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The 'Ace' is on pace for successful return

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Fall is coming, school is starting, COVID is still in the news - and "Catch the Ace" is starting up again! Next week, on Sept. 9, the Rotary Club of Uxbridge's popular "Catch the Ace" Progressive Weekly Lottery tickets will be on sale at all the regular retail outlets for the initial September 15 draw. As was the case for the first three sessions of the progressive lottery, the draws will take place every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the club room of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #170. For those new to this weekly lottery, those ticket retailers are: Canadian Tire Uxbridge, Vince's Markets Uxbridge, PharmaSave and the Legion (club room). Individual draw tickets are still \$5 each and are available from Wednesday morning till the close of business the following Monday.

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Just to add a little incentive to this round, the Rotary Club and the Legion are funding an initial jackpot of \$1,000, regardless of week one ticket sales. The full rules are posted on the Uxbridge Rotary website.

The first three draws of "Catch the Ace" have, according to the Rotary Club of Uxbridge, resulted in gross ticket sales of \$269,000 and weekly and jackpot prize payouts of \$134,500. Net proceeds amounted to \$103,500 which was distributed directly to local charitable partners.

"With the vast majority of winners being local, that really amounts to \$238,000 that went back into the Uxbridge economy," explains lottery co-organizer and Rotarian Ian Morrison. "Local businesses

prosper by winners spending their prize money here at home and Rotary wins by being able to continue funding its charitable initiatives here locally."

Morrison says the Catch the Ace committee considered the concept of online ticket sales, but when they analyzed the possibility, they found that there would be a "significant reduction" in net profit that would be available for charities due to the software and processing costs.

"We decided 'if it's not broken, why fix it?'" says Morrison. "Our retail outlets have been behind us from day one. As well, not all our loyal ticket purchasers are comfortable with online shopping and we feel everyone should have the opportunity to play."

Watch the *Cosmos* front page for weekly winners starting September 17.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for September, 2020

- Monday, September 7
LABOUR DAY
NO COUNCIL MEETING
- Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
- Monday, September 14
10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING
11:30 a.m.
PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING
ZBA 2020-02 – STOUFFVILLE GLASS (CAIRO)
- Wednesday, September 16
7:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
- Monday, September 21
10:00 a.m.
COMMITTEE MEETING
11:30 a.m.
PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING
ZBA 2020-03 - KHANI/TRAMONTI
- Monday, September 28
7:00 p.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

FROM THE TAX OFFICE.

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If you did not receive your 2020 Final Tax Bill, please call the Tax Department at 905-852-9181 ext. 211.

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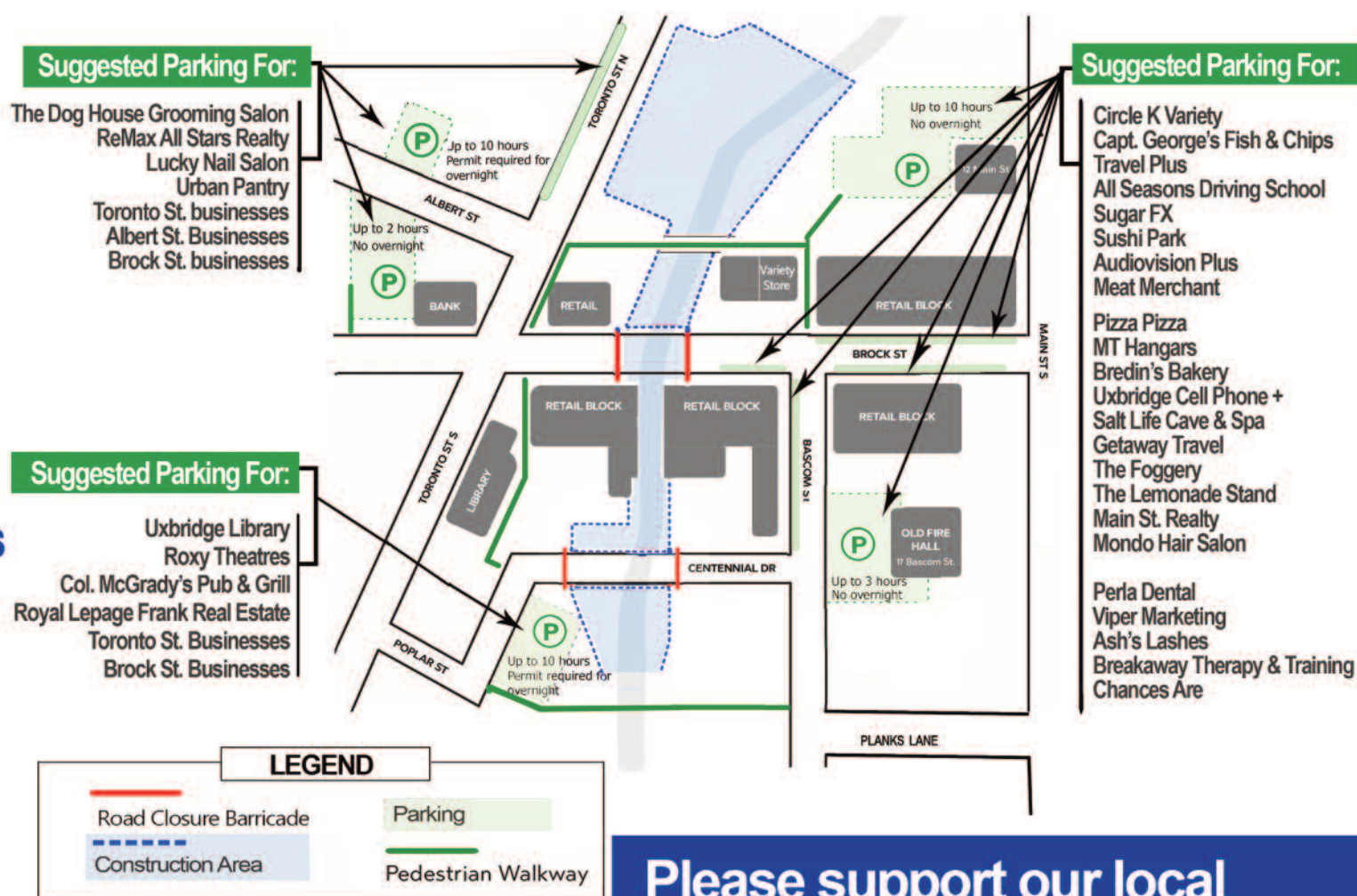
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Steel finally going up for new Uxbridge Health Centre

by Justyne Edgell,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The culvert project in downtown Uxbridge isn't the only construction site taking over the town this summer. Anyone driving by the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital lately has noticed the equipment and crews labouring away there. Don't get too excited - this isn't a new hospital (that's coming later), but it is the location of the new Uxbridge Health Centre, a building that will be called home by many health services including the doctors from 2 Elgin Park Dr. (the Rexall plaza), who are the new building owners.

"This project is a dream that our group has been nurturing for several years, and two years ago, the timing just seemed to be right and we were able to get started," says the Uxbridge Health Centre's administrator, Debbie Edgell.

After months of planning and securing tenants such as PharmaSave, a dental centre, Alpha Labs and a café by Annina's of Goodwood, the building is finally getting off the ground.

"It will be a two-story building, with a large atrium in the entrance. We are envisioning a bright and welcoming space to not only wait for an appointment but also to meet with friends and enjoy a coffee and a treat," says Edgell.

The building is

projected to be complete in June 2021, and, according to Edgell, is anticipated to change the face of primary care for the community.

"Having multiple medical services under one roof, in a town with a large elderly population, is hugely beneficial," she explains. "This will limit the number of required trips out of town for specialist appointments and other health needs, by creating a hub for health care right in Uxbridge."

As community members who live and work in Uxbridge, the team at Uxbridge Health Centre says it is excited to be creating what is planned to be a centre of medical excellence.



An artistic rendering of the new Uxbridge Health Centre, which is currently being constructed next to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital on Campbell Dr.

Submitted photo



The Uxbridge & District Lions are conducting our annual **Voluntary Road Toll** this year at the Zehrs, Walmart, LCBO plaza on **September 11 and 12.**

Our club supports over forty groups either located in our community or serving the people of this community and this year we are actively engaged in developing a Universal Playground (accessible to children of all abilities).

In light of the fact that many people do not normally carry cash in these challenging times, we ask for members of the public to make a point of doing so when they go out on September 11 and 12.

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Stay at home and get art-to-go

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Some young people in Uxbridge won't be heading back to the classroom next week, and the Uxbridge Youth Centre (UYC) says it has just the thing to keep homeschoolers busy. The centre is launching a new program called 'Art-To-Go' and, according to UYC program facilitator Dale McKnight, the goal of the program is to provide access to online art tutorials and free kits containing all the supplies the youth need to complete those tutorials from home.

McKnight explains how it works: "Every week we will be posting a new video. If the kids are interested in trying out the craft from the video, they (or their parents) can pick up a free kit from the UYC at a scheduled pickup time. The kits will be available for pickup every week and will contain the materials required for the craft posted during that week."

The program is being funded by a Durham Community Foundation grant.

"We want kids to be able to enjoy arts and crafts from home, but we realize that they may not have all the supplies required for certain activities," says McKnight. "The Art-To-Go program is our way of making sure kids have free access to those supplies so they can enjoy new arts and crafts projects from home every week."

Participants are encouraged to send pictures of their craft to the UYC once it's done, and if anyone wants to request a specific craft, they should send a message to info@uxbridgeyouthcentre.com

Register for an Art-To-Go kit at uxbridgeyouthcentre.com under "Programs".

Also note, the UYC has extended the deadline of the writing contest to Sept. 8.



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Our two cents

You've got this

A few notes on Back-to-School 2020:

To the all the teachers/educational assistants and others who work in the classrooms - we hope that, amid the turmoil, the stress and the uncertainty that the beginning of this unusual school year brings, you find joy in being back in the classroom and working with students again. It will not be easy for you; we want you to feel supported. You're doing a tough job at the best of times, under very strange circumstances. You've got this.

To all the students that are heading back into classrooms that don't look like any classroom you've been in before, or the students who are tackling lessons online - new challenges and learning are what you're in school for, so be kind to your educators. Have patience with them and they'll have patience with you. Be nice to your classmates; they're still people behind those masks. It doesn't matter if you're in kindergarten or fourth-year university - it's going to be weird. No other word for it. You've got this.

To all the parents who have either chosen to send their child(ren) to school, or keep them at home to learn online - you know what's best for you and your family, and your kids will grow to be outstanding individuals no matter where they learn. You've got this.

To all the school administrators, from secretaries to superintendents - rules are changing daily, and you're juggling a million balls all at once. You won't please all the people all the time, but remember, you're doing what it takes to keep a small army of people safe, and that's what's important. You've got this.

To the custodians and caretakers tasked with endlessly cleaning and sanitizing school properties - you're so often unsung, but you are, perhaps, the ones closest to Ground Zero. Your job is never an easy one, and COVID-19 compounds it a million-fold. Thank you for all you do. You've got this.

To the school bus drivers and others who supply transportation for school children - you only see these kids for a short time every day, but your impact on them is huge. A school bus is a difficult place to try and manage separation and distancing at any time, and now it's even more complicated, so complicated you have to start a week later, just to make sure everything is in place. When you do finally hit the road, safe travels. You've got this.

To the crossing guards - you're out sun, snow and sleet, and this pandemic is another storm you'll have to weather. You're an integral part of the school experience, and will also feel the effects of this odd school year. Know that you can do a great job keeping children safe from traffic; masks, hand-washing and protocols will have to do the rest. You've got this.

And finally, to everyone else. The reality of the situation is, none of us really know how back-to-school is going to play out. We need to be patient with ourselves and one another. Use common sense. Don't be afraid to change the game mid-way through if it isn't working for you. The final goal is we all survive intact, right? We've got this.

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Letters to the Editor

Re: 'Am I Wrong?' Aug. 27 edition

Mr. Varley is not wrong that Erin O'Toole had been a member of parliament for eight years at the time he was elected party leader of the Conservatives ("O'Toole has taken on a big job for someone who has only been in politics for eight years").

Mr. Varley would also not have been wrong had he pointed out that Justin Trudeau was elected party leader of the Liberals after less than five years as a member of parliament (October 14, 2008 - April 14, 2013) and Jagmeet Singh was elected party leader of the NDP prior to being elected as a member of parliament.

Jim Reive
Uxbridge

The pandemic has really brought home how poorly served rural residents of Uxbridge, Pickering and Scugog are in terms of internet access. This week, the Nova Scotia government announced that its Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative, a specially

created crown corporation (www.internet.developns.ca), will further expand service so that 97 per cent of the largely rural province gets high-speed internet by the summer of 2022.

Ninety-seven per cent! What are OUR township, regional and provincial governments now doing?

Bruce Cohen
Goodwood

On behalf of Canadian Blood Services, I would like to thank the Uxbridge Arena and Recreation Centre for opening their facility during the pandemic to allow us to set up a mobile blood donation event on September 5. We look forward to welcoming residents of Uxbridge to this event that will allow us to continue to help hospital patients in need.

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Jennifer Mathieu
Territory Manager
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Canadian Blood Services

Stockpiled those empties? Donate them to Rotary

by Shelagh Fitz

Hang on to your empties for one more week, if you can - on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., the Uxbridge Rotary Club is holding a bottle drive in the Canadian Tire parking lot. Bottle Drive chairperson Dale Hickey hopes this event is even more successful than the previous bottle drive, which saw \$5,080 worth of beer cans, cooler cans, beer bottles, wine bottles, and liquor bottles collected.

"The community saw it as a win-win," says Hickey. People will once again be able to quickly and efficiently drop off their personal stockpile of empties without the

constraints that the pandemic has placed on traditional bottle return protocol and feel good about it in the process.

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge, like all service clubs, has had to reinvent itself in the face of COVID-19. "Many of our regular fundraising events have been cancelled or curtailed," says club president Fran Taylor.

The Catch the Ace Lottery was shut down in March of this year and has been on hold since then. The popular progressive lottery fundraiser is a shared initiative that supports the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program, the Royal Canadian Legion and the Rotary Club of Uxbridge. It is set to

resume on Sept. 5.

Taylor acknowledges that "it was with a heavy heart" that the Rotary executive made the decision to cancel the 2020 Rotary Christmas Home Tour. The unknowns with respect to the pandemic made it impossible to plan and implement all that is necessary to make a safe and successful home tour. The group hopes that the funds raised through the bottle drives will offset these losses.

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge fundraises to support local, national and global initiatives. For more information about the club and the initiatives it supports, visit the website at uxbridgerotary.com



Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Don't ask questions

Earlier this week, I stopped by Uxbridge Public School to see if I could look at how the school is preparing for next week's back-to-school opening and possibly talk to staff about they felt going into this new and unusual school year. I left with nothing.

I was told by the principal that I would have to contact the Durham District School Board to set up an appointment. I was further told that no members of staff are allowed to talk to the media.

A call to the communications department of the DDSB led to me being told I could not go to the school or talk to the staff but I could talk to the director of the DDSB. Explaining that I was already aware of what DDSB was laying out for COVID-19 protocols - (I watched a two-hour YouTube presentation by the DDSB a couple of weeks ago and reported on those protocols in the *Cosmos*) - I said I wanted the local angle. I didn't want to hear from the board again, I wanted to talk to someone in the schools *here*, in Uxbridge. No, sorry, talk to the director or no one.

Also this week, the *Cosmos* became aware of a situation which is causing concern for some residents in the Goodwood area. In an attempt to determine what is (was) going on, the *Cosmos* reached out to the township for more details. The paper received an e-mail response which stated in part: "While we cannot disclose the details of the file, please know that the Township has engaged other agencies, and is applying every means we have at our disposal to address the situation."

In both these cases, we have those in positions of power telling us they will let us know what they want us to know and nothing else. For the countless number of parents of school-age children, the message being sent seems to be: "don't ask questions, trust us, we know what we're doing." For the residents in Goodwood, the message being sent seems to be: "don't ask questions, trust us, we know what we're doing."

Anybody who works for the DDSB, including the director, is working for the public and anyone working for the township of Uxbridge is working for the public. In that case, residents have the right to know how these public employees are handling certain issues, particularly those issues that directly affect the residents.

Parents of school-age children have the right to know just exactly how the back-to-school set-ups are being put into place, what unforeseen problems, if any, are arising and whether

the teachers have any worries or reservations. Even if they don't, we should know that too. A little reassurance would be nice. But, apparently, teachers are not allowed to voice any concerns they might have. Only the director of the DDSB is allowed to say anything.

In the Goodwood case, the township essentially just patted us on the head and told us to not worry, everything is being looked after. But when it further tells us "other agencies" have been engaged and the township is "applying every means we have at our disposal to address the situation," it is more or less admitting the issue is one that causes concern - but that the residents (through the newspaper) shouldn't be concerned?

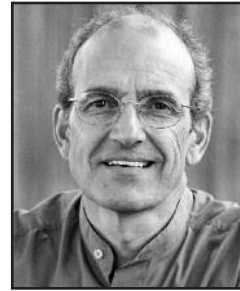
What people fail to understand is that eventually, despite all the efforts the powers-that-be make to the contrary, the questions the media have will eventually be answered. And when those answers finally do come, those same powers will then be asked why they felt the need to delay those answers.

I might point out that both of the above cases revolve around the COVID-19 pandemic and if there is anything of concern to the general public at this moment in time, that most definitely would take Number One spot. And yet it seems we still have public officials who are willing to withhold information from the general public.

Back in May I wrote a column which began: "It's an old axiom that knowledge is power. At its most basic, it means those who have needed information can act on it, while those who don't have the information cannot." And so it continues. If teachers have any concerns or worries, surely they should be allowed to pass those on to parents facing the difficult decision of whether to send their children back into the classroom or not. If there is something going on in Goodwood that could potentially affect residents, they have a right to know. Not to mention that the information released could help other residents of the township keep an eye and ear out for similar situations in their neighbourhoods.

There is a lot that goes on in council that residents aren't privy to because of confidentiality concerns; many, many council meetings end with "in-camera" sessions. But it seems to me, in withholding information from the media, council is extending that confidentiality beyond the in-camera sessions. So much for openness and transparency.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Why not demand zero risk?

The countdown continues to Sept. 8. Five days until all high schools in Ontario begin the fall 2020 semester. And at least as many until elementary school children begin a staggered re-entry to class. But the jostling continues too. The premier and his ministers of education and health are on one side. And the rest of us sit on the other, trying to get a handle on the way learning will look and sound come Sept. 8 or thereabouts. Then, on Tuesday, Christine Elliott responded to a question from a reporter at the government's daily media conference.

"Why can't the Ontario government mandate class size at 15 students?" the reporter asked.

Ms. Elliott stepped to the microphone and explained that she too has three adult children who've been facing some of the same questions the rest of us face. Then, she defended the province's decision not to keep class sizes at 15. "We cannot promise zero risk in schools," she said.

The moment she said that, I had to concede that perhaps she was right. The same way seatbelts cannot guarantee 100 per cent survival in a collision, or having a fire extinguisher in one's home doesn't ensure survival in a fire, or - maybe even more relevant - that no vaccine can protect everybody from every infection... there's no sure-fire way to keep children at school completely free of COVID-19. However, unlike people's personal vehicles, preventing fires in private homes or fighting off viruses and disease with vaccines, school classrooms are pretty static places with extremely controllable environments.

First of all, outside of hospitals, I can't think of any other public institutions in Ontario's communities, where there are more regulations, protocols, guidelines, systems and just plain rules of engagement than our schools. They're governed by provincial laws, boards of education bylaws, principals' experience, educators' professional conduct, ethical and moral standards and, if nothing else, Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, for goodness sake. And with classrooms about to open after a six-month lockdown, one would think provincial education and health ministries have had ample time to consider all the variables and therefore conclude - as with everything else - that students in classrooms have to be arranged with the priority of preventing COVID-19 transmission, nearly above all else.

I have a number of friends in my immediate bubble who are experienced teachers - at the elementary, high school and university level. One informed me that custodians at her public elementary school have reconfigured her class to

hold 21 desks; she pointed out that none of the 21 desks is the required two-metre physical distance from any of the others. What's more, she's going to have to find room for more pupils. They've assigned 23 to her classroom, not 21. Instructors at the high school and college levels say that the online alternative will help keep those teaching environments safer. But clearly we can't expect all secondary and post-secondary learning to happen in front of a computer screen.

And when high schoolers do return to classrooms, the way COVID-19 is trending (with more younger adults contracting it than older ones), I'm inclined to agree with the teachers' unions. All four of them are demanding the province pay attention to its own labour laws. Harvey Bischof, president of the secondary teachers' union, spoke to reporters on Monday. "We are looking for the ministry (of labour) to issue ... orders to keep students safe in schools," meaning the two-metre distancing that the government expects everywhere else.

But the health minister's comment that her government "cannot promise zero risk in schools" bothered me for other reasons. It seems to me that on March 17, when the premier declared a state of emergency - closing office buildings, day-care facilities, churches, parks and playgrounds, libraries, restaurants, bars, concert halls, movie theatres, swimming pools, gymnasiums ... and schools - he was enforcing zero risk on everybody in the province. Indeed, during his daily trips to the lectern at Queen's Park with his ministers in tow, nearly every day Premier Ford demanded zero tolerance of anything but complete compliance. And all 14 million Ontarians - as he often repeated - have done their best to stay within his guidelines through all three stages of re-opening too.

So, why can't his administration apply the same precautionary measures in Ontario schools? If physical distancing must happen with desks in office towers, chairs in barbershops, dining tables in restaurants or outside on sidewalk patios, why not where the most precious of this province's assets - Ontario's children - be treated the same way? What's good for the economic and social goose, must be as good for the education gander.

The premier said he was "begging for teachers' unions to work with us." Meanwhile, a growing number of parents, teachers and even students - are begging the province to live up to the same zero tolerance of allowing a second wave that it's demanding everywhere else.

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COMING UP

THIS WEEKEND

Sat., Sept. 5: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinic. 9 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Uxbridge Arena & Community Centre. Visit www.blood.ca to book an appointment.

UPCOMING

Mon., Sept. 21: Uxbridge Loaves & Fishes Food Bank Annual General Meeting. 10 a.m. St. Andrew's Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Gymnasium. Seats are limited to ensure proper

social distancing. Please reserve your seat by calling 905-852-0392 or email uxbridgeloadsandfishes@hotmail.com

COMING UP is a free community bulletin board for community events organized by a *charity or non-profit organization only*. Events are published as space permits. The *Uxbridge Cosmos* does **not** assume responsibility for the events listed here with regards to whether the event adheres to federal/provincial/municipal COVID-19 protocols. Email Lvann@thecosmos.ca or call 905-852-1900.

Local artists present virtual art show

Submitted by Jane Butler

This year, so many art shows and festivals have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. That hasn't stopped a local art group, however. Its members have been drawing and painting through this period of social distancing, and have found a different format to present the final products.

Artists of Uxbridge normally hosts its annual art show as part of the Art

on the Fringe festival at the Uxbridge Historical Centre, but this year the group is having an online art show during the month of September to display the various artists' work. Visitors to artistsofuxbridge.ca are invited to peruse the site and enjoy the artwork. If you are interested in purchasing a piece in the virtual show, or would like to see more work by the same artist, contact the Artists of Uxbridge at uxartgroup@gmail.com. Artists would be happy to display

their work in a COVID-safe manner, and a pre-arranged appointment with the artist might include artwork on easels on the porch or set out on lawn furniture ready for your visit.

Artists of Uxbridge is a not-for-profit local art group that meets regularly to bring artists together, promoting and supporting art in our community. New members at all levels are welcome.

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September 8

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