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WE DO REMEMBER - Uxbridge Public School student Layne Massey records a brief presentation on her great-grandfather, Alex Barris, while standing beside his banner on Brock St. Tish MacDonald, right, and Massey's grandfather, Ted Barris, record her presentation, which will be used as part of UPS's Remembrance Day activities next Wednesday. MacDonald has been instrumental in coordinating this Sunday's Honour Our Veterans Drive-By in Elgin Park. See page 3. *Photo by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove*

Uxbridge tot has town behind him heading into surgery

by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A recent news story about a local toddler who requires major surgery has inspired Uxbridge to rally around the boy and his family.

The Oct. 22 edition of the *Cosmos* featured a story about three-year-old Evan Paterson, who is preparing for brain surgery and whose family was looking for donations to support his recovery. Since then, Evan's story has garnered much attention and his family has received overwhelming support.

"We can't begin to tell you how it even feels,

we get emotional when any donation comes in, no matter what size it is, but to see the community we live in come together like this is just unimaginable," says Evan's mom, Samantha Bishop.

When the *Cosmos* first published Evan's story, his fundraiser had accumulated a little over \$5,600. The GoFundMe campaign, titled Hope for Evan, now sits at over \$14,600. Bishop says they have also received donations separate from the online platform.

"We got a letter from the Uxbridge Baptist Church - they sent us warm and healthy wishes, a prayer for Evan and us, and they came

together and donated \$1,500. The letter was beyond kind and made us cry but in the best way."

The Facebook group Uxbridge Helping Hands has also organized a raffle, with all proceeds going towards Evan's recovery fundraiser. After seeing the article, group administrator, Lori Shaw, was inspired to help the cause. Shaw sent a note out to the group vendors and members, and they began the raffles yesterday, continuing through this week.

"Our community never fails to rally when

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Meeting Schedule for November 2020

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COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.
COUNCIL EDUCATION SESSION –
EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND
INCLUSION TRAINING
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Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.
GENERAL PURPOSE AND
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Monday, November 23, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 23,
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TOWN HALL

by Roger Varley
Notes from the November 2
Council Meeting

Region puts stop on traffic signal: A request by Uxbridge council for a traffic signal at the new intersection of Brock Street East and Herrema Boulevard has been turned down by the region.

In a letter to council Monday, the region said a count of pedestrians in the area was too low to warrant a pedestrian crossover, pedestrian signal or full traffic control signal. The count was carried out on Sept. 16 and recorded 76 pedestrians crossing at or near the intersection in an eight-hour period. The region said that was 24 less than minimum

number of pedestrians required to warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossover.

Councillor Bruce Garrod observed that the pedestrian count might be lower than expected because not as many people are crossing in that area because the COVID-19 restrictions at Joseph Gould Public School and Uxbridge Secondary School have many students staying at home.

"If the schools were in normal conditions, we'd probably meet the requirement," he said.

Garrod also opined that some kind of crossing is warranted even before new homes are built on both sides of Brock Street near the intersection.

Councillor Pam Beach said the region should be doing something about the intersection "even if the numbers aren't quite there."

In addition to the low count, the region also took into account "the rural road characteristics and mod-

erate to high operating speeds" along Brock between Lake Ridge Road and the eastern edge of the urban area. That led councillors to discuss the possibility of asking the region to lower the speed limit on Brock Street. They finally agreed to ask that the speed be reduced from 80 km/h to 70 km/h between Lake Ridge and O'Neil Road, and down to 50 km/h from O'Neil into town. The region's letter said the region would paint dragon's teeth markings on the road to reduce speed. Garrod said he did not see that as a solution, calling the markings "visual noise" and ineffective. Regional Councillor Gord Highet said dragon's teeth might not slow traffic down but they create an awareness in drivers to be alert.

Toy drive opens soon: Council agreed to allow Pat Higgins and his Canadian Tire crew to use the seniors'

centre for the annual Uxbridge Christmas toy drive.

In a letter to council, Higgins said the volunteers and others will be required to follow the proper COVID-19 protocols at all times, with no more than 10 people at one time in the hall and everyone wearing masks. The toy drive will use the

centre from Nov. 16 to Dec. 16.

Higgins said the need for the toy drive will be even greater this year.

In allowing the use of the seniors' centre, council added that other groups with similar aims of helping at Christmas could also be accommodated at the same time.

New tiered system to indicate regional lockdown criteria

by Justyne Edgell, Local
Journalism Initiative Reporter

On Tuesday, Ontario Premier, Doug Ford announced a new tiered system that outlines specific criteria for COVID-19 lockdowns, apparently with the hope of ending the ambiguity of current COVID restrictions. In the new system, each tier comes with its own restrictions and benchmarks, and aims to be a clear guideline as the province continues towards pandemic recovery.

After receiving lots of backlash for confusing and conflicting guidelines in the stage 1, 2 and 3 restrictions, Premier Ford says he's "just trying to find a happy balance" with the information he receives from health officials, small business owners and municipalities.

There are five tiers in the new COVID-19 Response Framework: Prevent, Protect, Restrict, Control and Lockdown. Ford states that with the implementation of these new guidelines the province "will be better suited to handle the second wave and any future waves."

This new response system was made with assistance from provincial and municipal health ministers and has a main goal of early intervention to prevent the need for full lockdowns.

Along with this new response framework, the province will be releasing an online dashboard on the COVID-19 webpage that will be updated daily. Premier Ford says this is all the same information that he uses when assessing the regional situations and he hopes that by sharing this data, the province can stay informed and up to date.

Health Minister Christine Elliot states that the Response Framework will be "targeted, instrumen-

tal and responsive" and that it will prevent the need for broader closures. Each tier has specific requirements and restrictions for different types of public gatherings and spaces depending on their risk level.

The new COVID-19 Response Framework will be in effect as of 12:01 a.m. this Saturday, Nov. 7. Durham Region will be in the Protect Tier, which aims to limit further transmission of the virus. This tier has advanced measures for high risk locations like restaurants and gyms and will keep gathering restrictions at 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors, (or 25 people indoors and 100 outdoors for organized events and gatherings). In the Protect Tier, the weekly incidence rate is 10 to 39.9 per 100,000 people, with testing positivity between one and 2.5 per cent.

The proposed regional placement into the tiered system will be finalized and released on Friday Nov. 6.



More information about this new tiered system can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>



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Our two cents

Go for a Sunday drive

The Cosmos wanted to write here about the Drive-By Remembrance Parade this weekend. We then figured that parade organizer Tish MacDonald had already said it perfectly...

The community of Uxbridge has a rich tradition of remembrance. Our local elementary and high schools hold respectful and engaging remembrance services; our students and community members participate in Remembrance Tours to places of Canadian wartime significance; our community supports initiatives honouring veterans and active service personnel (such as the Honour our Veterans Banner Program) and the installation of statues recognizing the service and sacrifice of military leaders in the community; and our Legion Branch 170 provides valuable leadership, not only during Remembrance week, but all year long as they support and advocate for our veterans and honour and remember their sacrifices. With each passing year, attendance at the Uxbridge Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Service has increased to numbers well over 1,000 under their leadership.

This year, however, due to COVID, the Cenotaph service, as it traditionally runs, will not be able to happen. But even in 2020, during this worldwide pandemic, it is our duty to remember.

In his famous poem *In Flanders Fields*, by Lt. Col. John McRae, McRae urges us to "take up the quarrel with the foe...to you from failing hands we throw the torch....be yours to hold it high."

It is our duty to take up the torch of remembrance and take action in how we remember. By participating in the Honour our Veterans Drive-By Parade, we can take action. We can demonstrate to our Second World, post-war, and more recent veterans gathered in Elgin Park that We Will Remember.

The parade will be held rain, snow or shine, in Elgin Park, Uxbridge, on Sunday November 8, beginning at 1 p.m. The public is asked to enter the park through the Elgin Park Drive gate. Those attending the parade are invited to decorate their cars, display signs and find other unique ways to convey their thanks and respect for the veterans assembled. The veterans themselves (we understand that, as of press time, there were between 25 - 30 arranged to be present on Sunday) will be arranged in a socially distant manner, either sitting in or beside their vehicles throughout the park.

Sunday afternoons are always a perfect time to go for a drive. This may well be one of the most meaningful Sunday drives you ever take.



Letters to the Editor

The Rotary Club and I.D.A. Trail Capital Pharmacy have asked Salvation Army to partner with them to assist women who are coming back into the community from the Women's Distress Centres through donations from the masks personally made by Rotarian members. The pharmacy is located at 2 Douglas Road [Starbucks plaza], so please go in and pick up a mask for a donation.

The Salvation Army still needs volunteers to man the Kettle during the holiday season so that our many programs (back to school backpacks, Christmas hampers, summer camp, assistance with clothing, expenses, counselling, etc.) can continue throughout the year.

We are now putting together our Christmas hampers to make sure every child experiences magic on Christmas morning.

Please contact Bev Northeast by calling 905-640-3966 or emailing beverlynortheast@gmail.com to set up a time that you may be able to volunteer some time this holiday season.

Thank you, and stay safe.

Bev Northeast
Chair of Salvation Army
Uxbridge Unit

gists, that when an individual shares his/her life with an animal companion, they are much less likely to suffer loneliness, thereby having a much better quality of life. When we suffer the loss of a pet, the grief that we feel can be even more profound than the grief from the loss of another human.

In Uxbridge, we are very fortunate to have a very special place that helps to bridge the gap between the life and death of a pet. Thistledown Pet Memorial, located on Conc. 7, is just such a place. Many years ago, Nancy and Colin Graham recognized this need. Thistledown provides quiet and serenity, with many wooded walking trails. Folks can decide whether they would prefer to inter the ashes of their pet inside the quiet room or in an outside grave. Since 2006, the ashes of the horses who served with the Toronto Police Service Mounted Unit are honoured and remembered on site.

For those of us who love them, we know that when our animal companions cross that Rainbow Bridge, they are happy and free.

Hilary A. Balmer
Uxbridge

Our little *Uxbridge Cosmos* paper has won respect for its open mind by also publishing letters to the editor that say what many people are just thinking, but are to shy to write on their own.

For months now we have been bombarded by so-called health experts that have been wrong again and again. Ontario's own web page includes a sentence that masks do not protect anyone against COVID-19. We checked it. The Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in the United States said the same, so did Anthony Fauci and the

World Health Organization.

We have not seen any government measures that make any sense. Closing down parks, gyms, beaches, the smallest of stores doesn't help to get rid of a flu bug. Yes, a flu bug, that is what this is in case you didn't know.

Why would anyone want to wear a mask while walking on the street, driving a car or in a park with nothing but life-giving oxygen around?

We've seen articles here from people speaking up who are clueless, but try to tell everyone else what to believe and do.

The media, with their one-sided doomsday reporting, is plenty enough, we do not need you to repeat more misinformation.

A few weeks ago the CDC admitted that all their reported COVID death numbers were wrong. They were overblown by 94 per cent. Meaning roughly about 9,000 people died from COVID only, instead of 200,000 out of 350 million people in the US as they reported before. Instead of doing some real research, someone complains that the *Cosmos* didn't give the names of grandparents for children.

To the *Uxbridge Cosmos*, again our thanks and appreciation for staying open-minded.

Al Yetman
Uxbridge

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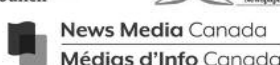
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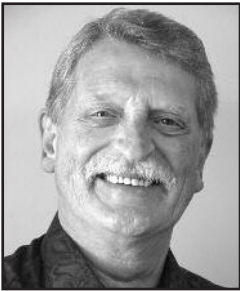


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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Colour me confused

Premier Doug Ford announced Tuesday that the province will institute a colour code to apprise Ontarians of where certain areas of the province sit in the COVID-19 restrictions process. The colours range from green, which is good, through yellow, orange and red to grey, which is bad.

Do I think this will result in a better handling of this pandemic? Absolutely not. All I see is more confusion. Rather like in the U.S. after 9-11, when that government introduced colour-coded terror threats. They might have declared a red or orange alert, but the average citizen had no idea what it meant for them.

Not only will confusion result, but I believe it will lead to more griping from certain areas of the province about how they should be treated the same as others when it comes to restrictions, despite the fact that those griping are mostly responsible for the ever-increasing number of cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. Tuesday's case count was 1,065, the highest daily tally yet.

While it is understandable that, as a politician, Ford wants to keep as many people happy as possible, I believe that, sooner or later, and let's hope it is sooner, he is going to have to get tough. And I mean Draconian tough.

As we can see in Europe, more and more countries are making the decision to enforce more stringent restrictions and curfews to combat the growing surge in cases. They are obviously slowly coming to the realization that expecting the general populace to take some responsibility in defeating this disease is wishful thinking. It only takes a few naysayers to upset the apple cart.

That holds true for Canada. Witness the Covidiot who gathered for large Halloween street parties in Vancouver. How about the Saskatchewan man who has started a GoFundMe page to help pay for the \$2,800 fine he received for breaking provincial COVID-19 guidelines? His pitch is that he works part-time for minimum wage and can't afford to pay the fine. He should have thought about that before he held a Halloween party for 250 people. Then there's Aylmer, Ont., where authorities were considering declaring a state of

emergency because of a threatened protest by anti-maskers.

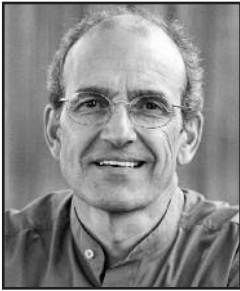
Perhaps these anti-maskers need to consider their priorities when this nation marks Remembrance Day next week. They should think about the armed forces men and women who served in the two world wars, especially the First World War, who knew a thing or two about wearing masks. Gas masks. Those who were children in Britain during the Second World War also know about wearing masks. Gas masks. They were uncomfortable, covered the entire face and, as I remember, smelled of rubber. And it wasn't just for a few weeks or months: it was for years. Wearing a small cloth covering over the mouth and nose when going into stores doesn't even remotely compare.

And yet the anti-maskers continue their cries of "freedom" as though they don't have the freedom to go to stores, to enjoy the outdoors, to talk to other people. The only thing they are asked to do is wear a mask, for Pete's sake.

The numbers keep rising, but a number of municipalities, including a couple in south Durham, are crying because gyms aren't allowed to be open. They ignore the fact that one gym, a spin studio in Hamilton, resulted in 69 new cases of COVID-19. I assume they care more about being a good-looking corpse than actually being a corpse.

As long as the whiners keep kicking against the goads - (check your Bible) - this pandemic is going to stay with us an exceedingly long time. As I said above, sooner or later someone in authority is going to have to bite the bullet and bring in strict regulations governing gatherings of all kinds, with severe penalties for those who ignore them. It seems to me the only way to prevent long-term, lingering pain is to bring in measures that will inflict significant pain for a short while. Because as long as we have people who are apparently quite willing to spread the virus, with no consequences, this disease is not going to go away any time soon.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Truly virtual Remembrance Day

Normally, I'd be feeling a bit nervous. But not this time. Last Tuesday morning, I just walked up a short set of stairs and onto a theatre stage, in St. Thomas, Ont. Unlike many times before, however, there was no audience, just the empty Princess Avenue Playhouse. Then, from the darkness in front of me, I heard the only other person in the theatre call to me.

"Camera's rolling, Ted," he said. "You can start anytime."

And I began my annual Remembrance Day presentation for the Township of Southwold, this year with no audience, just a video camera. Each year, for a decade, I have arrived at the Keystone Complex community centre, in the town of Shedden, near St. Thomas, about 9 o'clock on the Sunday before Nov. 11, to offer a live Remembrance talk. Remarkably, every year, about 600-700 people have attended. The pandemic has prevented that this year. So, instead, I met St. Thomas-based cinematographer Grayden Laing to record it for a virtual Remembrance Day observance this Sunday.

With Uxbridge's Nov. 11 event also virtual, next Wednesday, I thought I'd share a unique moment that I've offered the Shedden audience. It's the story of two Canadians who played key roles in the liberation of the Netherlands, 75 years ago this past May. While most acknowledge the end of the Second World War in Europe on May 8, VE-Day, the Dutch do so on May 5.

Some will remember Don Kerr, a WWII veteran who lived in Port Perry for many years. He served in the Canadian Army as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, landing with the British at Gold Beach on June 6, 1944.

Re-joining his Canadian Army comrades, Kerr helped clear German forces occupying French coastal towns, fought across Belgium, and north, liberating towns through the heart of the Netherlands, including the village of Wageningen. It was there, on May 5, in the tiny Hotel de Wereld, that Canadian Gen. Charles Faulkes sat down at a table to receive the surrender of the German Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz. What most don't know is how Blaskowitz got there.

On May 4, Lt. Kerr got orders to drive north to Wilhelmshaven, where the Germans had surrendered, but which the Allies had not liberated. They gave Kerr a jeep and a sergeant and told him to drive up the highway and retrieve Gen. Blaskowitz.

"This is the stupidest thing I've ever done," he

told his sergeant, "because we were going into no man's land."

Suddenly, they rounded a corner and came face-to-face with a German Tiger tank.

"Uh-oh," Kerr uttered to the sergeant. "This is it. Good bye." He thought they were gonnors. But then the turret flipped open and the German tank commander saluted them as they passed. Eventually, Kerr found Blaskowitz. "I've got orders to bring you back."

"I will not go without my vehicle and personnel," Blaskowitz said.

Kerr had little choice. He was a lieutenant, Blaskowitz a general. Kerr took the entire entourage. He got proper hell for bringing all of them, but the surrender ceremony went ahead as scheduled at Hotel de Wereld, on May 5.

There's a famous photo of the official surrender in the dining room at the hotel. The Germans - Blaskowitz and an aide - on one side, and the Canadians - Faulkes and his aides - on the other. There was only one man in the entire room who spoke both English and German. George Molnar, a medical officer from Alberta, was the youngest at the table, and as a captain, the lowest ranking.

"Report for duty early tomorrow," Molnar was told on May 4. Then, he was driven to Wageningen and dropped off at the hotel. "You're the official translator," he was told. And in he went.

Next to Capt. Molnar was the highest-ranking Canadian officer, as well as Dutch Prince Bernhard, and across the table Gen. Blaskowitz. When Faulkes dictated the terms of surrender, Molnar translated and waited for the German's response.

"I was kept busy that day and didn't really have much opportunity to reflect on the importance at the time," Molnar told the *Edmonton Journal* in 2015. "It certainly was the experience of a lifetime."

In a way, I've always presented Canadians' wartime service virtually. I was not there. But by offering these veterans' stories from their reminiscences, I believe it keeps their accomplishments tangible and real this Nov. 11.

If interested, my virtual "Liberation of the Netherlands" presentation runs on the Township of Southwold website after 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 8 ... and on CHCH TV after 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11.

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Family sells business after 110 years

by Roger Varley

Fifty-five years after coming to Uxbridge and 110 years after its founding, H.H. Goode and Son has sold its agriculture supply business.

John Taylor, 70, grandson of H.H. Goode, said he sold the business so that he could devote more time to farming. The business has been sold to Sharpe Farm Supplies of Guelph.

Taylor said the business started in 1910 and was located in Myrtle until around 1965, when it moved to its current Uxbridge site at Brock Street West and Victoria Street. He has been the owner since 1987. He said he and his wife, Margaret, had mixed emotions about selling the business.

"We thought a lot about it," he said. "Over the years, we not only had good customers, they became friends."

Taylor said he had been in discussions with Sharpe for about three years. Although the sale concluded last Friday, Taylor said he is staying on for a while to help with the transition period. He said Sharpe has agreed to keep all eight employees of H.H. Goode on staff.

"Without their help, we wouldn't have been successful," he said.

Sharpe Farm Supplies has about 10 locations in southwestern Ontario, but the Uxbridge location will be its first east of Highway 400. Taylor said he doesn't expect Sharpe to institute many changes in the operation immediately, but added that Sharpe's bigger buying power might lead to lower prices for Uxbridge customers.

The Uxbridge Cosmos would like to thank H.H. Goode & Sons for being a loyal advertiser over the years, and wishes John and Margaret Taylor the best for their future endeavours.



H.H. Goode & Son, a popular feed and farm supply store in Uxbridge, is changing hands after 110 years. It was sold to a family-run company from Guelph. Photo from hhgoode.com

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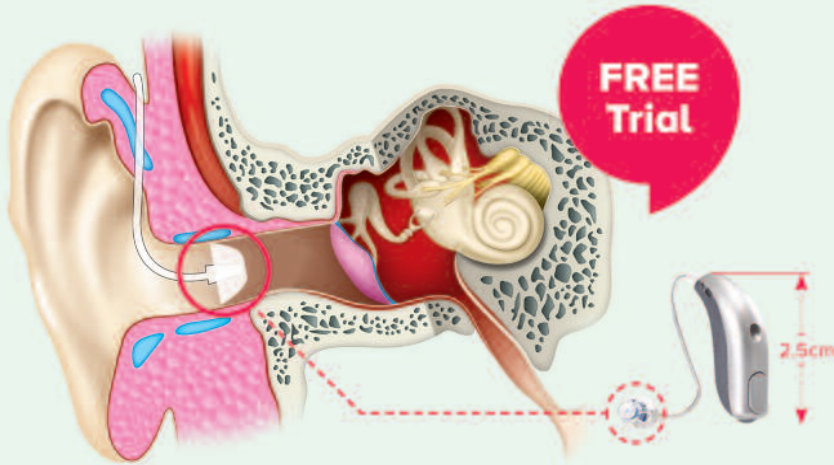
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Class isolating after positive COVID case at public school

by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Last week, rumours spread quickly across Facebook of an alleged positive COVID-19 case in a classroom at Quaker Village Public School. A direct inquiry to the Durham District School Board revealed that a student did test positive for the virus on Oct. 26, and that one class from the school was sent into home isolation for 14 days. Due to privacy restrictions, the ages and/or grade of the students involved were not given.

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The school board said that once a positive case is determined in a school, Public Health takes over to investigate the possible risk to other students and staff, considering factors such as where

the case was picked up and the likelihood of the patient having been at school while infected.

A reminder to all those who are learning or working in a school, that the daily, online self-assessment should be completed every day prior to heading into school.

The Township of Uxbridge currently has two recorded cases of COVID-19. One is currently in home isolation, and one has been hospitalized.

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The 'Majestic Mexico' trip was won by Sandra Roche, ticket # 293, sold by Jim Roche.

2nd place draw winner, \$150, Greg Hourigan, ticket # 190, sold by Greg Eickmeier

3rd place draw winner, \$100, Rachel Hickey and Dylan Theriault, ticket # 114 sold by Dale Hickey

Congratulations to our October winners and best of luck to all our ticket holders for the November draw for 'Diver's Delight'. Includes round trip non-stop airfare to Roatan, Honduras (with airport transfers), 7-night accommodation at the 4-star Henry Morgan Resort, beachfront suite, all meals, drinks, snacks. Two day complimentary snorkeling excursion, daily activities, nightly entertainment and all gratuities.

As restrictions are still in place for travel, a voucher for \$2,500 from Getaway Travel or cash option of \$2,250 available instead of the trip.

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Local lad signs pro hockey contract

by Roger Varley

Former Stouffville Spirit player, Alex Gilmour of Uxbridge, has signed a professional hockey contract with the Orlando Solar Bears of the ECHL (formerly the East Coast Hockey League).

The 24-year-old Gilmour has played the last four seasons with the St. Lawrence University Saints in New York State. In those four sea-

sons, he scored a total of 23 goals and 15 assists and registered 75 minutes in penalties.

Prior to going to St. Lawrence, Gilmour played his Junior A hockey with the Pembroke Lumber Kings, where he was team captain, the Spirit and the Aurora Tigers. He also played five games with the Des Moines Buccaneers of the United States Hockey League Tier 1 juniors.

The six foot-five inch, 220 pounds

forward said in a recent interview with the Solar Bears broadcaster that he has been home in Uxbridge since March, training and preparing for the next season.

"As a first-year pro, I have to be ready for whatever situations they throw at me," he said.

The Solar Bears first game of the 2020-21 season is scheduled for Dec. 11.

Remembrance Day commemorations going ahead despite COVID

COVID-19 may prevent large gatherings, but Uxbridge still has plans to honour and pay respect to its veterans.

Along with this Sunday's Drive-By Parade through Elgin Park (see page 3 for details), the Uxbridge Legion will be live streaming a remembrance day service on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

"The Uxbridge Baptist Church graciously offered their space to us to hold our service and stream it to YouTube," says Uxbridge Legion President Sherrill Hodgson. "Because of the circumstances this year, we decided on no public service at the Cenotaph, but this is a great alternative."

There will be no marching, singing or guests at the service, but viewers can expect poem readings, piano music and bugle playing as normal. The live stream will start at 10 minutes to 11 a.m. on the Uxbridge Baptist Church YouTube channel.

There will be no official town recognition or ceremony at the Cenotaph in downtown Uxbridge on Nov. 11, as per provincial COVID-19 guidelines.

Mission Xena by Claire Miller

The following is the third and final installment of the winning submission to the Uxbridge Youth Centre's Pick-a-Prompt writing contest.

Fifteen kilometres into our run and still no animals to be heard or seen, As we run, I get a com from Leah. "Emilia, we planted the charge and are heading back." Then Cyrus comes in. "We have planted our charge and are heading to the pickup point." With that, Landon and I are the only ones left.

We reach our detonation spot and plant the charge. I look at my watch and see we have one hour left before the planet crashes with the moon.

Just as Landon and I are about to leave, a jaguar attacks with its mouth wide open and razor-sharp teeth ready to sink into my body. The jaguar slams me into the ground, just barely giving me enough time to use my spear and jam it into the jaguar's mouth. Landon tries to jump in and help, but I say, "NO, stay back! I've got this!"

I turn my attention back onto the jaguar. I knee it in the rib cage, giving me time to push it back and letting me be on top of it. I take a chance and slowly drift my hand to-

ward the dagger that's strapped onto my leg. But the jaguar gets enough room and hits me dead on with a massive paw, knocking me unconscious. I wake up a few minutes later - someone is carrying me. I move and cringe in pain; I look down and see a lot of blood and deep gashes in my stomach. I hear a voice: "Hey, you okay back there?" I stir and can only manage a grunt before slipping back into unconsciousness. The next time I wake up, I'm with my team at the pickup point.

Leah had contacted Mission Control room and they sent a new aircraft to collect us. As it pulls away from the doomed planet and takes us home, I look to Leah and Cyrus - we need to detonate at the same time, or the plan won't be as effective. We put our watches close together, and each of us pushes the button to detonate the charges. We only hear nine charges explode. I look at my watch. The remote detonation switch must have gotten jammed when the jaguar knocked me into it.

"The remote detonation in the charge is broken; it has to be activated manually." A look of despair crosses my face, and I look to the rest of my team. We all know that going

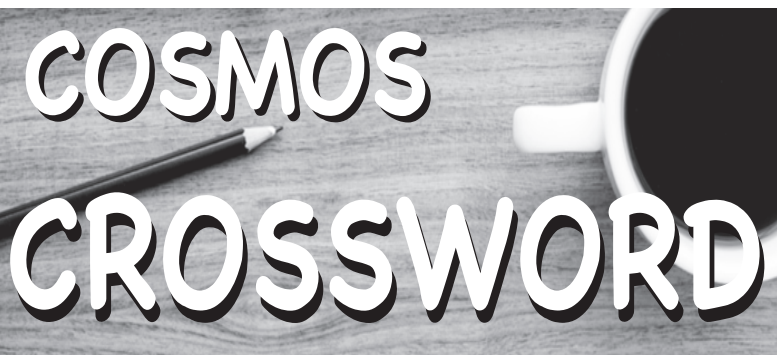
back down there would be a suicide mission, and I know I couldn't ask one of my team members to go. I look at my watch, we only have 30 minutes before the planet hits the moon.

I know that it must be me. I slowly get up but wince at the pain and fall back to the ground. I'm in no condition to jump out of an aircraft and detonate a charge. I'm just about to tell the captain the mission failed when I hear a door open leading to the outside and I see Landon standing there.

"Landon, what are you doing? Landon, step away from the door. LANDON!"

I yell, pleading and begging him not to go. He looks back at me, gives me a smirk and says "Farewell commander, remember - never take training for granted," and with those words, he's gone. A few minutes later, I hear the explosions, and my heart breaks.

I use the commlink and say "Mission accomplished, crisis averted." I hear everyone there cheering and yelling but all I think about is Landon. I wake up three days later in a sickbay bed. The memories of Landon come flooding back and I let them wash over me as I look out the big window onto the pale white surface of the moon.



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asked for help so the response has been awesome thus far," says Shaw.

"These last couple of weeks have been hard," says Bishop. "You have days as parents where you get cold feet and wonder if you are doing the right thing. It gets especially hard when he looks at you, and cuddles you, because it makes you feel guilty in a way, knowing that he has no idea what's going on or what's about to happen. But at the end of the day, we know that we are making the right, and quite frankly only choice, to provide Evan with the best opportunities in life."

Bishop says that Evan has been seizure-free since Oct. 11, which will give his brain a rest before his surgery. He will go in for pre-op work and a mandatory COVID test on a couple of days before his surgery, which is scheduled for the 9th.

Bishop and Evan's father, Scott Paterson, express their thanks to "everyone in this community who has helped us through this difficult time and let them know that we appreciate everything everyone has done for Evan."

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Don started his business career in Winnipeg as a young man grinding coffee at the Hudson's Bay Wholesale, where he worked his way up to Branch Manager. He was then promoted to Regional Manager of Eastern Ontario. Along with having a solid work ethic, he was a faithful church member who was involved in many church activities over the years.

Don had a passion for golf & curling, winning several trophies & was also an avid Blue Jays fan. He enjoyed gardening & was skillful with tools, from household projects to building a complete cabin by himself; he truly was our own Mr. Fix It!

Don was a wonderful, loving, caring husband & father who possessed many qualities, including his quiet wisdom and generous heart. We will all miss him dearly.

Our thanks to the wonderful staff in the Palliative Care unit of Markham Stouffville Hospital. Special thanks Dr. Cal Doobay.

There will be a private family graveside service with Pastor Kevin Oates officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, P.O. Box 388, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). In memory of Don donations to the Goodwood Baptist Church, #283 Highway 47 Goodwood Ontario L0C 1A0 would be appreciated by the family. For online condolences, please visit www.lowandlow.ca

HOPPE, Marcella

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of Marcella Hoppe on October 17, 2020, at the age of 85. She was born in Golling, Austria on September 25, 1935, the daughter of Anton and Marcella Reindl (deceased).



In her early twenties, she emigrated to Canada, where she later met and married Peter Hoppe, the love of her life. They shared wonderful times together in their log cabin set in the bush on the outskirts of Uxbridge. An unpaved Lakeridge Road was their primary means of commuting daily to Toronto for her job at Tip Top Tailor, which according to Marcella, was always an adventure, especially in winter.

She and Peter enjoyed travel and the open road, and Marcella was always ready with a story about the cross-country journey they undertook in their Volkswagen Beetle. Later on, they established a taxi business in Uxbridge, which they operated for many years. When Peter transitioned from taxi driver to long-haul trucker, Marcella went to work at Homan's Clothing Store. She enjoyed her time spent here, making lifelong friends from the experience. With Peter's tragic death from a trucking accident in 1984, taking care of their rural property became her full-time commitment.

Marcella loved nature, animals, country life and sweets (favourites being Brandy Beans, Black Forest Cake, and most desserts). She was also an inveterate story teller, had an incredible memory and regaled everyone with fascinating accounts of her life in Austria before, during and after World War II. Her greatest joy was hiking through the woods of Pine Valley, her property, with her beloved dogs – Jumpy, Happy, Lucky, Bear, Freixtags, Hobo, Santa, Brandy and Sprocket, to name a few.

Marcella had a kind and generous spirit, and played an integral and important part in the lives of her dear friends' children. She is survived by her sister Hildegard, who resides in Austria, and many wonderful friends both here and abroad.

As per her wishes, she was cremated and no memorial service is to be held. Should you choose, donations to the Uxbridge/Scugog Animal Shelter would be much appreciated, given Marcella's love of all creatures great and small, and so very dear to her heart.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca

YATES, Beverley Patricia

It is with great sadness that the family of Beverley Patricia Yates announces her passing on Thursday, October 29, 2020.



Lovingly remembered by her best friend Jean, brother Jerry(deceased), his wife Joan, their children Russ and Kathy and their families; sister Joan (Art, deceased), their children Linda, Donna, Ken and their families; and by nieces Frances and Faye and nephews Brian and Ben and their families.

Beverly was born in Toronto on August 29, 1942, and lived there until she moved to her current home in Goodwood in 1968. She loved living in the country, where she raised rabbits, sheep and her beloved black Labradors. Friends and family were recipients of her craftiness with wood working and leather goods, to name a few. Her employment included working at CN Rail, CP Rail and Via-Rail, but she was happiest working with the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Auxiliary and being a member of the Goodwood United Church. Beverley was also in the reserve army CWAC attached to the Toronto Service Battalion for over 30 years. She retired with the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major of the 25 Service Battalion.

The family would like to express its gratitude for the exemplary care Beverley received at both the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and the Markham Stouffville Hospital. Cremation has taken place, with arrangements entrusted to the Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, P.O. Box 388, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Beverley to either the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital or the Goodwood United Church would be appreciated by the family. For online condolences, please visit www.lowandlow.ca

Harry Southern

In his 85th year, Henry Lloyd "Harry" Southern, a long-time resident of Sunderland passed away peacefully with family by his side on Friday, October 30, 2020.



Born January 7, 1936, Harry was the beloved husband of the late Norma (née Skinner.) Dear father of the late Richard Southern of Sunderland; Lorene (Robert) Marquis of Sunderland; Kathryn Stemp of Uxbridge; Douglas Southern of Oshawa; and Timothy (Kellie) Southern of Sunderland. Stepfather to Richard (Marjorie) Madge of Calgary and the late Wilfred (Anne) Madge of Calgary.

Dearly loved Grandpa/Papa of Kristina, Kelly, Jay, Meghan, Corey, Nicole, Amanda and Jessica, as well as Mark and David Madge. Harry had 20 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Mary and her husband Glen Currie of Burlington, and Emery of Cannington. Brother-in-law of Hildred Southern of Greenbank. Pre-deceased by his parents Richard and Olive Southern, sister Jean Worville and twin brother Wesley Southern.

As owner/operator of Southern Construction, Harry was responsible the building of many residential homes and commercial buildings in the region. His favourite pastime was hunting, and he loved to visit northern Ontario any time, even if it was simply to enjoy the scenery and hopefully sight wildlife. He and Norma travelled to Florida several times, but his favourite trips were in Canada, from Newfoundland to the Yukon. He saw it all but enjoyed the western provinces most.

Private interment at Cedarvale Cemetery, Cannington, will occur later this month. A gathering to celebrate Harry's life will be held after COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful doctors, surgeons, nurses and admin staff at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. Especially the ICU and Palliative Care Unit who helped guide us through Dad's final five weeks.

Memorial Donations may be made to Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) or the charity of your choice. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.thornefuneralhome.ca





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