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Big dreams lead to small screen for Uxbridge actor

by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

If you've been watching television lately and think that you've seen a familiar face, you likely have. Uxbridge's Luke Kimball has garnered a recurring role on the CBC's hit comedy *Workin' Moms*.

Now in its fifth season, *Workin' Moms* follows Kate Foster (Catherine Reitman) as she navigates her career while being a mom.

"It is truly one of the funniest and most well-crafted shows I've watched," says Kimball. "The context for my character is that the Carlson family has made a big move and the oldest daughter, Alice, starts at a new school. I play Bennett Brewer, one of the first people Alice meets; we get to know each other as the season goes on."

Workin' Moms is Kimball's debut on a professional set and, while it was often nerve wracking, the team made it "an absolute dream." He

says it also helped that his character was so much fun to play.



Uxbridge native Luke Kimball has a recurring role on the CBC hit comedy *Workin' Moms*.

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"The atmosphere of the place really was something special. It made the process so fulfilling for me and I learned a ton from my generous colleagues who always made time to 'show me the ropes'."

Kimball says that landing the role on *Workin' Moms* was a bit of silver lining on a year that was challenging for him. Just two days before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down most of the province, and indeed the country, Mirvish Productions announced that the Ryerson Theatre School student, who hadn't even finished fourth year yet, had been cast as Albus Potter, one of the leads in its production of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*. The pandemic meant that the production had to be put on hold until gathering in theatres is deemed safe again.

For other young acting enthusiasts, Kimball encourages them to "not to be ashamed of being a little 'extra' and to always find ways to grow your passion."

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Monday, March 1

10:00 a.m. COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 p.m. CLIMATE TRANSITION AND
ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

Monday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
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Monday, March 15, 10:00 am

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 pm

BIA BOARD MEETING

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Any questions regarding this Board may be directed to the undersigned.

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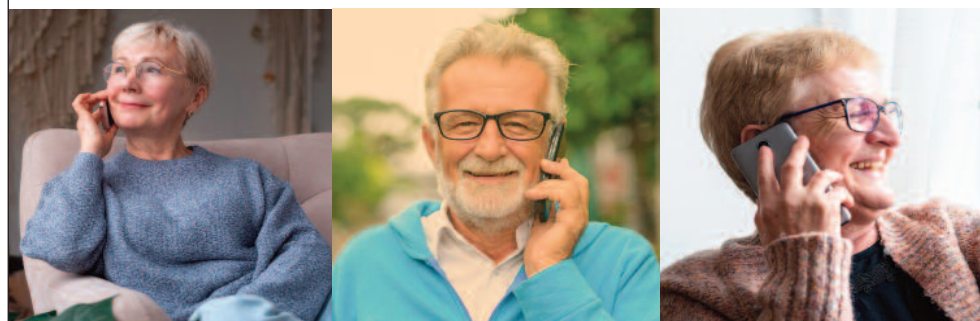
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COVID variants cause for concern

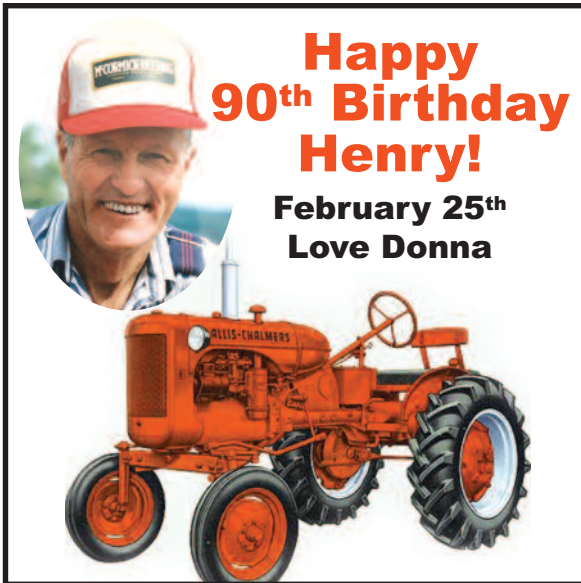
by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After two weeks in the Red Zone, Uxbridge currently has only one active COVID-19 case. And while the Durham Region is still reporting 10 regional institutional outbreaks, the outbreak at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital was declared over on Feb. 10.

While the total number of cases has been going down, the number of variant cases has been going up. Currently, 20 per cent of positive cases in the Region are variants of concern (VOC), specifically the B117, or UK variant.

"Lifting restrictions without concurrently having vaccinations in place is going to ramp up cases again," says Dr. Carlye Jensen, of the Uxbridge Health Centre.

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Our two cents

Make it worth paying for

It appears that the idea of installing some sort of paid parking at a few of the trail heads around Uxbridge has hit a nerve with many residents. We first reported this story on Jan. 21, and over a month later, it's still being talked about, both here in the paper and in various online forums. We're so glad that this conversation is happening, glad that residents are paying attention and chiming in. And during these discussions, lots more has come out. Apparently residents won't have to pay for the parking - they might receive two passes a year with their tax bills, or something similar. Apparently it wouldn't be at all of the trail heads, just some within a certain geographic area that is far enough away from town that it will encourage people who are outside of the shopping district to come *in* to town. Some residents appear to like the parking app idea, while others (we would hasten to say a larger number) are against the concept.

We're of two minds on this one. On one hand, the trails have long needed a revenue source to keep them in the style to which they've become accustomed, few can argue that. But paying for parking in a small, rural wilderness setting seems fraught with dissonance.

We *are* of the opinion, however, that, in this instance, the cart is being put before the horse. Draw people to Uxbridge, of course, but let's try fixing it up a little, first. Make it a place really worth putting on the app (see what we did, there?). Individual businesses may be stunning, but over all ... meh.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee really has its work cut out for it. It not only has to make the historic business core appealing to potential businesses (read: LOTS of empty spaces down there right now), it has to make it appealing to residents, so that they do indeed "live, work and play" here. Now they have to make it super appealing so that people who have come from hither and yon are enticed enough by a tiny ad on their phone to come in and "empty their wallets." Because let's face it, the township can spend all the money in the world on a grant and an app and on getting advertisers for that app, but what's the point if, once they get here, visitors decide that Uxbridge isn't exactly as advertised?

The culvert needs to be packed up, the parking lot opened up, the Coffee Time opened up, and the whole bottom of Brock St. W. spruced up before anyone can think about trying to draw tourists in to town, regardless of whether they pay for parking at the trail heads or anywhere else.



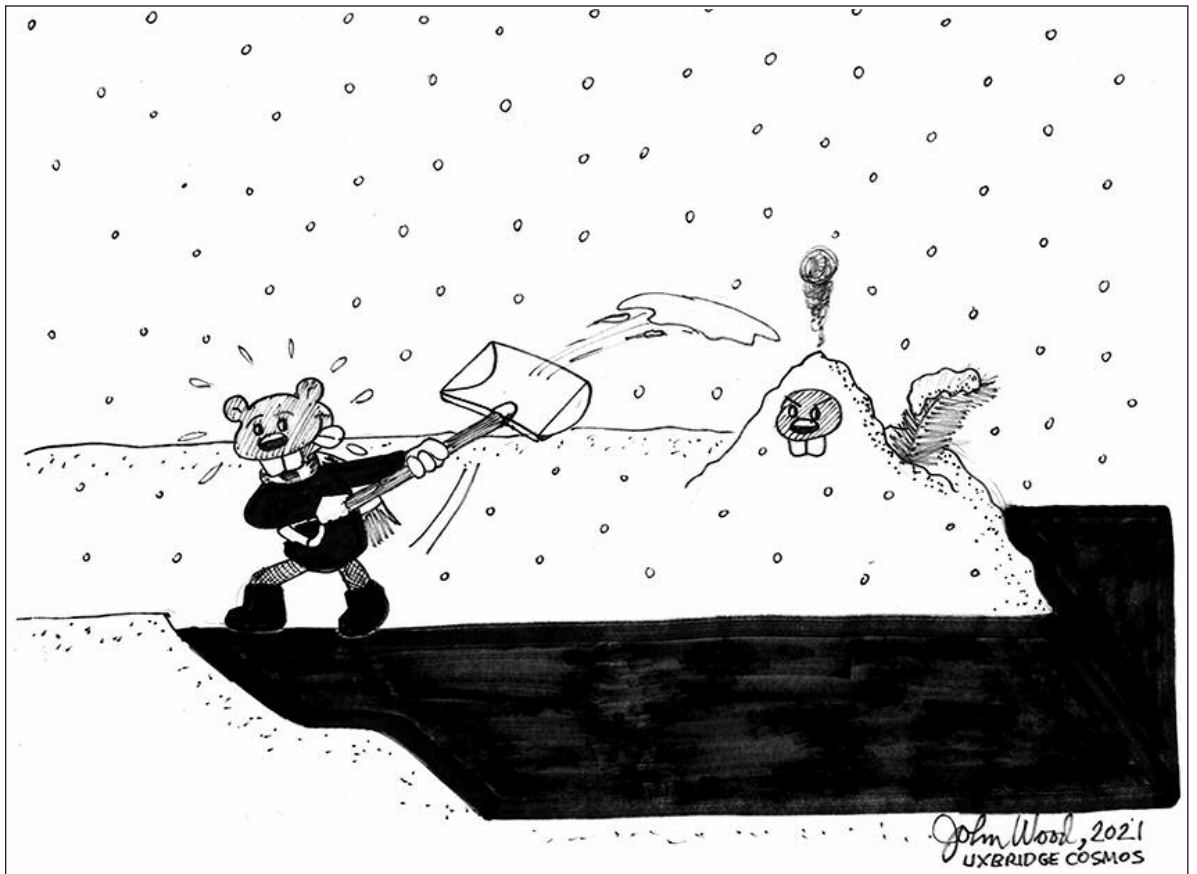
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Letters to the Editor

Re: "Paid parking being considered for trails", Jan. 21 edition

In 1921, Frederick R. Barnard was

Dear Uxbridge,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate my birthday.

A special thanks to the MacDonalds and the Honour Our Veterans Banner Committee.

Norm Goodspeed

credited with the phrase "a picture is worth a thousand words." In the Feb. 11, 2021, issue of the *Cosmos*, John Wood's cartoon depicted his furry friends stopping at an ATM machine to pay a fee to park before they may use the trails. Great job, John!

I hope that other readers will get your message. This would be a blight on an otherwise natural setting.

In the same issue of the *Cosmos*, another 'John', John Tomlinson, wrote a "Letter to the Editor" with a scathing comment about the plan for paid parking at the trails. He

stated, "A money-grubbing parking charge for the trails is mean-spirited, lacks foresight, and smacks of big city gouging." Thank you, John. On the issue of "emptying wallets," this remark was rude and offensive to me. In today's world, there is very little that comes freely to us. The idea of asking walkers, joggers, and other enthusiasts to pay a fee for parking at the trails is misuse of their "free"-dom to enjoy nature in all its seasons, to exercise, and to recharge internal and mental batteries.

*Linda Shanks
Uxbridge*

Big dreams, from page 1

"If you have the desire to pursue and consume this art, then keep nurturing that! Watch shows, movies, and plays with a really keen eye and a hunger to learn more. Introduce yourself to people, ask to buy them a coffee in exchange for a chance to really pick their brain."

Seasons one to four of *Workin' Moms* are on Netflix and CBC Gem, and the new fifth season can be watched (and re-watched) on CBC Gem.

To keep up with Luke Kimball and his journey as an actor you can find him on Instagram at [@lukekimbball](https://www.instagram.com/lukekimbball) or on his website, www.lukekimball.com

CORRECTION

Last week the *Cosmos* said in a story on Durham Catholic District School Board Trustee Rich Damianopoulos that he and wife Pam have seven children. There are, in fact, five Damianopoulos children; they are a seven-person family.

The *Cosmos* apologizes for the error.

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Here we go again

There was a public planning meeting held Monday night to discuss an application for a zoning by-law amendment to allow (wait for it) a cannabis growing operation. As could be expected, all the old bugaboos were raised in the ensuing discussion. What about security? What about the smell? What about property values? And so on.

It has been more than a couple of years since cannabis, marijuana, weed (choose your word) was legalized, first medical marijuana and then recreational. And despite all the naysayers, there has not been a sudden rise in criminality associated with that legalization, except for those who choose to grow the crop illegally without following federal and provincial rules and regulations. We haven't seen gangs of Reefer Madness-type teenagers roaming through town bothering people. In fact, I haven't even caught so much as a whiff of the sweet-smelling smoke on my regular strolls around the downtown area.

The fact that cannabis was deemed illegal for years - (without any reasonable or plausible explanation, I might add) - has many people opposed to cannabis without actually knowing why. I guess it's a case of "someone somewhere said it is bad so it must be bad."

The proponents of the current application plan to use an old industrial building near Sandford, a building that for many years was used in the manufacture of trailers. It sits on 2.2 hectares. They say the cinder-block-and-steel windowless building is plenty secure for the operation, given that it will likely have to be enhanced with other security provisions such as fencing and surveillance cameras. The reason they need a zoning by-law amendment is that the township's current by-law covering cannabis growing facilities requires that the building be located in the middle of 100 acres.

That particular by-law was passed when legalization was new and municipalities found themselves dealing with an issue they had never faced before. So, at least in Uxbridge's case, they opted for extreme measures. But if you stop to think about it, that 100-acre rule takes 100 acres of prime agricultural land out of productive farming just so a building can sit in the middle of it. Lord knows, we're losing agricultural land in southern Ontario at

a fast enough pace already.

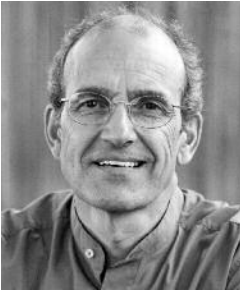
People living in the area have complained, and will continue to complain, about the odours that may come from the facility, despite the applicant's explanation that any air being ventilated from the building will pass through a filtration system to eradicate most of the smell. Is it possible there might be some smell associated with the operation? Quite possibly, yes. But this is a rural area, where farm smells abound. We've all heard the stories about newcomers arriving in Uxbridge and then complaining about manure being spread on fields. Have any of you ever driven past the cabbage fields in the southwest corner of the township? The smell can be overwhelming. Have you ever been on a mushroom farm when the hands are turning over the huge piles of horse manure that is used in the mushroom beds? It's the country, for Pete's sake. We have natural smells, unlike the city where the only thing you can smell is diesel and exhaust fumes. (And really, would it be that bad...?)

Of course, opposition to this type of operation is understandable given some of the statements and comments coming out of the township offices. A recent report to council talked about the possibility of undertaking "proactive enforcement of municipal parks" where cannabis is not allowed, saying that officer presence would "assist in the deterrence of mischievous activities, behaviours and/or by-law violations often associated with cannabis use," even though there is no evidence of such taking place!

There has also been talk about monitoring the new cannabis shop in town to see if there are any problems, although there have been no reports from anywhere in the province, to the best of my knowledge, about marijuana stores causing problems. In fact, all the cannabis shops I have visited in the past couple of years have been excellent examples of how businesses should be run.

It took many years for governments to see the light and remove the criminal stigma attached to cannabis. In fact, it was the prohibition of cannabis that led to the criminality. Somehow, I think it's going to take many more years for people to lose their often-ill-informed prejudices against it.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

In search of a new GG

As we filed down the loading ramp toward the flight, there was one face in the group of passengers around me that looked familiar. Was he a TV host? Maybe a sports personality? Possibly a politician? As passengers began stowing their bags overhead, I realized he wasn't any of those. Then, it hit me as I sat down beside him.

"You're John Ralston Saul, aren't you?" I said. He nodded, smiled and said, "Or, as some call me, Mr. Adrienne Clarkson."

It was early in the 2000s when I shared a flight with the husband of then Governor General Adrienne Clarkson. I reminded him that we had met once previously in 1977, when the two of us crisscrossed the Prairies on similar flights, each promoting his first book. Of course, Saul went on to become an internationally celebrated essayist and novelist and active supporter of freedom of expression. He received countless literary awards, 21 honorary degrees and became Companion of the Order of Canada. But his comment about Adrienne Clarkson was top of mind that day. And I was curious. "What's an average day in the life of the Governor General like?"

He told me right away that the office of the Governor General was the oldest continuous institution in Canada, going back to the times of New France in 1627, when Samuel de Champlain was the first of 18 French governors, then after 1867 all were British, until 1952 when Vincent Massey became the first Canadian appointed. With the history preliminaries over, Saul explained that Adrienne (I guess like all Governors General) did mountains of reading – reading of letters for Canadian diplomats, petitions for coats of arms, and managing the Canadian honours system.

"But where had her interest in the military come from?" I asked.

Saul reminded me that moving into her new role in 1999, Gov. Gen. Clarkson had immersed herself in the project to repatriate Canada's Unknown Soldier from France. In the spring of 2000, she'd prepared a eulogy. I remembered it. And when I later dug it out of my research, I realized its humility and grace.

"We do not know whether he had begun truly to live his life as a truck driver or a scientist, a miner or a teacher, a farmer or a student," she said.

"Did he have brown eyes? Did he know what it was to love someone?"

"This unknown soldier was not able to live out his allotted span of life to contribute to his country. But in giving himself totally through duty, commitment, love and honour, he has become part of us forever."

But aside from the symbolic things, such as the connection to the Unknown Soldier and re-connecting with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (she later was appointed colonel-in-chief), I wondered about the nitty-gritty stuff in Parliament. How important was all of that?

Here was where all that symbolism dissolved into real power – giving Royal Assent to bills, thus making them law, setting out a government's program by reading the Speech from the Throne – and the really interesting one – the power to summon, prorogue and/or dissolve Parliament. And indeed, in 2004, when then prime minister Paul Martin was in danger of losing confidence in the House of Commons, would she then need to turn to the leader of the Opposition, Stephen Harper, to form a government?

Reading Susan Delacourt's piece in the *Star* this week about Gov. Gen. Clarkson consulting her and her colleague Jim Travers, showed another important skill for the vice-regal Canadian – the ability to consult and listen. "Clarkson had lots of questions about articles we'd written," Delacourt wrote. As it turned out, the crisis passed without Clarkson's involvement.

"Why had Indigenous issues become so important to her?" I asked John Ralston Saul.

He explained that she made more trips into Northern Canada than any other Governor General. And she took a lot of flak for those trips. Partly because of her own sense of heritage – coming to Canada with her family in 1941 as a refugee from Japanese-occupied Hong Kong – I guess Clarkson recognized the importance of being a visible minority and being the Queen's representative for all Canada's people.

Now this may all look like nothing more than a pro-Clarkson, pro-monarchy rant. I know that Canada's 26th Governor General didn't rub everybody the right way. And that's fine, if that's your view of her tenure. You may also believe – especially in the wake of the resignation of Julie Payette – that we should just toss out the whole vice-regal office completely. I don't believe that.

All I'm suggesting is that as long as we remain a Parliamentary democracy in the Commonwealth, let's ensure that the next candidate has some of Adrienne Clarkson's traits – grace, oratory, consultation skills, connection to popular traditions and some humility.

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Sandford area, council, size up proposed cannabis growing facility

by Roger Varley

At a public planning meeting on Monday, council heard a proposal to

establish a cannabis growing facility just east of Sandford.

Peter Ferrante of Ferrante and Associates was seeking a zoning by-law

amendment to allow the cultivation of cannabis in an industrial building located at the corner of Sandford Rd. and Conc. 5. Ferrante and his team said the operation would be entirely enclosed inside the 2,800-square-metre building, which is a windowless, cinder-block structure located on approximately five acres.

The current township by-law governing grow operations requires buildings to be a maximum of 743 square metres, located on a minimum of 100 acres in a rural area, with frontage on a regional road. The building in question fronts onto Conc. 5.

One of the major concerns ex-

pressed by members of council and residents taking part in the virtual meeting was odour coming from the operation. The Ferrante team said most odours would be controlled by use of ventilation using a filter system, noting again that the entire operation would be contained within the cinder-block building. Sadie Bachynski, a member of the application team, said she has talked with major cannabis producers in Canada to discuss their odour-control systems.

Wes Crown, another member of Ferrante's team, said the facility would be a hydroponic operation and any water used would go through a treatment system and septic system to trap any fertilizer used.

"There won't be any water free-flowing from the building," he said, adding there would be no impact on the aquifer or neighbouring wells..

Ferrante said he had delivered letters to neighbouring homes to inform them of his plan, but did not receive any responses.

"This is no underground, back-door operation," he said, noting the company would have to comply with stringent federal and provincial regulations. Crown opined that it is illegal operations that are causing concerns for Ontario municipalities.

Regional councillor Gord Highet, chair of the planning committee, pointed out that the zoning by-law amendment application is site specific.

"It doesn't open the door to a flood of other applications," he said.

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**AUGUSTINE, V.
Maxine (née Parish)**

December 4, 1925 -
February 19, 2021

Peacefully, with her beloved husband, Jerry, by her side at home on Friday, February 19, 2021. Predeceased by her parents, Marwood and Velma Parish, and her siblings. Survived by Brian (Lisa) Augustine and their children. Lovingly remembered by her cousin Eulah Shier and many friends.

Private funeral 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 lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Maxine may be made to Trinity United Church, Uxbridge (please include Maxine's name on the memo line of your cheque) or a charity important to you.

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Trevor Keith Bishop

December 8, 1934 - February 22, 2021

Born the only child to Elsie and Cyril Bishop in Redbridge, England.

Trevor apprenticed under his father as a Model and Pattern Maker for the British Railway.

On December 31, 1955, he married his lifelong sweetheart, Margaret Evelyn Lewis. They raised 3 children - Ian, and twins Carol and Lynn.

In 1967, the family emigrated to Canada and they settled in the community of Bay Ridges (Pickering) in 1968. Here they were actively involved in the community as founding members of the Bay Ridges Soccer Association and the East Shore Community Association.

Trevor started his own business, Vari-Crafts, as a Model and Pattern Maker for the aerospace and auto-making industry. He built full size, articulated models for Dowty and the Challenger Jet. His full-size model of the landing gear was on display to rave reviews at the Paris Air Show for its precision and impression that it was a metal landing gear, although it was completely made from wood.

Trevor and Margaret moved to Uxbridge in 1985 and built their home on a park-like setting on Wagg Road. Trevor enjoyed working on their extensive vegetable and flower gardens, as well as their ponds and walking paths. Trevor's fine

craftmanship was seen throughout their property both inside and outside the house.

Trevor was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2012, and in 2017 he became a part of the Reachview Village LTC family. Our deepest thank you to all the staff at Reachview Village LTC - their care and compassion was exemplary.

Trevor leaves behind his beloved wife Margaret, and children Ian (Jacquie Lockhart), Carol (Denis Langlois) and Lynn (Tom Loach). He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Tim Bishop (Linsey Ferguson), Owen Langlois, Ben Langlois, Nichola Bendle (Mikhail Clarkson), Scott Bendle (Emily Gabriele) and Laura Loach (Jeremy Corne), and great-grandson Hunter Bishop.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073).

Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca



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COVID variants a concern, from page 3

The testing volume at the North Durham COVID Assessment Centre in Prince Albert is currently quite low; estimated at about 150 swabs per day. Jensen anticipates that test-

ing demand will increase in about two weeks as the B117 strain takes over as the dominant variant.

"And B117 seems to care less about lockdown measures," she says.

The province is now entering the second priority group of the first phase of vaccine roll out, which in-

cludes adults 80 years of age and older, staff, residents and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors, high priority level health care workers, all Indigenous adults and adult recipients of chronic home care.

Durham Region reports that it has partnered with all local municipalities to run community-based vaccination clinics. A team of Uxbridge

and area healthcare professionals say that plans for a community vaccination site are well underway. The vaccination centre will be at the Uxbridge arena.

"This is the way we get back to normal. We in Uxbridge are doing all we can to get our community vaccinated just as quickly as everyone else," says Mayor Dave Barton.

International Plowing Match still planned for Fall

The Ontario Plowmen's Association recently announced that it is moving ahead with plans for the 20/21 International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo. While continuing to honour and respect the health situation and health regulations caused by COVID-19, organizers say they are simultaneously planning both the traditional IPM and a re-envisioned IPM.

The IPM will be hosted on the Lindsay Fairgrounds and neighbouring farms from Oct. 13 to Oct. 16.

The traditional IPM features such as the BMO Plowing Competition, the Hydro One Education and the Queen of the Furrow Competition will still occur, but "may look a little different this year."

Alternate designs for both the Tented City and the RV Park are being developed.

"The revised designs will protect our exhibitors, volunteers and visitors with additional health protocols," said Cathy Lasby, executive director for the OPM in the announcement.

Visitors and volunteers are urged to check additional plans and progress at www.plowingmatch.org

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