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Tough times lead to tough budget talk

by Roger Varley

While there was a lot of talk about expenditures and revenues, the phrase that dominated Uxbridge council's budget talks last week and this was "COVID-19."

Just about every department that has a revenue stream showed revenues were down in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Leading off the first discussion last Thursday, councillor Bruce Garrod, chair of the finance committee, said he is not comfortable with the numbers the various departments have submitted in their budgets.

"I fully trust staff has done all they can to reduce costs (but) we have some work ahead of us," he said.

One of the major developments coming out of the discussions so far was the word that the proposed new swimming pool, slated to be built at the Fields of Uxbridge, is on hold for

the foreseeable future. Garrod noted that the grant the township had expected to receive from the province for the project will not be forthcoming.

The budget of the current Uxpool indicated the problems facing all departments. The pool's operating expenditures were reduced by close to 50 per cent during 2020 because of the COVID-19 shutdown, and the estimate for 2021 is more than \$100,000 less than was budgeted for 2020. However, on the revenue side, the pool brought in only about 25 per cent of what had been budgeted for in 2020 and forecast revenues for 2021 are well below 2020 budgeted revenue. The effect is an almost 20-per-cent increase in expenditures for the pool in 2021. Overall, the entire budget for recreation, culture and tourism is expected to see a 35-per-cent increase in expenditures.

Even higher than that is the expected increase in costs for the arena and parks department.

The arena itself is expected to see an 89-per-cent increase, due in large part to a crash in revenues. There was a \$20,000 shortfall in revenues in 2020 and revenues for 2021 are expected to be drastically lower. On the expenditure side, Amanda Ferraro, director of community services, said the arena spent \$6,100 in 2020 on COVID-19, with staff spending 39 hours a week disinfecting the facility.

Ferraro said the arena, which is currently open on a limited basis, could close as early as April since it is unlikely any Spring tournaments will take place.

Public works, which counts for the majority of the budget, came through with just a 2.3-per-cent increase in expenditures. Director Ben Kester noted his department, which takes care of 273 kilometres of paved roads and 50 kilometres of gravel roads, spent about \$1 million

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Thursday, December 17,
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BUDGET MEETING

Friday, December 18,
9 a.m.
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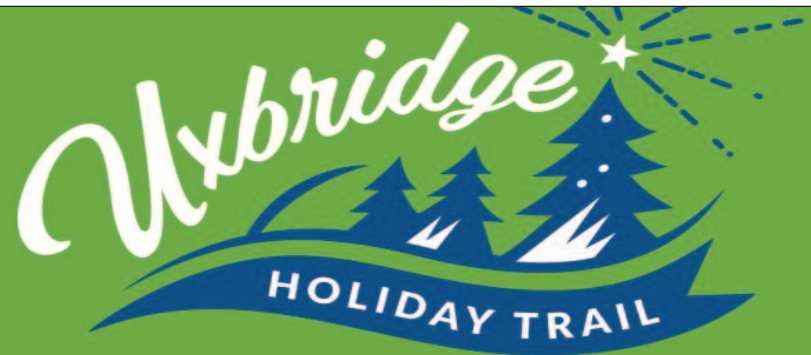
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FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Township Council at its regular meeting held on December 14, 2020, declared by Resolution No. 2020-09 the aforementioned lands to be surplus to the needs of the municipality. A copy of the plan showing the location of the lands may be viewed in the Office of the Clerk.



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Dreams come true with multisport facility announcement

by Roger Varley

"We've been dreaming about this." With those words, Pat Higgins, owner of the Uxbridge Canadian Tire store, unveiled plans to council for a new multi-sport court to be constructed on the east side of Bonner Fields, Higgins said the \$600,000 facility, called a "multisport court," will be able to accommodate a variety of sports activities, including volleyball, basketball, pickleball and tennis. The 13,200 square foot facility would be fully accessible and provide spectators with shaded seating areas. Higgins told council that the proj-

ect will be 75-per-cent financed by JumpStart, a Canadian Tire initiative that raises money to help underprivileged children and youth to participate in sports programs. Higgins then said he was personally donating \$100,000 to the project. "As we emerge from these challenging times, ensuring all kids have access to sport and play will be more important than ever." Council appeared enthusiastic about the proposed facility. "This inclusive court is perfectly situated close to our seniors centre, pool, schools and other recreation facilities. We are so excited to see this built," said Mayor Dave Barton. The project, set to begin construc-

tion in the Spring, with a possible opening in late Spring, could be one of the first of its kind in Canada, Higgins said. Two other similar projects were recently announced in Victoria, British Columbia, and Thompson, Manitoba.

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Our two cents

A timely classic never gets old

The Cosmos originally ran this editorial piece last year at this time - on Dec. 19, to be exact. And we certainly never planned to run it again, at least not so soon! But given the year we've all had, well... We invite you to make a cup of your favourite hot beverage and lose yourself in a true, timeless tale that may lift your spirit in a most timely manner.

Owning a newspaper is pretty tricky these days. There are lots of places from which one can get news and information (not all of them always reliable), and the newspaper is sometimes seem as almost being "old-fashioned" now. It isn't - it's quite relevant, especially a hyperlocal one like the *Uxbridge Cosmos*.

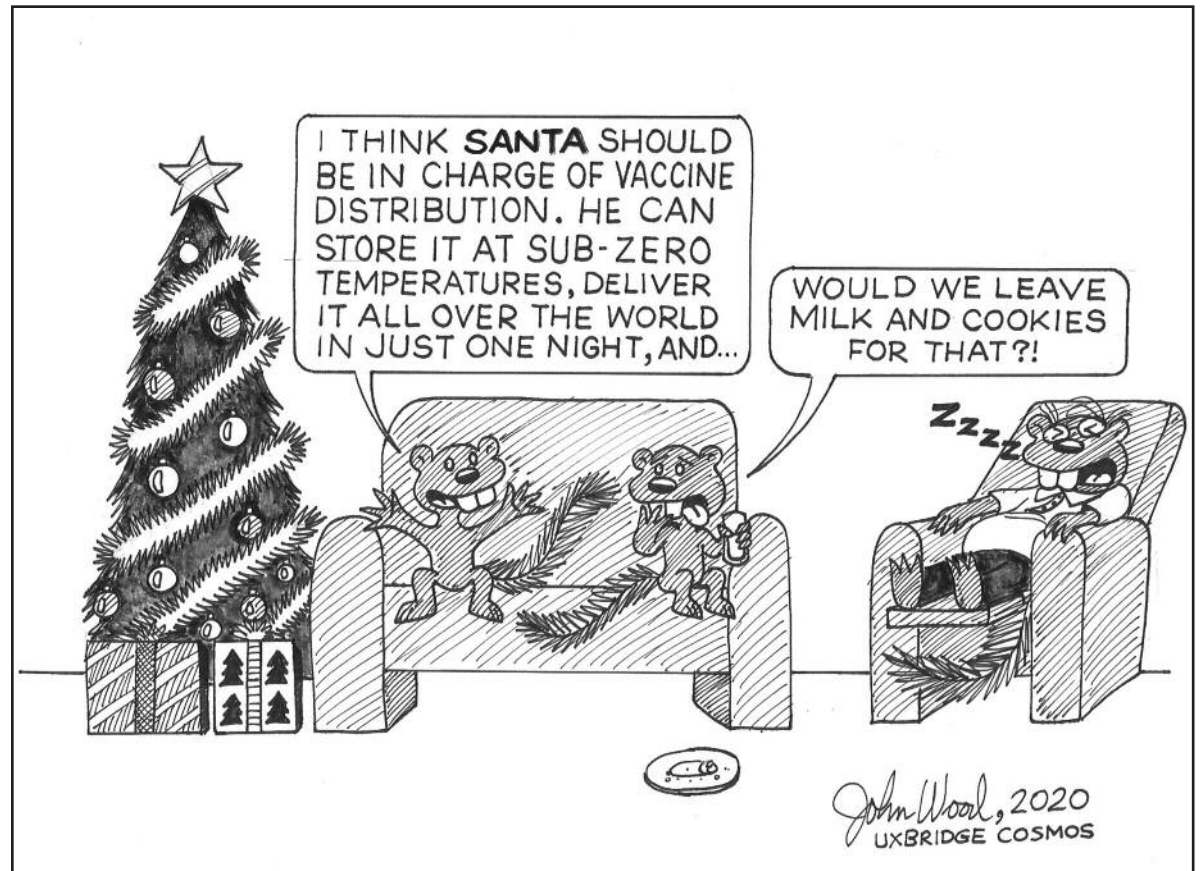
The one part of a newspaper that can't really be duplicated anywhere else, on any other medium, in quite the same way is the Letters to the Editor section. There's something about seeing an opinion in black and white, with a name and signature attached, that makes a statement real and heard - well, read. At the same time, because the writer of a Letter to the Editor is not there on site when the receiver or reader downloads a statement, there's a certain amount of safety in submitting a Letter to the Editor.

Most weeks the *Cosmos* receives quite a few Letters to the Editor. And we publish 99 per cent of them. We don't publish letters that are just plain silly, make no sense, or are too riddled with hate-filled intolerance or profanity to be printable (fortunately, that doesn't happen often). The *Cosmos* prides itself on its Letters section, often reminding readers that, right there on page 4 is the opportunity for anyone (except for that 1 per cent) to have his or her say, really get it off their chest, out into the open. It's important to take part in the bigger discussions that are often going on in a small town like Uxbridge. In 1897, a little girl in New York City wrote a Letter to the Editor, and began a discussion that continues to this very day.

Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the following to the *New York Sun* that summer:

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in THE SUN it's so." Please tell me the truth: is there a Santa Claus?

The *Sun*, a well-respected newspaper of the day, passed little Virginia's letter on to Francis Pharcellus Church, a former Civil War correspondent and son



of a Baptist minister. Church was an editorial writer who specialized in touchy theological subjects. After much thought and begrudging speculation - for he reportedly "bristled and pooh-poohed" when his editor handed him Virginia's letter - Church replied with the following:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that

there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear



apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

This famous editorial - THE most reprinted editorial in the English lan-

guage - was written in year four of a nation-wide financial panic in the United States, and was widely reprinted because the *Sun* was endorsing renewed confidence in the human spirit, the power of the imagination, and the promise of the future.

On the 100th anniversary of the publication of "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," the *New York Times* published another editorial, this one on the lasting endurance of Virginia O'Hanlon's plaintive inquiry and the effusive response.

"'Yes, Virginia' is the ultimate feel-good editorial," said John Tebbel, a former chairman of the New York University journalism department. "Yes, Virginia" - both the phrase and the editorial - resonates beyond Dec. 25. It has been translated into some 20 languages and has even been set to music. The editorial somehow evokes a universal recognition of mystical affirmation, be it of the painfully obvious or the painfully remote."

William David Sloan, a journalism professor at the University of Arkansas, put it this way: "Had Church denied Santa Claus, he might have torn down the fanciful world of many youngsters and tampered with the values and traditions many people consider important. Had he affirmed Santa Claus matter-of-factly, he would have contributed no ideas of lasting significance. What Church did was sustain a child's hope while giving her a statement of ideals that are worthwhile for the adult. He gave a reason for believing."

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Letters to the Editor

Am I the only one who has noticed the number of shoppers who breeze by the hand sanitizers, the "ho-hum" cleaning of carts, and the once-in-a-while sanitation of the grocery con-

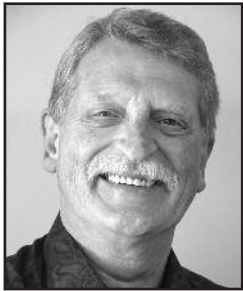
veyor belts and tap machines?

When an employee greeted you with the sanitizer bottle or directed you to it, etc. - they were used.

Some stores are still diligent with

COVID-19 proper procedures, but many are not. Why the disregard for everyone's safety? I'm just wondering.

B.J.M.
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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

By-law is at it again

This column will not come as a surprise to Mayor Dave Barton. In fact, during Monday's council meeting, the mayor jokingly suggested he could write the column for me. That's because he had already guessed what was coming, given that council had just finished discussing a proposed new nuisance by-law offered up by our municipal enforcement department.

Regular readers of this column will know that just about every time our by-law department comes up with a new or amended by-law, it raises my hackles. Some might remember the by-law passed a few years ago that made it an offence to disturb worms in Elgin Park (don't laugh, this does exist. Check for yourself.).

Top of the list of things that irk me about the proposed nuisance by-law is the prohibition against loitering. According to the definition of loitering contained in the by-law's preamble, I could be ticketed every time I left my apartment. That preamble describes loitering as "lingering on the way or travelling indolently with frequent pauses without any apparent destination." That defines my daily perambulations to a T. Since when was it necessary to have a pre-determined destination before being allowed to walk the streets of Uxbridge? And if we are not allowed to make "frequent pauses," why do we have benches set out along the streets? But more than that, who decides who is loitering? It is absolutely unenforceable. The proposed by-law says it is an offence not to move along when told to do so by an officer. Any officer who tries to tell me to move along when I'm enjoying my daily constitutional - with frequent rests - is going to receive an earful from me.

Then there is the ban on producing objectionable odours. I know some people who did not like the odours coming out of the *Savon Du Bois* shop - (now The Bridge Social) - when they were making their unique products. Others objected to the smell of onions cooking at The Passionate Cook. Still others protest against the smells that emanate from the Hela Spice facility. Should these locations be made to desist their operations just because someone doesn't like the smell? For my part, I love the smell of cooked onions. Am I to be denied that small pleasure because someone else objects? And, although we are talking about producing objectionable

odours, I refrain from mentioning a certain body function that is common among us old farts.

There would also be a ban on "nuisance parties." I could get no clear answer when I asked how people are supposed to know when their parties have become a nuisance.

Unreasonable noise is something else on the by-law's hit list. But when I asked whether the by-law department would be out on the street with a sound monitor to catch all those pick-up trucks and cars that roar around the downtown with deafening, modified engines and mufflers, I was told that people who wanted to complain about them should first obtain the vehicle's licence plate number and a determination of whether the vehicle had, in fact, been modified before making a complaint. Once again, practically unenforceable.

Oh, yes, you also wouldn't be allowed to "scream" or "yell." Now go out in the garden and tell the youngsters to keep the noise down while they are playing outside. And no obscene language is to be tolerated. I'm not proud of it, but my conversations often contain a few juicy expletives and there is no power on Earth that is going to tell me what I can say, where and when. And besides, once again it is unenforceable.

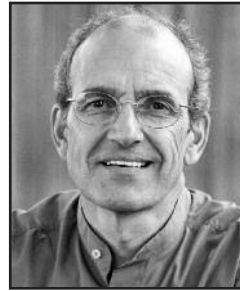
Now, one might say it is reasonable to ban fighting in public, but this by-law takes it even further. Under its provisions, you could be charged just for observing a fight.

There are a number of other prohibited behaviours, such as spitting or loud music, but just in case they have missed something, they have covered it off by banning "any other activity or conduct that is disorderly or obnoxious."

When are governments - of any stripe - going to learn that you cannot legislate behaviour? They might just as well pass a law saying everyone must always say "please" and "thank you." It would be just as futile.

Of course, should anyone run afoul of this by-law - (if it gets passed) - it will only be because the municipal enforcement department received a complaint from the public. In other words, it only works if everyone becomes a snitch. It seems to me that alone is reason enough to ditch this proposed by-law.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

What's missing this year

I picked up the phone this week and called a friend. We hadn't spoken since early in the pandemic. We've focused so much on the walls or masks between us and the rest of the world, that we've forgotten to reach out to close friends. So, I apologized for being so long out of touch. She asked how our family's doing. I asked about hers. There was a pause. "You know the toughest part of all this is?" she said. "No spontaneity. You can't do anything spur of the moment."

The fact was, that's partly why I'd called. If nothing else, the ease of calling, texting, emailing (and Zooming), during these lockdowns, has helped replace that lost "spontaneity" when you suddenly decide to catch up. She was absolutely right. She went on to explain that this time of year she really enjoys bringing special foods to friends, and inviting her grandchildren over for visits. She and her husband also enjoy a night or two out over the holidays - going to a movie, a restaurant, a Christmas parade - just on a whim. But not this year.

"Kind of takes the good cheer out of things," she said.

I had to agree. As I've written periodically these past months, some of the slowdown, some of the quiet time, some of the forced reclusiveness has been therapeutic. Over these many weeks, I've written about the renaissance in gardening, birding, enjoying your family bubble, doing more reading (and in my case writing). But we're also conditioned - especially during holidays such as New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas - to drop everything and right out of the blue to connect with those who are important to us. It's human.

It's interesting too, because doing things spur of the moment is also part of the charm of this time of year. Whether it's paying a surprise visit to a friend, dashing off to get that last-minute present, joining a group of carollers, or (for some of us) getting a call for an impromptu game of pick-up or shinny hockey, this time of year is made for things like that. Case in point - I don't normally get our tree until a few days before Christmas. I don't know why. The closer we get to Christmas generally means colder weather, more snow and the excitement of packing the kids in the car, grabbing a saw and some rope, leisurely driving out to a tree farm and making the tree hunt an outing.

"They're all closed, Dad," one daughter told

me last week.

"Closed? But it's still two weeks to Christmas," I protested.

"They've been overrun by a lot of people. They're sold out of trees."

So much for the joy of spontaneity. Now I was in panic mode. I didn't have time to pack up any kids. Just enough time for the saw, and a mad dash to some of my favourite tree farms. I got to my regular spot. "Closed for the season," the sign said. It was Dec. 9! Then, overland to another of my haunts for cutting my own. It too was boarded up. They tried to make me feel better about the bolted gates with a sign that read, "Happy holidays! See you next year." Happy? I was furious (at them and myself). Fortunately, I was third choice lucky. They were open. I just about kissed the young woman doing the tree sales. Wait! Can't do that! Keep your distance. See what I mean? No spontaneity.

Then, it happened again the other day. Remember when they announced that a couple more of the regions around the city would be locking down because of rising COVID numbers? It struck me that night. One of the places we like to shop for children's gifts happened to fall inside that zone. My reflex was the same as all those people lining up the next day at the malls in red zone trying to beat the clock. Quick. Get there and shop before the lockdown. Wrong! That's exactly what they *don't* want me to do. *That* kind of spontaneity in a lockdown is illegal and will exacerbate the problem.

I remember one Christmas that required more spontaneity than just about any other. It was 1982 or '83, I think. Remember those soft little dolls called Cabbage Patch Kids? You'd didn't just *buy* a Cabbage Patch doll, you adopted it ... if you could find one. Our daughters, you won't be surprised, just *had* to have them. Well, no store within 200 miles of where we lived had any. So, I spent days calling friends from coast to coast to search every possible outlet for an un-adopted Cabbage Patch Kid. We finally tracked two down, in Victoria. And there were two very happy kids, that Christmas.

Not to mention their spontaneous shopper dad.

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TOWN HALL
by Roger Varley
Notes from the December 14 Council Meeting

Thou shalt not . . .: A report to council from deputy clerk Josh Machesney and chief by-law officer Kristina Bergeron proposed a new nuisance bylaw be enacted to address "the nuisance-related issues currently facing the Township."

The report said the current nuisance by-law has not been updated since 1997 and does not deal with issues such as "nuisance parties; disturbing conduct; interference/damages to utilities, fixtures, and structures regularly kept or installed on road allowances; dust and smoke nuisances; swimming pool draining; nuisance lighting." Under the proposed new by-law, those activities will be prohibited.

But the proposed new by-law would also ban loitering,

screaming and yelling, and producing objectionable odours.

Mayor Dave Barton said there were some "significant gaps" in the existing legislation, but wondered whether some of the proposed prohibitions were a case of overreach.

"How do we enforce it?" he asked.

Bergeron said the by-law would be complaint driven and enforcement would be on a case-by-case basis. She said enforcing the by-law would be a matter of by-law department interpretation and discretion.

The proposed by-law will be brought before council on Jan. 11 to be passed or rejected.

New cannabis farm proposed: Two residents of the Leaskdale-Zephyr area pitched council on their proposed micro medical marijuana growing operation in a deputation.

Ann Byberg and David Strickland and their business

partner, Lazzo Hrusovsky, said they plan to build two 60-by-20-foot greenhouses on their 109-acre property just north of Leaskdale. They said the structures would cover only about one-third of an acre and would be completely out of sight of passing traffic.

Byberg said the greenhouses would be equipped with an odour containment system and a security system costing about \$40,000.

"We'd like to be an example of how to do this right," she said. "Working with this crop doesn't have to have negative effects."

She said the site meets all the criteria set by the township for grow operations. She also noted the greenhouses have to be built before they can apply to Health Canada for a licence to grow medical marijuana.

Council referred the deputation to staff for comment.

Councillors take different paths: In discussing a report by

deputy treasurer Tobi Lee, councillor Bruce Garrod found himself at odds with his fellow councillors on the future of trails in the urban area.

Lee's report said Uxbridge should apply for a \$60,000 grant from the province's Inclusive Community Grants program, with the grant money used to pave the pathways on Quaker Common. The report said the cost of the paving is estimated at \$132,000.

Garrod balked, however, saying the cost of paving the pathways could be much higher than the estimate, meaning it would cost the township more to do it. He said other trails in the urban area are in greater need of remedial work than Quaker Common and suggested the trail committee do an inventory of the urban trails and prioritize the work needed.

He lost his argument and council voted to seek the grant and pave Quaker Common.

COVID cancels annual Christmas Day Dinner

For the past several years, several churches have sponsored the Christmas Day Dinner, held on Christmas Day at noon. However, due to COVID-19 and the restrictions placed by public health officials, this year's dinner has been cancelled.

"We tried very hard to find a way to have the event, but it was not possible," said organizer Dave Phillips in an email. "We are sorry for this cancellation, but safety is the most important aspect of our time right now. From the Christmas Day Dinner team, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed healthy and safe 2021."

Last year, the Christmas Day Dinner hosted about 125 people, the largest turnout ever.

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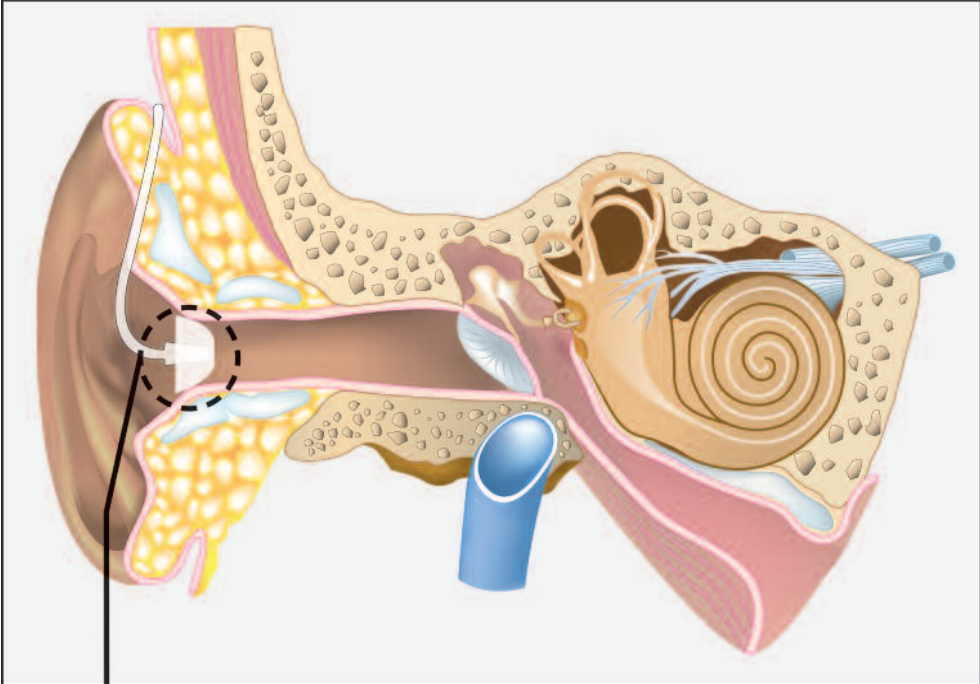
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Cookies and houses for Santa, food for those in need

by Roger Varley

Apparently, the residents of Campbell Drive decided Santa Claus needed some cookies - or at least some gingerbread houses.

As reported on the front page of last week's *Cosmos*, many residents on the street have placed large inflatable Santa Clauses in front of their homes and collected money for the Loaves and Fishes food bank in the process. On Saturday, 24 of the residents added gingerbread houses to the mix, displaying their mini works of art in the shelter of their garages. People were invited to take a stroll along the street and vote for the creation of their choice. Despite the inclement weather, there was a steady flow of gingerbread aficionados during the three-hour event.

Mary Brennan-Brown, who organized the inflatable Santas and the gingerbread art, said visitors were given maps showing which houses had creations on show. They were asked to donate a food item for the food bank in order to cast a vote for their favorite gingerbread house. Brown said just over 200 visitors did exactly that and the result was 735 pounds of donated food items and \$120 in cash. This was on top of the \$2,144 raised for the food bank by the inflatable Santa Claus display.



TOO PRETTY TO EAT: These creations were winners at last weekend's impromptu Gingerbread House competition on Campbell Dr. in Uxbridge. Top: from over 200 votes cast, Nick McAdam's rainbow confection won top prize. Left: 11-year-old Ella Letsche came in a close second with a COVID-19 Winter Wonderland.

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Seniors Centre given grant for Without Walls program

by Roger Varley

Pickering-Uxbridge MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy announced a new \$12,500 grant for Uxbridge's seniors' centre on Saturday.

The grant is similar in size to that awarded to the centre a year ago which led to the successful Communi-TEA program, which had to be curtailed early because of COVID-19.

The grant will go toward funding the Seniors Centre Without Walls program, which enables seniors to stay connected with their communities from the safety of their homes and maintain their physical, mental and social well-being during the COVID-19 self-isolation.

"This is the right thing to do," Bethlenfalvy said. "It's important to help our seniors."

The Without Wall program is designed to help seniors receive support, protect them from neglect, fraud and abuse and keep them engaged.

Councillor Bruce Garrod, council's representative on the Age Friendly Advisory Committee, said the grant will allow seniors to gather virtually to discuss topics on health, safety and social connections.

The grant is the latest benefit for the centre. Last week, new seniors club president Eric Nidd obtained a \$5,000 grant.

While the centre is closed due to the pandemic, a universal washroom will be installed and Garrod, who was on hand for Bethlenfalvy's announcement along with Mayor Dave Barton, said it is possible that a lounge area could also be installed, noting a lot of space is taken up at the centre by long, wide corridors.



MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy was in town Saturday to announce a \$12,500 grant that will fund a COVID-friendly seniors' program. From left: seniors club president Eric Nidd; David Richardson, chairman of the Age Friendly Committee; MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy; councillor Bruce Garrod; and Mayor Dave Barton.

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The Nature Nut

column by Nancy Melcher

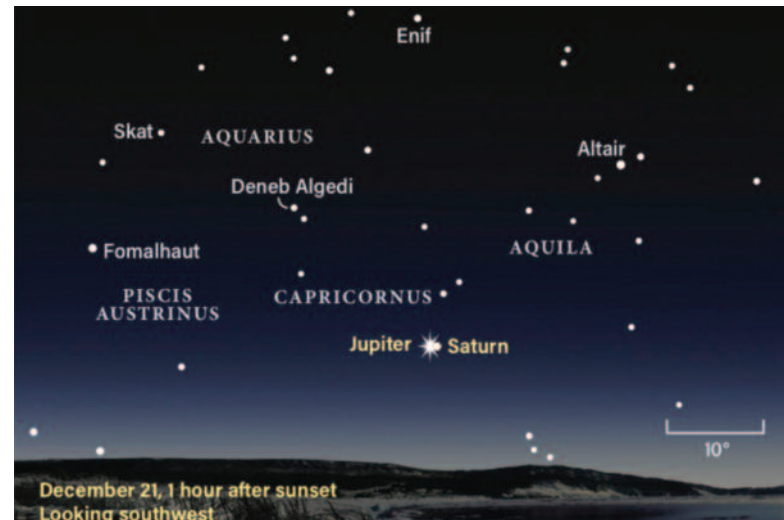
The 2020 Christmas 'Star'

or 'The Great COVID Conjunction'

I've said it before, but this week it's doubly important: "When the night sky is clear, LOOK UP!"

Right now, about an hour after sunset, a Christmas "star" shines brightly in the southwest, up and left of where the sun went down. This "star" is actually the two largest planets in our solar system, Jupiter and Saturn, and it looks

like they're about to collide. Hold your arm out straight and stick up your pointer finger. Both Jupiter and Saturn will be hidden by your fingertip –



they're THAT close!

No fears however – this is a bit of an optical illusion. Jupiter IS very near to Saturn, but they're still over 650 million kilometers apart so are in absolutely no danger of a crash. Every 20 years the orbits of Jupiter and Saturn bring these two giants close together, an event called a conjunction. However, it's Earth's location in space right now, in our own orbit around the sun, that makes them look as if they'll touch. Not since 1623 has this particular alignment of the planets happened. That's almost 400 years ago! Amazing! It will be another 397 years before they'll be this close together again, so it's truly a once-in-a-lifetime thing.

The night that they will appear the closest together is December 21, which is also the winter solstice. That's when we have the shortest day and longest night. However, for a week before and after they'll be very close, so if it's cloudy on the solstice look up on the next clear evening. On Dec. 16 and 17 the crescent moon will be close to the Christmas "Star." The moon reaches first quarter on the 21st, shining high in the sky.

If that's not enough to tempt you outside, another planet is visible. Mars, the second smallest planet, is on view in the east-

ern sky to the left and up from the moon on the 21st. Glowing a distinct red colour, we are seeing light reflected off its dusty surface. That Martian dust contains a lot of iron oxide, known here on Earth as rust.

Since you're already outside, check out some constellations as well. The seven bright stars of the Big Dipper look like a ladle balancing on its handle in the north sky. Join together the two outer stars of the ladle's bowl:

they point over to the right to Polaris, the North Star. Polaris is at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper, which curves down toward its bigger cousin. Overhead, the M or W of Cassiopeia shines brightly in the Milky

Way. Farther west is Cygnus, the Swan, also called the Northern Cross.

Some fun Solstice facts:

- Stonehenge is aligned to the sunrise on the winter solstice.
- Days start getting longer after the winter solstice.
- The sun is directly overhead at noon at the Tropic of Capricorn.
- This solstice marks the first day of the winter season.
- The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock on Dec. 21, 1620.
- Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium on Dec. 21, 1898.
- Apollo 8 launched on Dec. 21, 1968.

With so many interesting things to see in the evening sky, plan to bundle up and head outside. Find a safe place to look up that's away from streetlights, buildings and trees, with a good view to the western horizon. Binoculars can make the planets look bigger. How close together are Saturn and Jupiter? Can you make out any of Jupiter's four bright moons? How does the edge of the moon look? Enjoy this brilliant Christmas "Star"!

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“Money can’t buy you happiness!”

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This is a perfect time of year to think about happiness. We search for happiness in varied places that often does not yield any. We all remember as children, and in later years with our own families, how long the happiness lasted when that sought-after gift one could not live without had lost its appeal or was broken after only a few days or weeks. Then happiness had to be searched for again.

There were times as a child when those hand-knitted mittens, socks or scarves did not seem to bring the same happiness when the gift was opened. Yet on that very cold day when those items provided real warmth, the love expressed in that gift brought a more lasting happiness.

Researchers have found that pro-social spending was linked to improved levels of happiness. They also found that the amount of money spent on the needs of others was not a significant factor. Happiness comes from the act of spending to help the needs of others rather than needs of one’s self. The fact is, when you consider



the needs of others, your focus is directed away from yourself or your personal situation.

Further, research has been conducted across the globe in both poor and wealthy countries. In almost every country there is a positive correlation between giving and general


happiness.

We have all read stories of those who worked hard all their lives for a success that actually did not give them the happiness they had dreamed of. It is not the success that is the problem. It is the focus on self only rather than allowing room to give to the needs of others.


Scientific research has also concluded that giving not only makes us happier, it makes us healthier!

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- Across**

 - 1. Downed a sub, say
 - 4. Gown
 - 9. Biblically yours
 - 12. Allow
 - 13. Colonel's insignia
 - 14. Distress
 - 15. Head wreath
 - 16. Church singers
 - 18. In the character of
 - 20. Coin of Afghanistan
 - 21. Boring
 - 24. Hot casino destination in China
 - 28. Sandwich cookie
 - 29. Rap sheet letters
 - 32. James ___ in spy novels
 - 33. Set afire
 - 34. NCO part
 - 35. Jar top
 - 36. Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - 38. First-aid, for one
 - 39. Stew
 - 40. Strapped
 - 42. Same elements, different atom arrangements
 - 44. Granola ingredient
 - 46. Coffee holder
 - 47. Quesadilla side (2 words)
 - 52. Vex
 - 55. Dupes
 - 56. "___, I love you, won't you tell me your name" The Doors
 - 57. Take to court
 - 58. Time
 - 59. Small fry
 - 60. Sawbuck
- Down**

 - 1. It's ___ over
 - 2. Driving location
 - 3. Proper behavior
 - 4. Joltless joe
 - 5. Cheer
 - 6. Id's associate
 - 7. Berth place
 - 8. Antidote
 - 9. Deuce in poker
 - 10. Today in Espanol
 - 11. Right on!
 - 17. Divulge a secret
 - 19. Alien craft
 - 21. Wise one
 - 22. Old hat
 - 23. Sweater tug
 - 25. Newspaper writer
 - 26. Japanese movie style
 - 27. Milk dispenser
 - 30. Like a goldfish, like a carp
 - 31. Dead against
 - 37. Polecat's defense
 - 39. Supporting
 - 41. Marina sight
 - 43. Japanese wrestlers
 - 45. Three spot card
 - 47. Cow or sow
 - 48. Rowboat need
 - 49. Free market economy country
 - 50. Antlered animal
 - 51. Brewed drink
 - 53. French avenue
 - 54. He's a real doll

CORRECTION

On Dec. 3, the *Uxbridge Cosmos* published a story entitled “Uxbridge resident appointed to Order of Canada.” In the article, the recipient of the award, Gordon Hicks, was reported to work at Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions. Hicks works at BGIS, which is no longer a part of Brookfield. The *Cosmos* apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



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Tough talking budget, from page 1

less on road maintenance than budgeted for in 2020. He also saved \$75,000 by taking a grader out of service and selling it.

Garrod then addressed "the elephant in the room:" the Brock Street culvert.

"There's lots of work to be done and lots of negotiations ahead," he said.

But that was as far as it went, with treasurer Donna Condon tasked with bringing in a report on the project in January.

Brian Pigozzo, head of development services, had a tough time on Tuesday when he presented his budget showing an increase of 38.3-per-cent in expenses. His revenue in 2020 was well down because of reduced demand for building permits, especially

in the industrial/commercial sector. Pigozzo noted that industrial park land is limited and the only way he could increase revenues would be to increase permit fees. He also suggested the shortfall could be covered with reserves.

Mayor Dave Barton suggested Pigozzo come back with a budget "that is more revenue neutral."

By-law also saw reduced revenues because of COVID-19. Chief by-law officer Kristina Bergeron said parking fines were down because of COVID-19 and the culvert, stating her department eased off on issuing tickets while Brock Street was closed for construction.

Garrod was not ready to estimate or guess how large a tax increase will result at the end of the budget process. Another budget discussion was slated for today (Thursday) with others scheduled to be held in January.

Yes, Virginia, from page 4

In 1937, Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas did an interview with a New York radio station, and was asked about how her letter and its response shaped the rest of her life. We listened to a recording of this interview, and Douglas sounded as an adult much like her 8-year old self likely did. One can hear wonder and love in her voice. Virginia O'Hanlon grew up to be an educator. She was a teacher, she got her masters, her doctorate, even, and she finished her career as a vice-principal. It would have been easy for her, after seeing and

working with so many children, to become cynical or jaded. But when asked if the children at her school were taught to believe in Santa Claus, her response was "Oh yes, we try to."

She said that, when she first read her letter and the response in the paper in 1897, she "took it literally, found it overwhelmingly convincing." She then explained to the interviewer that she had had "much reason to continue to believe in Santa Claus" throughout her life. Douglas passed away in 1971.

Could "Yes, Virginia" be written today? We want to say yes, but

whether anyone would notice it, we sadly doubt it. Unless someone put it on Instagram. We could use Mr. Church and his splendid, passionate editorial in the 21st century. And, here at the end of 2020, we would do well to remind ourselves of the hope and wonder that can still exist, even when the state of human affairs is at its most dire.

We at the *Cosmos* invite you all to believe in Santa Claus and all he represents this unusual Christmastime, and for many more to come.



RIBBON CUTTING IN AISLE 1: Staff and dignitaries from all levels of government were on hand last Friday morning to cut the ribbon at Zehrs Uxbridge's grand reopening. The store underwent almost four months of renovation to upgrade infrastructure, fixtures, redesign the floor plan and update the 'look' of the area's largest grocery store. Photo by John Cavers

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durham.ca/novelcoronavirus**North Durham hospice opening doors early in new year**

by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

North Durham is closer than ever to having a its own hospice residence. The new Oak Ridges Hospice, located in Port Perry, is scheduled to complete construction by the end of this month, and expects to be ready to offer palliative individuals and their loved ones in early 2021.

Named "Morgan & Sidhu House" in recognition of legacy donors,

The hospice will provide care through specially trained palliative caregivers who will focus on maintaining residents' comfort, dignity, and quality of life.

In fall of this year, the hospice reached its construction fundraising goal of \$8.6 million, which allowed completion of the building. It has now begun an "Opening our Doors for Compassionate Care" campaign to raise another \$500,000 for furniture and equipment.



An artistic rendering of the Oak Ridges Hospice, North Durham's first palliative care hospice.

Kevin Morgan and Dave Sidhu, the hospice reports that it will have a warm and home-like feel to be a comfortable place for end-of-life care.

The 12,500 sq. ft. building will include ten private bedrooms equipped with en suite washroom, electric bed, and home-like furnishings and decor. There will be space to accommodate family and friends to visit or stay overnight.

An anonymous local donor has reportedly pledged to match dollar for dollar every donation made up to a total of \$175,000.

Oak Ridges Hospice is the first in a network of hospices in the Durham Region, which will include others in Whitby and Clarington. To make a donation, visit oakridgeshospice.com/donate

COMING UP**THIS WEEKEND**

Fri., Dec. 18: Online Piano Recital with Annika Fabbi. A livestream recital sponsored by the Ottawa Pops Orchestra. 7 p.m. [ottawapopsorchestra.ca/program-](http://ottawapopsorchestra.ca/program-ming/gladstone-waldeinsamkeit/)

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UPCOMING

Sun., Dec. 27: Uxbridge Christ-

New all-way stop to affect how Uxbridge heads north

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

A brand new all-way stop at the intersection of River St. and Church St. in Sunderland is certain to surprise travellers heading north.

The new all-way stop was installed on Tuesday, Dec. 15, in support of Durham Vision Zero, a long-term plan to ensure the safest possible transportation system that sees no lives lost or serious injuries on Durham's roadways. As with all other four-way stops, this new stop requires drivers in all directions to stop their vehicle completely before entering the intersection, yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalk and any traffic in or approaching the intersection. This will improve pedestrian safety by providing a controlled intersection for pedestrians to safely cross.

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North Durham United FC funding helps club move into future

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

The North Durham United Football Club (NDUFC) is getting some much-needed help from Jumpstart. The club recently announced that will receive a grant from the Sport Relief Fund, a Jumpstart initiative aimed at providing funding to help sport and recreation organizations continue to deliver programming during the pandemic. Jumpstart launched in \$8 million initiative in September.

The North Durham United Football Club was one of 668 sport and recreation organizations from across Canada to receive grant funding from Jumpstart.

North Durham United FC says it's suffering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, feeling a financial burden created by lost revenue and increased program costs. "I'd like to say thank you to Cana-

dian Tire Jumpstart, which has provided so much support and allowed us to keep youth soccer going in our community throughout this pandemic," said Grant Oliver, NDUFC president. "It's been a difficult and challenging time for all of us as volunteer leaders to try and steer the soccer club through uncharted waters and do the work to ensure that community soccer is here when the COVID-19 pandemic is over - and most of all for right now, when the physical and social wellness of our children is so important."

The club plans to use the funds to reset the recently amalgamated soccer club's organizational model, adjust to issues created by the pandemic, and to adapt programming to a post-COVID-19 environment. To learn more about NDUFC, visit northdurhamunited.com



Downtown building's facelift wins award for accessibility

by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Recent renovations to a busy downtown Uxbridge building have earned a regional Champion of Accessibility Award.

Durham Region's Accessibility Advisory Committee recently presented the honour to 29 Toronto St., home to Pharmasave, the Toronto Street Medical Centre, Uxbridge Physiotherapy and several other businesses. The building has had a major facelift of late, adding many features that not only update the building, but make it more accessible, hence the award.

Brandon Bird, CEO of Bernard Cole Corporation, bought the building last year. Bird, who was born and raised in Uxbridge, says he was excited when the opportunity to own property in his home town came up. "29 Toronto St. fit all the criteria I had, but needed a lot of tender, love and care to restore it to its original glory," explains Bird. "We are currently undergoing a significant revitalization of the property, both inside and out which gave us several opportunities to improve access around the property."

Bird was given the Champion of Accessibility award after renovating his building beyond legislation set

out by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, including replacing pathways, improving signage and widening doorways.

According to the official announcement from the Region, award recipients are businesses or services that have made an effort to identify, remove and prevent barriers for individuals living with a disability.

Bird says he's pleased with the award, but is looking forward to further improvements on the building. "We still have many more projects to go to get the property up to our standards. Over the next four months tenants and residents will continue to see improvements inside and out!"

REEVE, Donna Christine

Peacefully at home on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Born in 1959 and raised in Uxbridge, Donna became a real estate law clerk and was highly regarded by her firm, clients and peers.



Donna Reeve is survived by her partner Jim Reive, sister Barbara Cowan, niece Jennifer Cowan, nephew Trevor Cowan, step-brother Michael Lanigan and step-sister Sue Chrzan. She will be missed by her father-in-law, Jim Reive Sr., and her many friends. Predeceased by her father Arthur Reeve, brother Terry Reeve, brother Gerald (Red) Reeve, step-father Ederic Lanigan, brother-in-law Ross Cowan, and mother Muriel Lanigan.

Donna loved gardening, cooking, reading, her home and cottage, and her dogs and cats. She loved running and ran a number of distance races, including the New York City marathons in 2014 and 2018. She was a member of local book clubs and the horticultural society.

Many thanks to Dr. Jennifer Wilson, staff at Stronach Cancer Centre and visiting nurses for their compassion and care and to friends and neighbours for their ongoing support. A celebration of Donna's life will be held in 2021. 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). Donations in memory of Donna to the Stronach Cancer Centre at Southlake Hospital or to the Scott Mission would be appreciated by the family. For online condolences, please visit www.lowandlow.ca

Toy numbers down but spirit as strong as ever

by Roger Varley

Donations were down a little from last year, but Pat Higgins, owner of Uxbridge's Canadian Tire, said his store's annual Christmas toy drive this year was still a success.

Higgins said the toy drive garnered enough donations to fill the needs of the Salvation Army and other organizations which rely on the drive to help get Christmas gifts to needy children and youth.

He said teenagers "who are sometimes forgotten" were also looked after.

"This is a great community with great support," he said.

Because Canadian Tire acts as a distributor to other agencies, Higgins said it was hard to say whether there were more families in need this year, "but we were happy we could fill all the requests."

He said the organizations that distribute the toys have little time left

to get the job done, but added that the store will still be accepting donations over the weekend. He added that any donations that come in too late for this Christmas can still be added to the collection for next year, noting the store works all year round with charities like the Jennifer Ashleigh Foundations and Durham Region Police Service to help children.

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Private arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). If desired, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca



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