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THE TASTE OF GOLD - Maple sap is running full tilt at the moment, and Pepperlaw Creek Farms is 'tapping into' this 'golden opportunity.' Brothers Ben, John and Gene Tomory (fourth brother Tony not pictured) use state-of-the-art equipment that is set up in an old barn to refine a very Canadian tradition. Pepperlaw Creek Farms, located at 12300 Conc. 6, is open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. every day in April. There is no admission fee, no reservation is needed, and COVID protocols are in place. *Photo by Justyne Edgell*

Uxbridge Earth Kids here to tidy up the town

by Justyne Edgell,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As the snow began to melt earlier this month, Uxbridge's 8-year-old Nora Zon was shocked by the amount of trash that began resurfacing around the town. With the help of a few of her friends, Nora began brainstorming some way she could help clean up our planet.

"She was telling us about it and it spawned the idea to start a "club" where the kids of Uxbridge could help tidy up the town," said Nora's dad, Ethan Zon.

In less than two weeks, Uxbridge Earth Kids

has gained over 200 followers online and garnered lots of admiration and attention from local businesses.

To encourage participation in the town clean up, Uxbridge Earth Kids will be holding two competitions, beginning today (April 1) and running until Earth Day (April 22).

First up is a community clean-up contest. "Basically, kids are encouraged to help clean up their neighbourhood for a chance to win some awesome prizes from our partners," says Zon. "We even have kits with trash bags, gloves, sanitizers and a few goodies that will be available for pickup at The Bridge Social."

The second contest allows children to show their artistic talents. A poster-making contest invites kids to create an image that explains what the Earth means to them. The works will be grouped by age, and there will be prizes available as well.

"The community support has been pouring in," says Zon. "At this point, I think we need to start thinking up some challenges that go beyond our April and Earth Day contests!"

To follow along with the Uxbridge Earth Kids initiative, and to find out how you can join in, find them on Facebook and Instagram at @uxbridgeearthkids.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for April 2021

Monday, April 5
NO MEETING – EASTER MONDAY

Monday, April 12
NO MEETING – REVISED MARCH
BREAK
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

Monday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.
COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
BIA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday April 21
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE
3:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Weight Restriction Season

Reduced load regulations will be in force on all roads under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge effective March 1 to approximately May 1, 2021.

Vehicle loads must not exceed the allowable limit of five (5) tonnes per axle.

Horseshoes at the Museum

Register now for horseshoe games at the Museum - starting Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - and running every Tuesday throughout the summer!

Call Bob Kirvan at 905-852-9176 to register.

Uxpool Now Open!

Activenet online registration now open for AquaFit and lane swims.



Attention All Pet Owners!

Please help keep our Community clean by picking up after your dogs, and keeping them leashed at all times other than when visiting the off-leash dog park. Not only is it the responsible thing to do, it's also the polite thing to do. Let's continue to keep Uxbridge a clean and safe environment we can all enjoy!



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SATURDAY APRIL 3rd
10 - 11am Second Wedge
11:30 - 12:30pm Audiovision Plus
12:30 - 1:30pm Pizza Pizza
2 - 3pm Zehrs

SUNDAY APRIL 4th
1:30 - 2:30pm The Bridge Social
2:45 - 3:45pm H Bee Architecture

MONDAY APRIL 5th
11 - 12pm Blue Heron Books
12:15 - 1:15pm Low's Furniture

Take a 'socially distanced selfie' with the Easter Bunny!

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Popular banner program looking for more veterans to honour

Submitted by Tish MacDonald

One of the most popular programs in Uxbridge is now accepting applications for 2021. The Uxbridge Honour Our Veterans Banner Program is accepting applications for this year's banner installation. Now in its seventh year, the members of the "Honour Our Veterans" committee say they are still thrilled with the positive response, and continue to be honoured to facilitate the program in partnership with the Township of Uxbridge and individual banner sponsors.

The Uxbridge Honour Our Veterans Banner Program is an ongoing legacy project in that pays tribute to Canadian and Allied veterans and active service members. Honour our Veterans Banners are displayed on lamp posts in Uxbridge between October 1 and November 12 of each year as a means to pay tribute to local veterans, deceased veterans and active service members.

A digital application form for this year is available online at www.uxbridgelegion.ca/banner-program-1, and on the Honour Our Veterans Banner Program Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HonourOurVeterans/.

It can also be accessed by emailing honourourveterans@gmail.com.

Application forms are also available for pick up at the Uxbridge Legion, Branch 170, 109 Franklin Street, Thursdays to Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 2021, and as always, banners spots are available as space allows.

According to program administrator Tish MacDonald, committee members are excited to launch a new Uxbridge Honour Our Veterans Banner Program website later this spring. The website will include veteran biographies and a digital banner location map. MacDonald says a mobile app is also in the works!

"There's more on this to come, but suffice to say that we are excited to expand our program in this digital scope this year!" she says.

The Honour Our Veterans committee members expanded the program this year to include the "Honour Our Veterans Drive-By Parade" and the "2021 Honour Our Veterans Birthday Outreach." The "Honour our Veterans Drive-By Parade" on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, saw over

2,500 cars pass through a carefully mapped route in Elgin Park, honouring 28 veterans and active service personnel. The COVID-19 birthday outreach has been a success in letting older veterans – most of whom are limited, now, in community interactions – know that they are being thought of. Birthday signs and Canada flags are placed at the homes of the veterans and a dinner is provided by individual sponsors in part-

nership with TIN Restaurant.

"We are delighted to be able to continue to honour our veterans through the banner program and its outreach initiatives!" exclaims MacDonald.

MacDonald would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank the other members of the committee: Sherrill Hodgson (Uxbridge Legion president); Rob Croxall (Uxbridge Legion treasurer); Phil Carmichael (graphic design/website); Ian Morri-

son (mapping); Austin Garrod (digital mapping/mobile app); Bruce Garrod (Township liaison); and the Township of Uxbridge for its ongoing support.

"We are thrilled to facilitate the program as we collectively honour our veterans."



Heidi Cushing was one of several Uxbridge veterans lauded during the 2020 Honour Our Veterans Drive-By Parade, which was organized by the same committee that organizes the popular Honour Our Veterans Banner Program.
Photo by Becky MacDonald



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Our two cents

Can you take a joke?

It's only once every several years that the *Cosmos* gets to publish a newspaper on April 1, also popularly known as April Fool's Day. So we thought we would take this opportunity to offer a bit of history and background to this very peculiar day.

April Fool's Day has likely been around since the Middle Ages, when there was a feast day known as the Feast of Fools. Some speculate that setting aside a day to play harmless jokes on one's friends and neighbours actually began earlier than the Middle Ages, in ancient Rome, with a festival called *Hilaria*. In more modern times (as in the last two centuries) it has been popular, especially in Great Britain, to give a letter to someone and ask that person to take it to someone. That person then asks the "victim" to take it to someone else, and so on. Once the letter is opened (let's hope this doesn't go on too long), the only words written inside are "Send the fool further". Another popular trick has been the ol' "Kick Me" pinned to the back of some poor unsuspecting sod's shirt.

April Fool's pranks and hoaxes are especially popular in Canada, Europe, the United States, Australia and Brazil, it would seem. Funnily enough, our April Fool's Day research found that newspapers in Scandinavian countries "celebrate" April 1 by publishing one false story, often on the front page. Some people love searching out the hoax, others are simply annoyed that their time has been taken up by such foolishness. Humour is, after all, such an individual thing. Some people find this sort of humour spot on, while others can't see it for a row of trees. There are those who love the humour of, say, the British, with their dry wit and penchant for farce. Others simply don't get it, and find their funny in the slapstick humour of The Three Stooges, or television shows like "Jackass." Funny how different things tickle different funny bones.

If you get "had" today, you can look at as a great opportunity to have a good laugh, which, heaven knows, we all need right now. You can also stretch your creative side coming up with fun and innovative ways to play the trickster on others (just be safe about it). It's all in good fun, and the intent is just to put a smile on someone's face.

As for the *Cosmos* and its illustrious history of publishing an April Fool's article every year, well... We've convinced people of cows who give chocolate milk, of tunnels that run under the town to Quaker Hill, and of fire halls being turned into truck stops, to name but a few. Did we get you again this year?

When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.

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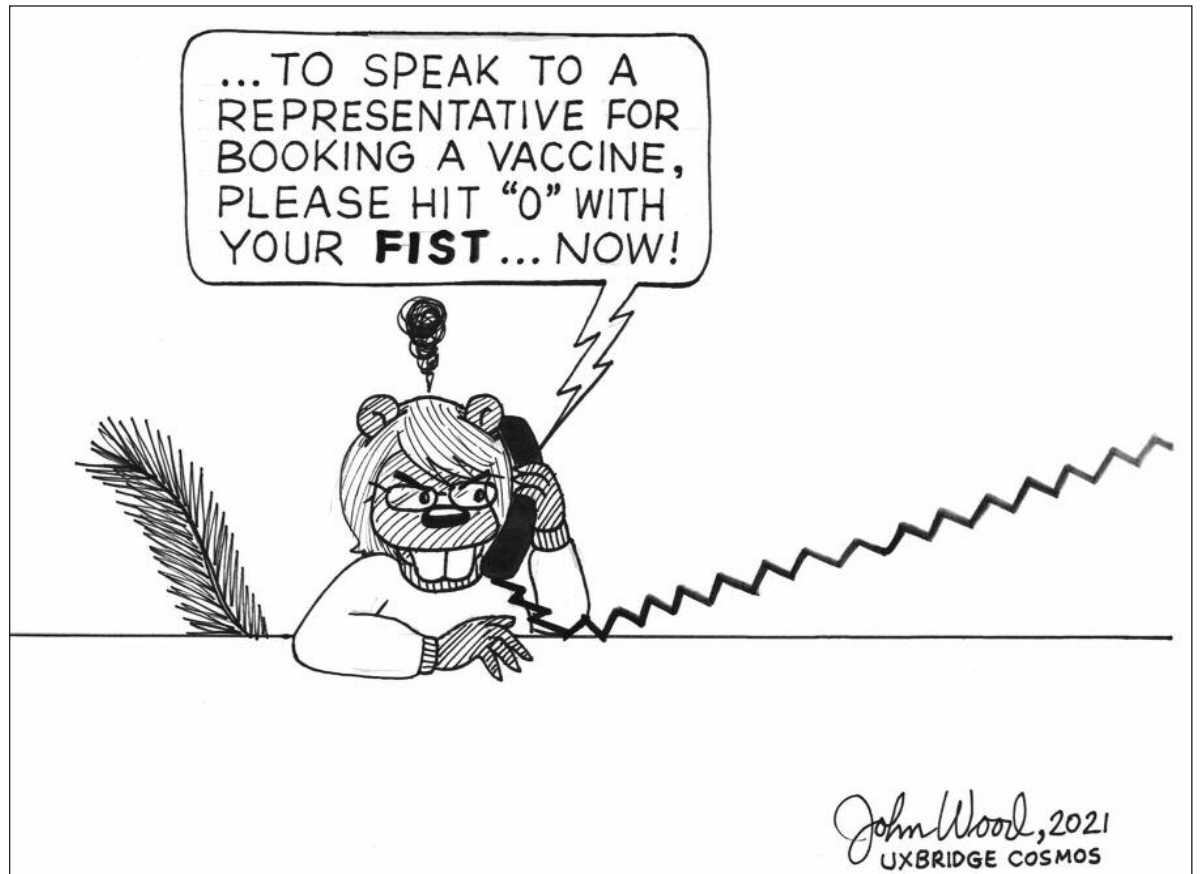
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Letters to the Editor

Mulling over the word "womxn" as defined in your March 4 edition [Local gal pals educate 'womxn' on living mindfully with menstruation], I feel that with all the new terms created to encompass our diversity we are becoming more exclusive than inclusive in our expressions relating to our species.

Would it be so wrong to begin referring to ourselves as "Wemen?"

Wemen - male, female or any flavour of gender or sex an individual would claim for identity.

Wemen - one sometimes brilliant sometimes destructive species of multi-hued man-apes given birth to by this magnificent and oh so rare planet.

Wemen - raised/living in different geographies, struggling against our demons of greed and ignorance as we strive to assist future generations of ourselves and all other species to achieve the fullness of life's promise.

Gary Supp
Uxbridge

I can not agree more with John Eggs-gard's "Letters to the Editor" from the March 25 *Cosmos*.

I live down the street from the Reach Street Development, which is presently in early stages of tearing down houses and chopping up huge beautiful trees. It mirrored the "development" on Elgin Park Road by Wooden Sticks Golf Club, which started in 2020 and still looking nowhere finished.

Councillor Bruce Garrod's response to my inquiry into the Reach Development time line was this comment: "Some say that there are only two seasons; long winter and construction. Uxbridge has a noise by-law that permits construction from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Saturday." That sure squelched looking forward to Spring and Summer 2021 for me, especially with COVID restriction keeping me at home.

I had to stop my car and pull over in front of the construction site last week to take a picture. As I did, another person pulled over and both of us stood looking at the destruction unfolding before our eyes - hundreds of trees laying on the ground, piled on top of each other, and homes dismantled. The strong smell of evergreens and sap lingered in the air.

The person beside me shook their head and said one word - "Disgusting."

With the looming six-storey condominium on Brock Street East proposed to be built, and the Foxbridge Golf Course up for sale, I am very concerned that these green spaces will be rezoned for Residential Area Higher Density purposes also. I can see a gas station, Tim Hortons and much more being built on those luscious green fields and Lake Ridge Road / Reach Street intersection to service all the new residences being constructed. A very busy 10-year project, I'm sure.

There is nothing sadder than seeing a farm with pastures and barns engulfed by condominium buildings, crowding in on it, suffocating the views and nature that brings a farm to life. Is this what the people of Uxbridge want? Hopefully people will echo Councillor Pam Beach, who said at a recent public meeting, "That's not the representation of Uxbridge I want to see coming into town."

Theresa Pilniuk
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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Just who do you believe?

Let me make a few things thing clear from the get-go: I believe the COVID-19 pandemic is real; I believe taking the vaccine will help protect me; I believe wearing a mask, sanitizing the hands and keeping a physical distance are important to stop the spread of this vile disease. What follows is in no way designed to discourage anyone from receiving a vaccination or following the protocols we have been living with for the past year.

That said, I just don't know who to believe anymore when it comes to COVID-19. The news is filled with so many contradictory items around this coronavirus that I find I'm skipping past a lot of the stories. But one recent story that just adds to my confusion and doubt centres around the scathing report from Canada's auditor-general concerning the Public Health Agency's initial response and reaction to the start of the pandemic. In brief, the report says the agency, headed for years by Dr. Theresa Tam, was slow off the mark in recognizing the danger and failed to carry out certain actions that would have helped to protect Canadians. Dr. Tam, of course, has been the national spokesperson on COVID-19 since the pandemic first came in to public consciousness, and we have seen her on television almost every night. Since the report came out, I find myself questioning whether I can still believe her.

But that's just the tip of the problem. From Prime Minister Trudeau on down, through all the provincial premiers and various health experts, we are told different things about the pandemic, so much so that one is forced to believe that politics and bureaucracy have played too large a role in handling this crisis. We hear we're opening up, we hear we're closing down; we hear the vaccines are on their way, we hear they've been delayed; we hear the vaccines are safe, we hear they have problems with at least one. Just who do you believe?

When it was announced that vaccination clinics were opening in North Durham, I, like so many others, attempted to book an appointment online. I don't know how any times I tried, but I was never successful. I tried using the phone number that was sup-

plied for people who don't have computers. Hah! That was a waste of time, as many of you know.

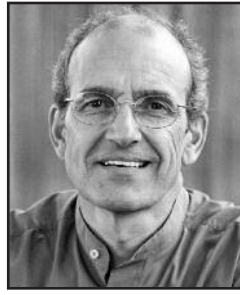
I finally made an appointment for April 9, but that was pure luck. On Monday, I went to the arena to see if I would be allowed in to observe the clinic in action. While I was there, waiting for an answer, I told a staff member of my troubles trying to book an appointment. He finally figured out why I hadn't been able to do so. On the application form online, there is a box that asks for one's cell phone number. Since I don't have a cell phone, I kept leaving that blank. That, said the staffer, was the problem: I had to fill in that blank to complete the application. He filled it with my home phone number (already included in the questionnaire) and, lo and behold, the appointment was made. Since there are many seniors who don't own cell phones and there is no indication that the box can be filled with a land-line number, who was the bright spark who decided the application could not be completed without a cell phone number? And the powers-that-be complain that there are tens of thousands of appointment times going begging in the province. Is it any wonder?

As for observing the clinic in action, I was told by a media relations person at the region that it was not allowed because they had to protect the privacy of those receiving the vaccination. That, of course, is just more bureaucratic baffle-gab. Tell me it's to decrease the risk of contamination and I'll buy it. Tell me it's because I don't have an appointment and I'll buy that, too. But privacy? With 25 inoculation stations on the arena floor, each one handling up to 10 patients an hour, they talk about privacy?

It's likely this type of obfuscation that has led to so many COVID-19 and vaccine deniers. We expect politicians and bureaucrats to lie but lying during a national crisis is completely unacceptable, if not a crime.

There has been talk swirling around about possible federal and provincial elections. It seems to me any government seeking re-election might just find the electorate is not that impressed with the job they've done.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

From small boats come mighty deeds

You could almost feel the jubilation from there to here. Video flooded on-air newscasts and social media late Monday. It was nighttime in the Middle East, but the lights on the canal made it seem like day. And the cacophony of maritime whistles and horns blowing seemed deafening. Container ship horns, police boat horns and especially the horns of the Egyptian tugboats on the Suez Canal leapt from every video I watched. One videographer shot images of a jubilant tugboat crew.

"*Mashhour* is number one!" the sailors shouted.

Mashhour is the name of the dredging vessel that helped clear the tons of sand at the bow and stern of the massive container ship *MV Ever Given*, that was wedged sideways in the Suez Canal for nearly a week. On Monday night, a combination of high tide, excavation efforts by dredger *Mashhour*, and the strategic work of 14 "mighty little boats" of the Suez Canal Authority had refloated the *Ever Given*. The container ship had blocked passage for hundreds of other cargo freighters and tankers, and it caused economic panic from Alexandria to Wall Street. The Egyptian president, I think, captured the feelings of his fellow-citizens.

"Success!" Abdel Fattah el-Sisi said. And he added, "Today, Egyptians have proved they are up to the task."

Weighing 224,000 tons, and carrying something like 18,300 containers, the 400-metre-long *Ever Given* is longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall. Most seem to agree that a windstorm, with crosswinds of more than 50 miles per hour overwhelmed the giant ship's ability to navigate the canal. In any case, when the bow got wedged into one side of the canal and the stern into the other, nothing could pass. As many as 369 ships had piled up waiting at either end of the canal that links the Red and Mediterranean seas. And some estimates placed the toll for trade lost this week at \$9.6 billion per day. So, as the *Mashhour* crew rightly shouted, they and their tugboat flotilla deserve much credit. Despite much international criticism and urging that experts come from Europe and North America to help, the Egyptians solved the problem themselves.

There was one other occasion, you might be surprised to learn, when sailors and seamanship from halfway around the world – indeed from Canada – offered their services across that same part of the Middle East during an emergency. It happened 137 years ago. In 1884, local authorities in Sudan faced a military uprising.

Under Gen. Charles Gordon, British troops in Khartoum suddenly found themselves cut off with rebels closing in. London called for a relief expedition up the Nile, from Alexandria, Egypt, to Khartoum. Four steamboat captains from the middle of Canada – what was then the Northwest Territories – left their pilot-houses and paddlewheeler decks on the Saskatchewan River, to lead the mission up 1,500 miles of some of the most unnavigable river water in the world, to Khartoum.

Captains William Robinson, John Segers, Jerry Webber and Aaron Russell accepted \$50 per month from the British government to lead two steamboat crews and 400 Canadian voyageurs in smaller boats, and to carry Col. Garnet Wolseley's relief troops inland. Robinson's journal reveals fascinating details of the 1,000-mile run from Cairo and Wadi Halfa.

"For at least the first 1,000 miles, rapids are not as bad as ours in Manitoba," Robinson wrote. And on stretches of the Nile where the water disappeared leaving the boats high and dry, Robinson used a trick he'd employed along sandbars on the Saskatchewan. They dammed up secondary channels of the river to raise water levels in the deepest channel. Then, everybody went over the side – troops, boatmen and porters – pulling on ropes to line the boats upriver. All well and good on the Saskatchewan River maybe. But not necessarily on the Nile.

"In the early morning," Robinson wrote, "we would often see crocodiles stretched full length on the sand."

Over Christmas and the New Year of 1884-85, the four captains nudged their flotilla of steamboats and voyageur boats across the second and third great cataracts of the Nile, toward the final stretch to Khartoum. The rocks proved so troublesome, they even punched holes into the sides of the steel-bottomed hulls of the two rescue steamers *Water Lily* and *Lotus*. In four weeks of hard slogging, the Canadians had traversed the length of the river, and were within hours of the objective. It was Jan. 30, 1885. Two days earlier, however, rebels had overrun Khartoum and killed the entire British garrison. The rescue mission eventually retook the city and four Canadian captains heralded as heroes of the day.

Like "the mighty little boats" and their crews of the Suez this week, the Canadian sailors of 1885 eventually came through.

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You can support this effort by making a bid!

Follow these simple steps:

1. Go to uxbridgelions.com
2. Click on "Fundraising" to bid on a chance to win a Whirlpool 24" stainless steel dishwasher.
3. Click on the "bid button" for a form to add your information. Then submit.
4. Highest bid will be notified after 4 p.m. on May 29, 2021.
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Township may soon be up Schitt's Creek - with a motel

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

One thing the Township of Uxbridge has needed for a long, long time is traveller accommodation. That may finally become a reality. A group of dedicated and determined entrepreneurs want to move the 'Rosebud Motel' of *Schitt's Creek* fame to Goodwood – and petition the township to officially change the name of Goodwood to Schitt's Creek.

"That motel, it's just sitting there, empty. And Uxbridge – it needs places to stay! Moving the Rosebud – it's perfect. Perfect!" says Fanof D'Show, CEO of Ronnielee Ltd., a development company based in Elm-dale, Ont.

D'Show is a self-proclaimed SchittHead, the name given to die-hard fans of the award-winning Canadian sitcom created by father and son team Eugene and Dan Levy. The show ran for six seasons on the CBC, and was eventually picked up by Netflix, which gained it world-wide notoriety. D'Sshow says he loved *Schitt's Creek* from the first two minutes it was on the air, and has made it his mission to have as much of the show be as real as possible.

"*Schitt's Creek* was just such an incredible ride, just such a behemoth force, and your little town [Goodwood] played such a role in that. It should be proud to change its name.

It should want to change its name!"

When D'Show first learned that the Hockley Motel in Orangeville, which is where all exterior 'Rosebud Motel' scenes were filmed, was for sale, he immediately began gathering friends, fans and family together to raise funds to buy the motel, which is cur-

lowing day.

"That's when it hit me," explains D'Show. "There's an empty motel, here's an empty town – the two need to go together."

D'Show and RonnieLee Ltd. plan to not only buy the Hockley Motel, but carefully dismantle it and move

everything carefully, and then put it all back together in Goodwood. We'll just fold it in to the scenery, like it's always been there."

D'Show and fellow SchittHead Pat Brewer are also excited to turn other landmarks that currently exist in Goodwood into their *Schitt's Creek* counterparts, hopefully permanently.

"I know that right now it's a private residence, but I'm pretty sure we can convince the owners to help us turn that place on the corner right into the Café Tropical. And across the road – that's just *got* to be Rose Apothecary. Has to be. It would just be, well, simply the best!" says Brewer.

The buildings that Brewer refers to are on the southeast and southwest corner of Hwy. 47 and Front St., respectively, in Goodwood. The 'Café

Tropical' is private property, and the building that stood in for the Rose Apothecary is actually Romni Wools, one of several Romni wool stores owned by Marilyn Leonard. Despite the fact that neither location is available, Brewer already has plans for the café.

"We're going to put the Schitt family portrait (Season 3, Episode 12) on the wall, but otherwise, it will look just like the inside of the café from the show. Our menus will be huge, just like the show ones, and we are going to feature local wine, every colour you can think of. Fruit wine, like Moira [Rose, the matriarch of the Rose family] likes, and Merlots and Chardonnays - we want guests to try them all!" he explains.

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A devoted group of fans of the television series *Schitt's Creek* want to erect the 'Rosebud Motel' in Goodwood. The real 'Rosebud Motel,' the Hockley Motel, in Orangeville, is currently for sale for \$2 million.

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rently listed at \$2 million. He says he then made a pilgrimage to Goodwood and, wanting to spend more time in the imaginary world of *Schitt's Creek*, found that there was nowhere to stay the night, so that he could continue his adventure the fol-

lowing day.

"It shouldn't be a problem, getting that motel here," says restoration expert Joe Cylens. We'll just take it apart, brick by brick, and record

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Up the Creek, from page 7

One building that may be tricky to take over is the landmark blue



This blue building in Goodwood, used as the exterior for Bob's Garage in the series *Schitt's Creek*, is actually a workshop used for making special equipment for families with disabled children.

Photo by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

wooden structure on the northeast corner. Known as 'Bob's Garage' in the series, owned by the fictional Bob Currie, it is actually owned by long-time Uxbridge-area resident Joe Toby, who uses the building as a workshop where he makes and donates special equipment for families with disabled children. Brewer, D'Show and other SchittHeads plan to start a petition later this year to have Goodwood's name officially

changed to Schitt's Creek. B    Budd is in charge of mounting the petition. "Schitt's Creek is, like, such an important thing to this community, and it should really just be Schitt's Creek. Like, what is it now – Goodwood? Ew." So far, no residents have weighed in on how they feel about the possible name change. D'Show, who wants to be the first honorary mayor of Goodwood once it is renamed Schitt's Creek, is confident that the town, and indeed the township, will cooperate with the name change. "Why wouldn't you want to be a part of this cultural phenomenon?" he asks. "The tourism we could get up here, it would be amazing. The Rosebud Motel would be full every night, guaranteed! I could be just like Roland Schitt [the fictional mayor of Schitt's Creek in the show], and maybe even live in his house, and it will be awesome. Just like Pat said, simply the best!" D'Show and co. hope to start the Hockley Motel's move to the real town of Schitt's Creek by April 1, 2022 – appropriately in time for April Fool's Day.

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The North Durham COVID Vaccination Clinic opened this week, with its first two days being held at the Uxbridge Arena. The clinic will rotate through Uxbridge, Brock and Scugog townships. Appointments should be made at durhamvaccinebooking.ca Above, Mary and Les Fierheller make their way to the Uxbridge COVID vaccination centre. Durham Region is now making vaccines available to all those 70 years of age and older. However, with concerns over the AstraZeneca vaccine, Canada has decided to pause its administration, which could slow the overall vaccine rollout.

Photo and information by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



Holy Week Online Gatherings
Trinity United, Uxbridge

March 28th - PALM SUNDAY - Pre-recorded Reflection on YouTube and at 3pm, Stories for kids with Princess Lydia on Zoom.

April 1st - MAUNDY THURSDAY - Pre-recorded Message on YouTube.

April 2nd - GOOD FRIDAY - Stations of the Cross - Pre-recorded (with St. Paul's Anglican, St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian and Trinity United Church), and at 11am, a short Service from the Sanctuary on Zoom and at 2pm, Easter Crafts for Kids on Zoom.

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A number of Nolan Showers' family, friends and teammates came out to Uxbridge Canadian Tire on Saturday morning to take part in a presentation of \$5,000 to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program. The funds were raised in memory of 16-year-old Showers, who died last fall after being struck by a vehicle.

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Watching Things Grow with Heather Hunter

A Water Garden

We had Elaine Washington at Garden Artifacts (752 Ball Rd.) give us some ideas for water features in our gardens. Garden Artifacts is a garden centre specializing in garden decor, with emphasis on water gardening.

Elaine was understandably enthusiastic, and came up with many thoughts on the subject of water features. If you are considering a landscape upgrade, the possibilities of incorporating water into the design, in the form of a stream, a pond, a fountain, are endless.

The sound of running water is soothing. Plants that grow in and around water are especially lush and green. Birds love running water, as do lovely colourful daphnia and dragonflies. So with the addition of water features, the whole backyard garden can become a personal paradise for relaxing and enjoying nature at its most interesting.

Elaine points to a backyard pond as the most common water feature. Around the pond you can install marginal plants that like to grow with their feet in water or in boggy places. A good example is Rodgersia, a water-loving perennial with huge leaves. One of the gardens on the Gardens of Uxbridge Tour (June 26, 2021) has a backyard pond and stream incorporating a large, dramatic patch of Rodgersia.

A fascinating native plant for a pond margin is the purple pitcher plant (the provincial flower of Newfoundland). Its dark red blooms are beautiful, and its leaves actually trap and kill insects.

Other native margin plants include Marsh Marigolds and Native Blue Flag, for colour in the spring, and Joe Pye Weed for colour in late summer; watch the bees and butterflies go nuts for this one!

In the pond itself, you can have waterlilies, lotus, and other floating plants that will give continued colour and interest. And of course add some decorative fish.

For a smaller garden, Elaine says to consider a pondless waterfall with the water continually recycling, perhaps as a soft and serene babbling brook, or a higher version can be a dramatic waterfall. With a waterfall as a backdrop, outdoor entertaining takes on a new dimension.



A fountain, like the Low Equinox Fountain, pictured here, can add a simple but elegant spark to any garden. Photo from garden-artifacts.com

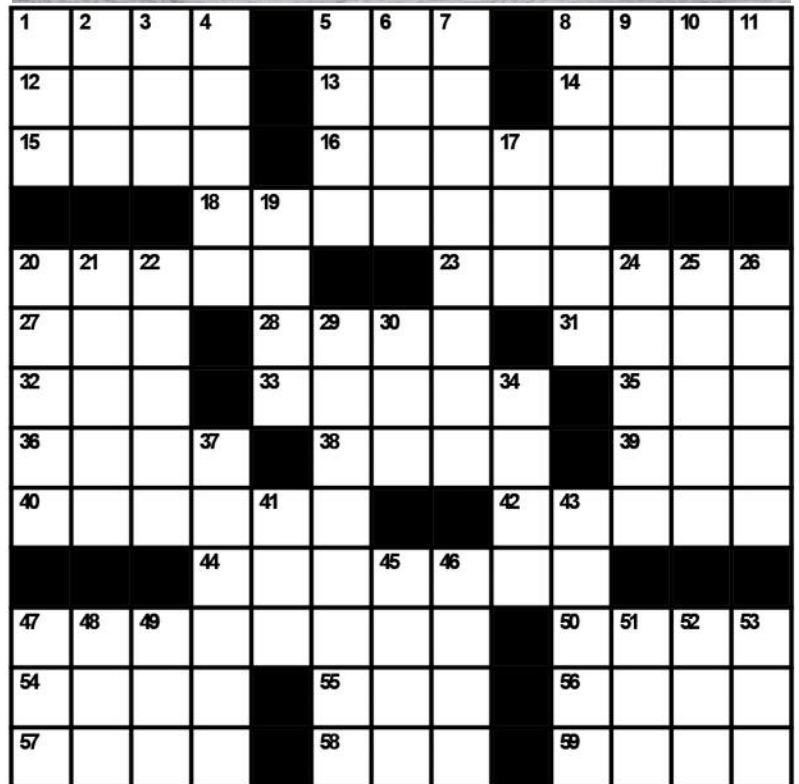
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Free standing fountains as seen at Garden Artifacts, come in all sizes and price ranges. A fountain can be a bird bath too. Birds are attracted to and love running, dripping, sprinkling water. With a waterfall or brook or fountain in your garden you will likely see more birds coming to visit during the spring and summer.

Elaine suggests the simplest of water features: a water bowl that contains a variety of water plants. Include lighting and a small bamboo fountain and you have a bit of soothing beauty in your landscape or on your deck.

Elaine at her business on Ball Rd. also displays a wide variety of statuary and decorative items for outdoor spaces. Garden Artifacts is a great place to visit, get advice, to buy the ingredients for a water feature, a variety of water plants, decoration, and to be inspired. Check them out at www.garden-artifacts.com

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- 56 Alleviate
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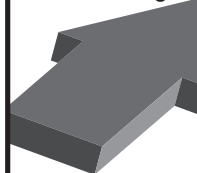
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The Nature Nut

column by Nancy Melcher

A moon by any other name...

It can be confusing to figure out all the different names that the moon can be called: waxing, waning, crescent, gibbous, new, full, blue, super, quarter, blood, harvest, worm, and many more. There's just one moon up in the sky. Why does it have so many names?

When we look up at the moon, it doesn't look the same from day to day, week to week, or month to month. It doesn't make its own light – what we see is reflected sunlight. The moon orbits around Earth, but it always has the same side facing towards us, just as a ball would if you tied a string to it and spun it around you. But the amount of this side that is lit up by the sun changes as it goes through its orbit, and that's why it looks different every night.

When it's between us and the sun it looks small, like a banana or a crescent. When it's the same distance, it looks like a D. That's a quarter moon. When it's farther away from the sun than we are, we see more of the surface, and it gets closer to a circle. When it is exactly opposite the sun, that's when it's full, reflecting the most light back to Earth. After the full moon it seems to shrink again as it continues in its orbit, until it disappears completely when it's back between us and the sun again. That's a new moon.

There are usually twelve full moons every year. Different cultures have named each month's full moon. However, we in Canada take many of those names from our Indigenous people. Here are the common names of each month's moon.



January 2021's Wolf Moon.

Photo by Nancy Melcher

- January: Wolf Moon from the howls of hungry wolves
- February: Snow Moon for the

cold, snowy weather

- March: Worm Moon from trails in the thawed ground
- April: Pink Moon after a species of wildflower that blooms early
- May: Flower Moon from all the new blooms
- June: Strawberry Moon from harvesting the berries
- July: Buck Moon because it's when deer start to grow antlers
- August: Sturgeon Moon because they were most readily caught this month
- September: Harvest Moon when crops are gathered
- October: Hunter's Moon to hunt deer that are fat
- November: Beaver Moon from their activity building dams
- December: Cold Moon from the coming of winter

If there happen to be two full moons in a month, the second one is called a blue moon. It doesn't happen often, so gives us the expression, "once in a blue moon" meaning very rarely.

When the moon grows in size it's waxing. When it shrinks back it's waning. The smaller size moon is a crescent. The larger size is a gibbous moon.

A supermoon happens when the moon comes the closest to Earth in its orbit. The Pink Moon (April 26) and Flower Moon (May 26) will be 2021's

Super Full Moons. I hope it's clear those nights because the moon will look over 15 per cent brighter than average!

A Blood Moon is what an eclipsed moon is called. Too bad we can't travel right now, because people in Australia and Indonesia

may see the Super Full Blood Flower Moon on May 26!

Nancy Melcher is The Nature Nut. Send details of your sightings or questions about the natural world to: general@melcher.cx

Thank You

Mere words are inadequate to express thanks in my time of grief. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, emails, flowers, food shared, and for those attending the service.

The kindness shown to me by friends of Trinity United Church is greatly appreciated. Thank you to our former neighbour, Theresa Bell, for keeping me company as Brian Evans and Rev. Bill Fritz said their most eloquent words. The hymn, "How Great Thou Art," sung by Brian and accompanied by Luanne, was most precious. Special gratitude goes to Brian and Luanne Evans and Bruce Benson for all their help that day and in arranging the house for Maxine's homecoming from Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and to Bruce for supplying the list of invited guests to Low's Funeral Home. I appreciate my coffee buddies coming forward as pallbearers. Many thanks to Preston Archibald, Russell Bell, Bill Graham, Wayne Kennedy, Don McGregor, Tony Peck and Gary Smith.

Maxine and I spent many happy years together. Knowing that I did everything to make her days comfortable is a memory to take with me forever. She would be so proud of the special day arranged in her honour.

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