or cul-de-sac has to be created at the far end of the road. Otherwise, students living on that road must wait for the bus at the intersection of the busier road (creating a separate safety concern), or find another way of getting to school.

Township Public Works director Ben Kester confirmed that none of the turnarounds has been built.

"The issue the Township has," he said, "is that even if we wanted to build cul-de-sacs at the end of each road, the turning radius of the small buses exceeds the 66 foot right of

way we own. This means that we would have to buy private property on each side of each dead end before we could build a cul-de-sac that would allow the bus to turn without needing to back up."

In a note to the *Cosmos*, Uxbridge Mayor Dave Barton said, "School buses are permitted to turn around on rural dead end roads anywhere in Ontario without spotters, taking sufficient time and precautions. In the past the DSTS pointed at the MTO Guidelines as the reason it was canceling bus services on roads like our Concession 8. We met with the provincial Minister of Transportation. She was very responsive, and changed the MTO Guidelines more than two years ago, but the DSTS still will not amend its policy. This means that children are walking as far as 2.5 kilometres, sometimes on busy roads with no shoulders, and waiting for buses in areas that I feel are extremely dangerous. The DSTS is not following MTO guidelines, and it is making children unsafe."



All About Kids

Last week, the *Cosmos* reported that parents of 15 school-age children receiving pre- and post-school care at

All About Kids daycare in Goodwood had received a letter from DSTS, informing them that because the daycare was within 1.6 kilometres (a mile) of Goodwood Public School, bus transportation would no longer be provided. The letter did not clarify

whether this was a new regulation, or an old one that had not previously been enforced. Durham District School Board trustee Carolyn Morton confirmed to the *Cosmos* that it was not a new policy, but was not sure why it was not previously enforced, who made the decision to enforce it now, or why. Efforts by this reporter to get those answers from the DSTS have been unsuccessful.

"I suspect it has a lot to do with the efficient use of buses and drivers," she said. "When the DSTS realized that an adjacent walkway would allow a safe walk to school, they decided to cut the bus."

The question remains whether the

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Fall fair deemed a success

Roger Varley

"Absolutely wonderful!"

That is how Dave Dickie, a senior member of the Uxbridge Fall Fair, described the 2023 edition, which took place in Elgin Park last weekend.

He said the fair was blessed with "good crowds and good weather."

Dickie said final statistics are not yet available, but he believed the numbers attending the fair were down slightly from last year. However, the number of entries in crafts, flowers and vegetables were up, as were the participants in the tractor pull and demolition derby. He said the tractor pull saw 17 local farmers bring in their tractors for the event, and entries in the demolition derby skyrocketed. Dickie said 51 vehicles were entered in the derby, compared with 15 a year ago. He said that was due to the use of a promoter to run the event.

Dickie said the fair's decision to ban backpacks from the event caused few problems. He said a few minor problems with the backpack issue on Saturday caused the fair board to make

some changes on Sunday. He said a small amount of alcohol and a few knives were found in some backpacks, but no problems resulted and there was only one "small incident" on Saturday night.

Dickie pointed out that the fair has somewhere between 100 and 125 volunteers but, as with most organizations, the fair could still use more volunteers.

"We really need young volunteers," he said, noting many who work the fairgrounds have been doing it for years and some are feeling burn-out.

CORRECTION

Last week, the *Cosmos* printed a story entitled "Local youth earn top scouting award," in which the Chief Scout of Canada was named as Terry Grant.

The Chief Scout of Canada is, in fact, Les Stroud.

The *Cosmos* apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Onstage Uxbridge
FRANKIE AND JOHNNY
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Our two cents

Standing up to injustice

One can always find little pearls of wisdom on Facebook (says the editor facetiously); this one stood out to us. We cannot confirm the identity of the original author, but openly thank whoever it is for their insight.

A professor enters a lecture hall for the class's first lesson. He looks around. "You there in the eighth row. Can you tell me your name?" he asks a student.

"My name is Sandra" says a voice.

The professor says, "Please leave my lecture hall. I don't want to see you in my lecture."

Everyone is quiet. The student is irritated, but slowly packs her things and stands up.

"Faster please," the professor says.

She doesn't dare say anything and leaves the lecture hall.

The professor looks around; his students are visibly startled.

"Why are there laws?" he asks the group.

Everyone is quiet, and glances quickly at one another.

"What are laws for?" he asks again.

"Social order," is heard from a row.

A student says, "To protect a person's personal rights." Another says "So that you can rely on the state."

The professor appears to not be satisfied.

"Justice," calls out a student.

The professor smiles. She has his attention.

"Thank you very much. Did I behave unfairly towards your classmate just now?"

Everyone nods.

"Indeed I did. Why didn't anyone protest? Why didn't any of you try to stop me? Why didn't you want to prevent this injustice?" he asks.

Nobody answers.

"What you just learned, you wouldn't have understood after 1,000 hours of lectures. But you lived it. And you didn't say anything because *you weren't affected yourself*. This attitude speaks against you and against life. You think as long as it doesn't concern you, it's none of your business.

If you don't say anything today and don't bring about justice, then one day you, too, will experience injustice and no one will stand up for you. Justice lives through us all. We have to fight for it.

"In life and at work, we often live *next* to one another other, instead of *with* one another other. We console ourselves that the problems of others are none of our business. We go home and are glad that we were spared.

"This is about standing up for others, and for what others may be doing to you. Every day an injustice occurs in business, in sports, in politics, or on the streetcar. Relying on someone else to sort it out is not enough. It is our duty to be there for others. Speak for others when they cannot."

We must continue to stand up for the Greenbelt, even if our township is not directly affected by the land swap that's been made. The Greenbelt's survival is necessary for *our* survival, quite literally. And our provincial government *must* be made to listen as we stand up for land that has no voice.



Letters to the Editor

Thank you, Uxbridge and surrounding area fair goers and exhibitors, for making this year's edition of the Uxbridge Fall Fair a huge success!

Thanks to our sponsors for supporting our fair - please support them!

Thank you to the council and the Township staff for the huge support they give us; the fair would not be able to run without them.

Thanks to the vendors, service groups and midway for supporting the fair with their unique abilities.

I will also thank Mother Nature for blessing us with a beautiful weekend. Last but not least, please join me in thanking the volunteers who show up for setup and tear down and everything in between - you are an amazing group of people. The executive and general board members appreciate all you do for our fair to make it the best fair around in the prettiest park in Ontario!

Rob Ashton
President

Uxbridge Fall Fair Board 2023

I appreciated the strong statements made by Roger Varley and Ted Baris about the removal of land from the Greenbelt in your Sept. 7 edition of the *Cosmos*.

I pay attention to the media and I have not read anything in any outlet that supports this decision, which was so transparently corrupt and ill-conceived, as the reports from the attorney general and the integrity commissioner have laid bare.

In February 2018, Premier Doug

Ford was recorded while talking at an event, with developers present, where he said that his party would open up the Greenbelt for housing and development. This caused such a negative backlash that he was then forced to state: "The people have spoken. I will not touch the Greenbelt." He ran in two elections on that promise. He is famous for the slogan, "Promises Made, Promises Kept." Sadly, it is now clear which of these two promises he kept.

Premier Ford is a savvy politician and he is depending on the short term memory of the electorate to forget this ugliness before he next has to face the voters. I urge readers not to forget, to put the pressure on wherever possible and to continue until the lands are returned to the Greenbelt.

David Taylor
Uxbridge

Its astounding to me to hear the amount of vitriol over opening land on the Greenbelt for housing. If anyone thinks that politicians don't show deference to certain segments of private investors, they are incredibly naive. It happens all the time. I've heard complaining, but no concrete solutions as an alternative. We can't build houses in the air.

Equally astounding is the silence after the deaths of two Canadians, Garnet Harper and Shiela Lewis. They both required life-saving organ transplants, but were denied because they exercised their rights and refused an experimental medicine. Are we really this heartless? Or ignorant? The minister of health should resign with shame and em-

barrassment, as well as have her medical licence pulled. Remember, do no harm?

Keith Inglis
Uxbridge

Re: "Trail head parking fees bring in bank," July 27, 2023, edition

Trail head parking brought in \$115,000 in the first year of implementation, we're told.

What a joke from our town officials. How much of that money went to the TRCA (Toronto Region Conservation Authority) or LSRCA (Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority)?

The cost of installing and running this insanity has to be outpacing this dreamed-up number many, many times over. Not mentioned is the number of people, and there were hundreds every week, who will never come to Uxbridge again to spend their money at restaurants and other stores after the hike or mountain bike riding.

Not mentioned is the cost of the by-law officers sitting at the parking lots for hours, waiting to hand out a ticket for not complying (scanning a cell phone) with the parking fee because they simply don't own a cell phone, like many seniors. These visitors to Uxbridge, who came from all over the GTA, are probably lost for ever now.

Our town officials, the TRCA, and LSRCA may have thought it was a great idea to bring in money. Well, it sure didn't work out that way. We wish that they at least had the guts to admit their mistake and remove

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Am I wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Trust the polls, not the polls

Only true movie buffs will recall a James Stewart film called *Magic Town*. The premise of the movie is that Stewart's character, who runs consumer surveys and polls, discovers a town that mathematically matches the makeup of the nation, thus enabling him to run accurate polls quickly by canvassing just the one community.

When the movie came out in the 1940s, polling was a relatively new concept. Since then, of course, polling companies have been inundating us with their results on everything from politics to ice cream flavours, but with politics being their Number One pre-occupation.

Recent polls here in Canada apparently show that Pierre Poilievre's Conservatives are favoured by more voters than Justin Trudeau's Liberals. A number of mainstream media outlets have risen to the bait, declaring that the Liberals are in trouble and the Conservatives are ready to take over the government the next time we go to the polls for a federal election.

What is not taken into account, however, is the fact that the polls' numbers likely result from the general public's penchant for latching onto whatever catches their eye on social media. All summer long, Poilievre has been posting videos (he really needs training on how to act on camera) and tweets on social media as he whistle-stops across the country. They are everywhere. So it is also likely that, when asked about politicians, his name crosses the mind first. Just like asking a senior to name a top singer these days: they'll probably say Taylor Swift, not because they know her songs or what she looks like, but because they've heard her name in the news so much lately.

And the polls that show the Conservatives leading came out just before the party's convention in Quebec, at which the delegates adopted some social policies that many Canadians may find to be problematic, if not reprehensible. Because, just

like conservatives everywhere, it seems, they are obsessed with other people's sexuality. They adopted restrictive policies on abortion and transgender care, for example. Even our own Conservative premier, Doug Ford, has waded into the transgender debate, declaring our children are being "indoctrinated" in schools.

We're still officially a couple of years away from a federal election and Poilievre is going to find out it's a lot different running a national campaign than just canvassing voters in his own riding. That is when he's going to have to offer Canadians some policies, some vision, and not just catch phrases like "bring it home" and "powerful paycheques." And he might just want to rethink those phrases soon, given that an increasing number of Canadians are finding it difficult to have a home to bring it to and minimum wages remain insultingly low.

If I had my way, political polls would be banned outright. I can't think what purpose they serve other than to fuel the parties' never-ending pleas for contributions. If a poll shows the party of my choice is lagging well behind, am I supposed to throw my hands in the air and say I won't bother voting because they've lost already? If that is what I decide to do, then the poll becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Have you ever allowed a poll to decide which way to cast your ballot? Or to not vote at all? If the answer is yes, then you have allowed someone else to determine the outcome of an election rather than the voters. Personally, I prefer to believe the election poll results, not the survey polls.

It seems to me that politicians know what polls are all about. Show a politician good polling numbers and he/she chortles with glee. Show them bad numbers and they invariably say they don't look at poll numbers.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Another Ford Greenbelt review?

I dodged most of the last few months of my university classes to see it. I sensed – as a journalist-in-training in the early 1970s – that reality was more important than theory. So, we all crowded into a student lounge at Toronto Metropolitan University (then Ryerson) to watch the daily TV Senate Committee hearings into connections between the Watergate break-in and then president Richard Nixon. I specifically remember Committee Chair Sen. Sam Ervin sparring with Nixon's then White House adviser John Ehrlichman.

"The President seems to extend executive privilege way out past the atmosphere," Ervin said later. "What he says is executive privilege, is nothing but executive *poppycock*."

For those who don't recall, the U.S. Senate hearings resulted when evidence published by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the *Washington Post* revealed that the Nixon administration had tried to cover up its involvement in the June 17, 1972, burglary of Democratic Party documents from their headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Watergate Office Building. What made the Senate Watergate Committee hearings necessary, in part, were Nixon's repeated attempts to cover up the truth, label the media as "enemies of the state" and fire those who didn't cooperate in the cover-up. For example, Nixon attempted to have the CIA block the FBI's investigation. He tried to discredit Judge John Sirica's initial hearings. He tried to keep his tape-recorded Oval Office conversations from going public.

It occurs to me that the Ford government ought to study the history of the Watergate scandal as a primer for what *not* to do in a crisis of truth and revelation. Throughout Premier Ford's mishandling of the protected Greenbelt land swap, he has denied knowledge or understanding of the actions taken by his former housing minister Steve Clark and Clark's political appointee Ryan Amato. When outed on August 9 by then auditor general Bonnie Lysyk's criticism that "the process was biased in favour of certain developers and landowners ... (who) could ultimately see more than a collective \$8.3 billion increase to the value of their properties," Ford said he'd work with Clark to fix the process.

That's kind of like Nixon turning to H.R. Haldiman, John Ehrlichman and John Mitchell, "the White House plumbers," to plug the Watergate leaks.

When Lysyk's report stated that the Ford government's selection process "was not publicly transparent, objective or well-informed, and was inconsistent with the vision, goals

and processes of the Greenbelt Plan," Ryan Amato handed in his resignation. Media later reported that Amato was questioned by Integrity Commissioner David Wake, who charged the Ford government with failing "to oversee the process by which lands in the Greenbelt were selected for development," which Amato admitted in an interview with Wake.

For me, that so parallels the moment in the Watergate investigation when John Dean, Nixon's White House counsel, agreed to cooperate with U.S. attorneys, revealing to them that the White House plumbers were implicated in the cover-up. Nixon then demanded Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's resignations. They were later indicted, convicted and sentenced to prison.

Then, last week, at another of their doubling-down press conferences, Premier Ford and Paul Calandra, the new housing minister, announced a completely "new and transparent" review of the Greenbelt land acquisition process, but did not reveal its criteria. Within 24 hours, however, the new minister *did* reveal the criteria; he said he'd review the entire process and redo it. Then, he added one crucial criterion – not only might he subtract swapped Greenbelt lands available for development, but he might also add more Greenbelt land available for developers.

Reminds me of the moment in the Watergate scandal, when Nixon appointed a new attorney general, Elliot Richardson, gave him the authority to designate special counsel for the Watergate investigation, and told him he could operate completely independently of regular Justice Department jurisdiction. Well, even that scam couldn't hide the truth. Next, Nixon's secret Oval Office audio tapes were revealed, and the president's whole house of cards cover-up collapsed. Nixon was about to be impeached, when he resigned August 8, 1974, claiming, "I am not a crook!"

Yes, Premier Ford, Minister Calandra, Minister Bethlanfalvy, we the people agree we need a full-fledged review of the Conservative government's "process" for withdrawing lands from the protected Greenbelt. However, we the people believe the only honest, comprehensive and credible review left is one not led by you, but by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

After all the Ford Conservatives' apparent deceit on the Greenbelt file, that's the only transparent review any of us is prepared to trust.

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Conrad Boyce
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Township of Uxbridge is full of fascinating people. It also has lots of interesting places where those people have chosen to live. This week, the *Cosmos* begins a series in which we visit some of those places, and get to know the people who call them home. We thought we'd begin with a

street that, like this newspaper, takes its name from the township's official flower, *cosmos pinnatus*.

You may not be familiar with Cosmos Avenue, because you don't drive along it on your way from A to B, and as you'll see, that's part of its appeal. It's the northernmost street in the Barton Farms subdivision, connecting to Second Avenue on the west, and Herrema Boulevard on the east. It has only 24 houses in total, and the 12 on the north side back onto the Barton Trail, which ultimately leads to the Trestle Bridge and Conc. 7. The street has a short history, only opening in 2005, but the trees have grown up nicely in that time.

As we'll do for each article in this series, we invited all the residents of the street to gather on the property of one of their neighbours to chat about who they are, how they came

to Uxbridge, and what they enjoy about living here. For this first gathering, only five residents, from three households, were able to attend (summer tends to be busy), but we had a lively discussion nonetheless. In this series, we'll refer to the residents by their first names.

Of the five Cosmos Ave. neighbours, two are originally from England, although they both emigrated to Canada when they were quite young, and stayed because they met the loves of their lives. Bob was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, and worked in the family engraving business. After his first marriage ended, he came across the pond looking for new adventures. Not long after, he met Sue, a court reporter, and got involved with her company as a videographer. They moved to Uxbridge from Scarborough in 1990, because it was more affordable than any other town they explored, and settled on Cemetery Road, with Sue's parents next door. They became involved in the church, and Bob an active member of the Uxbridge Lions Club.

After 20 years in the courts, Sue went back to school to become a psycho-therapist and family counsellor. Bob now provides administrative help for Sue's practice, and the couple have also opened a bed and breakfast, one of very few in the

Uxbridge area. They moved to Cosmos Ave. from Cemetery Rd. because of the passing of Sue's father; they couldn't maintain all the property themselves.

As Cosmos Ave. resident Jane puts it, she was raised in "one of the least attractive suburbs of London, England." After she got her first degree in psychology, she took a year and travelled to Toronto to figure out what else she wanted to do, met her husband here, and never went back. She worked in the securities field for a time, and then left to raise four young children (including twin boys, a family tradition). Jane's husband was a subway construction inspector. The family first lived in the Highland Creek section of Scarborough, then moved to Stouffville, then to various parts of Uxbridge township, including Siloam and Feasby Road. After her husband passed away, Jane came to Cosmos Avenue.

Laura - Jane's daughter - therefore spent much of her youth in Uxbridge, and isn't interested in being anywhere else. She originally worked with a law firm, then found a career in the Township of Uxbridge, where she's worked for 19 years. Laura had been renting a smaller house with three dogs, a cat, and four kids. Then suddenly her landlord had to move back in, so

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they all moved into Jane's house on Cosmos Ave., now a crowded but happy home.

Agnes has been in Uxbridge for nine years. Her husband had seen the trails in Uxbridge behind Cosmos Ave., and was immediately sold. Their son loved this town so much whenever he'd come to visit, that he moved here, too. Agnes worked in private libraries for many years, and is now on the board of the Uxbridge Public Library. She is also a member of the Horticultural Society, and as the rest of the neighbours attest, has one of the most beautiful gardens on the street. Agnes' husband, who passed away recently, was an avid cyclist. Laura says he got her back into cycling, and she is extremely grateful for that.

We asked the Cosmos Ave. neighbours what kept them here in Uxbridge.

Laura: "I like always seeing a familiar face when I go out, and all the connections I've made over the years. And it's a real community of do-ers, that's important to me."

Sue - "When I first moved here I would go to the bank and get irritated when the people in front of me in line would catch up on life with the teller. But now I'm one of those people, and I love it!

Agnes - "When I lived in Alberta the town we were in had a great,

kind and friendly community, and I wanted to find that kind of town in Ontario, and that's what we found in Uxbridge."

Bob - "One time I waved at my neighbour on a very cold day when I was shovelling my driveway. He left, and when he came back he brought me a coffee. That's the kind of place this is."

Jane - "I like that everyone smiles back when you smile at them. That doesn't happen in a big city."

Because of its location, Cosmos Avenue is a quiet street, set against a quiet forest. Kind of idyllic, in a town that just keeps getting busier all the time.

School bus blues, from page 1

walkway is either efficient or safe. The fenced walkway in question, built by the Township more than 30 years ago, and maintained by a private contractor, is just to the west of the daycare, and goes north through a wooded area. It leads to a residential subdivision. The students would then proceed along Goodwood Street and Lapier Street, neither of them with sidewalks, to the school. This was the route suggested by the DSTS letter to the parents.

Caroline Erlingher, a supervisor at All About Kids, says, "The walkway is narrow and dark, and can accumulate snow very quickly. And walking

the kids to and from school would require staff time that we just don't have. We've decided to hire a van twice a day, that the parents have to pay extra for. They're not happy about it, and neither are we. The bus has picked up the kids as long as I've been here. So why the sudden change for our students, after all these years? They won't tell us."

Erlingher said 12 of the 15 students live beyond the 1.6 kilometre limit. "If their parents decide to have their

kids picked up at home, rather than walk or take the van from the daycare, how efficient is that? Twelve stops rather than one?"

She also said she had been made aware of students being bused from Tindall Lane in Goodwood, closer to the school than the daycare. Trustee Morton said this was because in order to walk to the school, these students would have to cross Hwy. 47 without a crossing guard, an unsafe situation.



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Justyne Edgell

From its original opening almost 40 years ago, *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, a two-person romantic comedy playing at the Uxbridge Music Hall from Sept. 28 to Oct. 7 courtesy of OnStage Uxbridge, continues to relate to audiences, ready to tug on the heartstrings - and the bed sheets!

The play, written by Terrence McNally, was first produced in 1987. It is set in the Manhattan West Side apartment of Frankie, whose dead

dreams of being an actress have left her as a diner waitress. The curtain opens to what appears to be the culmination of Frankie's first date with Johnny, a line-cook at the same diner where she works.

It is a hookup with the potential to be something more, because while harsh realist Frankie would like the night to be over, lovey, gushy Johnny persuasively expresses his already deep and ever growing conviction that this budding relationship can, and must, work.

Terrence McNally was a highly ac-

credited writer for stage and screen whose work spanned six decades. He was the winner of five Tony Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019. His other accolades included an Emmy Award, two Guggenheim Fellowships, a Rockefeller Grant, four Drama Desk Awards, and much more.

His plays explore human relationships, frequently those of gay men, and are typically characterized by dark humour. It was the rapid spread of AIDS in the 1980s that fundamentally changed McNally's writing, and set him on the path towards great recognition. *Frankie and Johnny* has echoes of that earlier pandemic.

As the full moon turns into a rising sun, Frankie and Johnny connect over countless coincidental similarities, a love of good food and music, and an old-friend bond begins to form. Facing fears, doubts, regret and vulnerability, McNally's evening in the *clair de lune* (moonlight) paints a realistic, and at times raunchy picture of two complex souls coming together.

The production features real-life married actors Lisha Van Nieuwenhove and Grant Evans, in the title roles. With a natural connection, the actors bring the story to life in a way that feels truly authentic and transporting. Guiding them is veteran director Conrad Boyce, with producer Ray Walker taking care of the off-stage magic.

The play is recommended for mature audiences, with partial nudity and mature subject matter. For more information about the show and to get your tickets, visit starticketing.com

Region hosts inaugural volunteer fair

There's a new fair coming to town!

According to a release from Community Care Durham, the first-ever Durham Region Volunteer Fair takes place Thursday, September 21, at the Delpark Homes Centre, 1661 Harmony Rd. N. in north Oshawa.

Community Care Durham and DRAVA (Durham Region Association for Volunteer Administration) are "excited to partner to host this volunteer fair." People of all ages are welcome to attend the free event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We are thrilled to have the City of Oshawa sponsor the fair through funding received from the Oshawa Community Grants, under the Strong Inclusive Communities category," says the release.

More than 35 vendors are participating in the volunteer fair.

Durham Region residents can ex-

plore all the opportunities available at organizations, including Community Care Durham, Community Living, Alzheimer Society of Durham, Ontario Shores, and Windreach Farms, to name a few.

"Meet these representatives and many more to find the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!"

This volunteer recruitment initiative enables residents to engage with non-profit organizations, community groups and retirement homes to learn about volunteering and how they can make a difference in their community.

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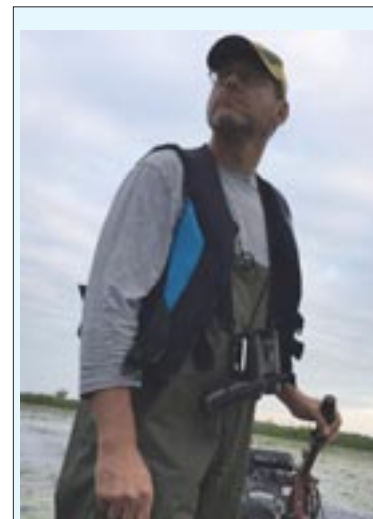
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Hoar is passionate about finches, and he will discuss the art and science of making a Winter Finch forecast, as well as share a brief history of the Finch forecast, how it's compiled and its future goals. He will also provide an overview of each winter finch species and their current movements.

"Winter finches" are birds that typically breed further north but erratically move

into this area during the cold season. Hoar, pictured above, has studied many avian families including shorebirds, raptors, parrots, and passerines including finches. His work has taken him from the high Canadian Arctic to the deserts of Arizona and the rainforests of the Caribbean. With winter just around the corner, come and learn about these fascinating visitors. Everyone is welcome. www.northdurhamnature.com

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Letters, from page 4

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trail heads are now empty any day of the week, and in all probability will stay that way for good. Simply because some bureaucrats tried to suck every last penny out of the public's pocket. Hikers and bikers answered by simply staying away.

Thank you, Uxbridge town officials. We won't forget.

*Luise Meyer
A senior hiker
Uxbridge*

Over the past couple of years, my family has been dealing with several ongoing health issues. I just want to say a huge thank you to the staff at Uxbridge Family Health (and Dr. Carlye Jensen) for their ongoing support and care over the past couple of years.

I also want to thank the staff, the nurses and the doctors at both the Uxbridge and Markham sites of Oak Valley Health.

Sometimes we take these sorts of things for granted, living in

Canada. And while it may not be a perfect health care system, we are truly blessed to have the one that we have in Uxbridge.

*Brian Fowlow
Uxbridge*

It's interesting to note that, just before Labour Day, the provincial Sunshine List for Ontario public sector officials who make more than \$100,000 a year became even more top heavy.

The CEO of the Toronto Zoo was given a 20 per cent wage hike of \$50,000, increasing their annual salary from \$252,704 to \$302,453. More tellingly, the zoo board, consisting of three city councillors and eight citizen members, also voted to increase the pay range for this position to between \$302,453 - \$403,270, presumably to protect this position against future budget restraints.

The usual justifications were given: the CEO increased zoo visits and revenues while increasing staff morale. In other words, they were good at their job. As well, in order to ensure the position remains "competitive" in relation to other North American zoos and public attractions, the remuneration has to match those in other U.S. markets - so the rationale goes.

Problem is, however, the Toronto Zoo was subsidized by the city to the tune of \$14.65 million in 2023. The projected shortfall for Toronto's operating budget for 2024 is \$1.5 billion, unless there is the implementation of a major revenue making program like a city sales tax - which needs provincial permission, and we all know the chance of that happening under the current premier is zero.

In an economic climate where a majority of our society is being squeezed by high food costs, high interest and mortgage rates, as well as a significant crisis in affordable housing and rental accommodation - a \$50,000 salary increase for a public sector CEO borders on the obscene.

It's a sad testament to the power of the status quo and institutionalized "group think" that members of a board of a public institution in our present dire socio-economic conditions can just go ahead with a business-as-usual decision while remaining tone deaf and clueless to the message it sends to society at large. Who cares about rising socio-economic pressures and growing inequality when there are executive entitlements to entrench and protect against future budget realities.

*Kevin Harper
Uxbridge*

*IAN (Robert Ian)
Kingston*



It is with great sadness that the family of Ian Kingston announces his sudden passing in Uxbridge, Ontario, on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Born on April 26, 1933.

Predeceased by the love of his life, Dorothy M. (Sale), March 27, 2021. Survived by their children, Kathryn, Karen Hoyle (Doug), Bill (Laura Lee), Warren (Mary) and Stephen (Dana). Beloved Grampa of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ian worked for the TTC from 1970 until his retirement as a General Manager in 1993. Previously with Abitibi Pulp & Paper Co.

Arrangements and online condolences at Low & Low Uxbridge. As per Ian's wishes, there will be a private family funeral.

Celebration of Life to be held at Uxbridge Curling Club, 70 Franklin Street, Uxbridge, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, 1-4 p.m. Please join the family to celebrate both our parents' lives.



Donations to Heart and Stroke welcomed and appreciated.

*In Loving Memory of
James Hewlett*

*January 18, 1934 -
September 9, 2023*



We are so sad to announce the passing of James (Jim) Hewlett, of Uxbridge. Jim spent his last days at Oak Ridges Hospice in Port Perry, surrounded by his family.

Born and raised on the Uxbridge-Stouffville Town Line, Jim was the son of William and Bessie (Murison) Hewlett. He is predeceased by his parents and brother, Wilfred. He graduated from Garibaldi Public School and Stouffville High School.

Jim joined Bell Canada soon out of high school, and worked for the company until his retirement at age 56. He had many interests to take into his senior years. A quiet, kind, and gentle man, he was a supremely talented "jack of all trades". He could do anything, from fly an airplane and take apart a motorcycle (and put it back together), to making beautiful fine furniture. He was always curious and enquiring. He loved to travel, to tinker, and to invent. He needed to know how things worked.

Jim married Isabel Currie in 1964. The two of them were happiest with their family in the house Jim built on the Town Line. They enjoyed travelling across Canada, from Newfoundland to Haida Gwaii, trips they shared with Jim's sister, Barb, and her husband George Pratt.

Jim leaves a family of whom he was immensely proud: son James (Hayjin Jeon), daughter Nancy (Wayne Beil), and daughter Jane (Kit Purdy). His grandchildren, Sam and Will Hewlett, Kezia and Jasper Beil, and Keturah and Winona Purdy, as well as his beloved cat, Ollie, filled his days with joy. Grandpa will be missed greatly.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Natalie Munn, and to the Oak Ridges Hospice staff for their kindness and care.

A private gathering of family and close friends will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Oak Ridges Hospice or a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge, (905-852-3073). For online condolences please visit www.lowandlow.ca

*BULLERWELL,
Barry Allen*

April 17, 1956 - August 23, 2023

In Loving Memory



The family of Barry Bullerwell is saddened to announce his passing. Born in Toronto to Peggy (Margaret) and Slim (Vernon) Bullerwell. Raised in, and a former resident of Uxbridge. Loving brother of Donna Warren and Lewis; David Bullerwell and Jean Waines; Terry Bullerwell and Marilyn.

Barry suddenly passed away at his home in Coombs, British Columbia, at the age of 67. He will be fondly missed by his nephews and nieces in Mississauga, Toronto, Uxbridge, Alberta, and British Columbia; his aunt in London, Ontario, and aunts and cousins in Nova Scotia, as well as by his great-nephews in Uxbridge and Alberta.



A memorial service of family members and close friends will be held at a later date at the Uxbridge Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest with his parents and his brother Tim (Timothy) Bullerwell.

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Art abounds in Uxbridge this weekend

Uxbridge will put art and all its talented artists and artisans on display this weekend, as the Uxbridge Studio Tour and the Uxbridge Art on the Fringe Festival are both taking place throughout the township.

This year marks the 38th year of the Uxbridge Studio Tour, which will feature over 50 artists showcasing their work either virtually or at their unique studio locations.

The Uxbridge Studio Tour website says that the Uxbridge tour is unique because of its “dedication to giving visitors an exciting peek ‘behind the curtain’ to where art is created. This is not a gallery tour! This is a tour of remarkable and beautiful creative spaces around our region. With studios surrounded by forests, farmland, and beautiful historic towns visitors get a fascinating tour of spaces normally hidden behind closed doors.”

The 2023 artist lineup includes sculptors, painters, ceramic artists, gold and silversmiths, mixed-media, textile and wood artists.

A mobile phone app is available to those who wish to guide themselves through the tour. Toureka! allows users to view participating artist profiles and artwork, mark “must-see” favourites, plan a personalized itinerary, and get directions to each studio location.

The Uxbridge Studio Tour runs this Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more, visit uxbridgestudio-tour.com

The long-running Uxbridge Art on the Fringe Festival fits nicely into a weekend spent touring Uxbridge’s artistic hotspots. Displaying their work at the Uxbridge Historical Centre, more than 30 emerging and established local artists will be on hand to share their paintings, sculptures, ceramics, fibre arts, jewelry and more.

Many of the artists will be outside and some inside the church and schoolhouse. All the exhibits and parking are fully accessible. As well as browsing and shopping with the artists, visitors can:

- Enjoy breakfast, lunch and snacks from the “Gangster Cheese” food truck.

- Enjoy live music from a variety of local musicians.

- Enjoy the wonderful view high on a hill overlooking Uxbridge.

Visiting Art on the Fringe includes access to the Uxbridge Historical Centre and its many exhibits. Parking is available in the Historical Centre lot on Conc. 6 south of the main building.

The Uxbridge Art on the Fringe Festival is presented by Artists of Uxbridge, a local collective that creates, teaches, promotes and supports art in the community. New members at all levels are always welcome.

Art on the Fringe runs Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. For more details, please visit artistsofuxbridge.com

Curbside giveaway day, from page 1

ship is sunny, with a high of 22C.)

According to a notice from the Region, “Curbside Giveaway Day events are an opportunity to reduce the amount of garbage going to disposal by giving away your unwanted items or by going on a treasure hunt in participating communities to find some new-to-you items. It’s a fun way to help the environment while connecting with your community.”

Residents in the Town of Ajax, Township of Brock, Municipality of Clarington, City of Pickering, Township of Scugog, Township of Uxbridge and Town of Whitby are invited to take part in the Region’s new fall Curbside Giveaway Day. The City of Oshawa will not be participating in the Curbside Giveaway pilot project and encourages community members to explore reuse

opportunities by visiting oshawa.ca/WasteReduction.

Residents are asked to mark all items that you wish to give away as “free” and place them at the curb on Giveaway Day. Unclaimed items should be taken back inside by 7 p.m., or: donated to a charity, a local thrift shop like Chances Are, posted on a free classifieds website, such as Kijiji, Vargage or Facebook Marketplace. Material left at the curb after the Curbside Giveaway Day will be subject to by-law enforcement.

The Region has set out a full list of acceptable and unacceptable items. The Region asks that baby items such as car seats and cribs *not* be placed at the curb for safety reasons,

and to clean and disinfect items prior to the giveaway. Clothing or other fabric items should be laundered prior to the giveaway, and the Region recommends laundering any clothing you acquire.

For more details, visit durham.ca/CurbsideGiveaway



In Loving Memory of Wayne Richard Harris

June 12, 1947 -
September 2, 2023



We are greatly saddened to announce the passing of Wayne Richard Harris, at the age of 76, from complications of cancer, on September 2, 2023, at Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Born in East York (Toronto) on June 12, 1947, the sixth child of the late Jeanette Norval Harris (née Kennedy) and Frederick Norman Harris. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 49 years, Joanne (née Runia).

His sisters June Duncombe (Bob), Olive O'Connor (Jim), and Isobel Heggie (Jock), and brothers Frederick and Thomas predeceased him.

He will be missed dearly by nieces Janet Ruebottom (Alan), and Kathy Dearing, and nephews Robert Duncombe (Yvonne), James O'Connor (Diane), and Thomas O'Connor (Sheree). Sister-in-law Wilma Runia, brother-in-law John Runia, and nephews and nieces Michael and Kevin Runia, and Jennifer Handley and Michelle Dickie, all loved him & will miss him.

Wayne chose a life of service as a firefighter with the Scarborough Fire Department, rising through the ranks to District Chief. There he made lifelong friends, and met his best friend, Ron Appleton, with whom he shared countless memorable experiences.

He had the gift of finding humour in even the most unlikely situations, bringing laughter to all who surrounded him. Wayne lived life fully, loved his family, friends, neighbours, dogs, cars, travelling, his old cottage, and so much more.

You will be missed!

We would like to thank the excellent team at Markham Stouffville Hospital who helped us get through this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, we would appreciate donations to Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Wayne at Wooden Sticks Golf Club, 40 Elgin Park Drive, Uxbridge, (905-852-4379), between 1-4 p.m., Sunday, October 29, 2023. Speaker at 2 p.m., and light refreshments will be served.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge, (905-852-3073). For online condolences please visit www.lowandlow.ca

*In Loving Memory
Susan Self*

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Susan Virginia Self on September 9, 2023, surrounded by family at Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Susan is survived by her husband and best friend, Kennedy; her daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea and Matt, Lisa and Matt; her brother and sister-in-law, David and Jackie; her nieces and nephew-in-law, Catherine and Shaun, and Sarah; her cat, Panther; and many friends and found family. She is predeceased by her parents Abram (Ab) and Virginia (Ginny) Martens.

Susan was a lover of family, holidays, animals, travel, and her community. In her youth, she enjoyed playing the piano, gymnastics, and horseback riding. Throughout her career, she was the first female manager at IBM, served on Uxbridge town council (Regional Councillor Susan Para) for 17 years (1989-2006), and ran her own business, the Vintner's Nook. In her retirement she enjoyed travelling, knitting, baking, scrapbooking, and volunteering through The Rotary Club of Uxbridge. She served as president of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge 2008-2009.

Loving, fiercely independent, and iron-willed, she will be greatly missed.

An intimate Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter and/or Oak Valley Health.

For online condolences, please visit lowandlow.ca/listings



Drop off items for reuse, recycling and safe disposal

Environment Days

Saturday, September 16

8 a.m. to noon

Uxbridge Seniors Centre

75 Marietta Street, Uxbridge

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank.

Donate items in good condition for reuse:

- Clothing and textiles
- Shoes
- Home decor
- Bedding
- Small household items
- Sporting goods



Recycle your electronic waste:

- Cell phones and small electronics
- TVs
- Radios
- VCR and DVD players
- Computers



Safely dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste:

- Anti-freeze
- Batteries
- Household chemicals
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Motor oil
- Paints and solvents
- Propane tanks

durham.ca/WasteEvents



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