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READY TO VACCINATE - James Kilgour, foreground, the director of emergency management for the Region of Durham, shows a few council members and township staff around the Uxbridge Arena, which has been transformed into an efficient, safe vaccination centre, one of three in North Durham. The Uxbridge site will be open for vaccinations next Monday and Tuesday, and bookings are to be made online or by phone. No walk-ins will be admitted to the centre.

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Reachview LTCH finally getting new building

by Roger Varley

Reachview Village long-term care facility on Reach Street will be getting a new home.

An announcement last week by the Ontario government said Reachview Village has been allocated 92 new spaces and 100 upgraded spaces. As a result, a new 192-bed facility will be constructed. Mayor Dave Barton said the new facility will be built close to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

"The number of residents who will need long-term care has been rising and will continue to rise over the next decade," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. He noted that more than 40,000 people across Ontario are on the wait list to access a long-term care bed.

Councillor Bruce Garrod, who said one of his main reasons for becoming a councillor was to have greater influence on bringing a new long-

term care facility to Uxbridge, expressed delight over the announcement in a Facebook post just moments after it became public.

"This fantastic new facility will bring enhanced care to our most vulnerable residents. It will also bring relief to over crowded hospitals. Most importantly it will significantly mitigate the impact of future outbreaks."



Reachview Village long-term care home, which has long been located east of Town on Reach St., recently received funding for a new building.

Photo courtesy reveralliving.com

Garrod also noted that he had already been contacted by the senior vice-president of Revera Inc., which owns Reachview Village, and was told that they are ready to "get started on the project ASAP."

The funding is part the Ontario government's Long-Term Care Modernization Plan.

In addition to the new building for Reachview, the government also announced funding for two retirement homes in Uxbridge to cover COVID-19-related costs. Butternut Manor will receive \$32,500 and Douglas Crossing will get \$55,600. The money is aimed to cover purchases of sanitary and protective supplies, increased sanitizing and extra staff costs. The money is part of a \$30-million investment the government is making to help retirement homes deal with the pandemic. This is in addition to the \$30 million Ontario provided to retirement homes earlier in the pandemic.

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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 p.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.

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ATTENDANT

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STUDENT GENERAL LABOURERS
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All 6 current bid opportunities are posted to
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- U21-02 Multisport Court
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- U21-04 Uxbridge Public Library Clock Tower Restoration
Closes March 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- U20-04 The Supply and Delivery of one (1) Aerial Fire Apparatus
Closes March 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- U21-08 One (1) 2022 Model Year Tandem Truck Complete with Snowplow Equipment
Closes March 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated. Bids may be delivered electronically via the Township's website or in in-person at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender openings are not happening currently. Bid results will be posted at uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders in a timely manner.

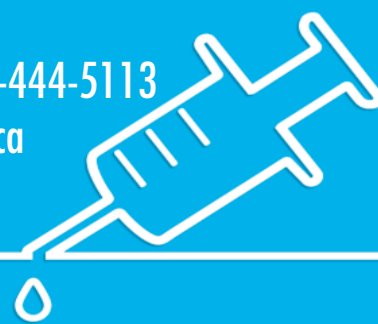
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TOWN HALL

by Roger Varley
Notes from the March 22
Council Meeting

Council installs hefty penalties for being a nuisance: Uxbridge council passed a revised public nuisance by-law Monday which installs fines up to a maximum of \$100,000 for breaking the by-law.

Chief by-law officer Kristina Bergeron explained in a report to council that the original by-law had failed to set penalties correctly and the revision was necessary to correct the oversight.

Regional Councillor Gord Highet asked Bergeron how she arrived at the \$100,000 figure. Bergeron responded that the figure was the maximum allowed under the provincial Municipal Act, adding: "oftentimes that's not what you're going to get when you're in court unless you're a repeat offender with past convictions." Highet replied that the figure "seems pretty extreme" to him.

There was no further discussion and the revised by-law passed. The by-law prohibits such things as loitering, yelling on the street, littering and similar offences.

Cameras for trailheads?: A letter from a Durham Region police officer raised the possibility of installing surveillance cameras at the main parking lot of Durham Forest.

Det. Michael McArthur wrote that there had been another theft from a vehicle at Walker woods recently and "I'm going to start the long uphill slog to get video surveillance put in." He asked what council's stance was on installing video cameras in trailhead parking lots.

Council did not discuss the letter or the proposal but referred it to next year's budget process.

Long break for council: Council will be taking an extended break for the next month, caused by a confluence of events.

No council meetings are held on the fifth Monday of any month, meaning next Monday will not see council in session. The following week is Easter weekend, which means the township hall will be closed for the holiday. Then comes the delayed March break, meaning April 12 will also see council idle.

The next scheduled meeting is set for April 19.

Uxbridge vaccination centre open two days next week

by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It may be a good thing that COVID-19 vaccine eligibility is expanding throughout North Durham as more vaccination centres open up around the region, because North Durham case counts are again experiencing an upward swing.

It was announced earlier this week that people 75 years of age (or turning 75 in 2021) are now eligible to roll up their sleeves for COVID-19 vaccinations. Just as booking opened for those 80 plus last week, those 75 and older can now book through the regional vaccination portal. The region is also opening up more vaccination centres, including the clinic that will be rotating through Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock townships. The Uxbridge clinic, at the Uxbridge Arena (as pictured on page 1), will be opening on Monday, March 29, and will be poking eligible arms for two days and then moving to Scugog for two days, then over to Brock. The two day cycle will then, depending on vaccine availability, begin again.

Appointments *must* be made for

the Uxbridge vaccination centre, as those looking for walk-in vaccination opportunities will *not* be admitted.

Booking slots for regional vaccine clinics will be updated daily, so residents are asked to keep checking back if no appointments appear to be available at that time. To book, visit www.durhamvaccinebooking.ca. Alternatively, those without internet access can call 1-888-444-5113.

Additionally, starting on March 22, select pharmacies began administering the AstraZeneca vaccine to those 60 years of age and older. At this time, vaccine supply is still limited so vaccine availability in pharmacies will vary. To find a pharmacy that is administering the AstraZeneca vaccine, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations

As vaccines are ramping up, so seem to be the number of positive COVID cases in the region. Monday and Tuesday of this week saw a slight drop in the number of positive cases in the province; however the positivity rate increased to almost six per cent for Tuesday.

Over the weekend, Durham Region saw daily positive cases rise to

over 100 and Uxbridge broke its streak of one single case by quickly reaching 12 positive cases by Tuesday.

While the increase in vaccination is providing hope, healthcare officials are urging everyone to continue observing all safety protocols a little longer.



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Our two cents

Always trying to do better

We had an interesting phone call last week, here at the *Cosmos* office, from a reader who was enquiring as to who the people in the March 18 cartoon might be. The caller correctly guessed that the figure on the right represented Premier Doug Ford, but wondered who the doctor figure was. We told the caller that it wasn't any one in particular, just a person wearing a white coat and stethoscope to represent the doctor/medical sector that is helping make decisions within the provincial vaccine rollout.

After a bit of conversation, we came to realize that the figure in the cartoon could easily be interpreted as being Asian and, given the fact that the cartoon was gently lampooning something COVID-19 related, this Asian-looking doctor figure could possibly play into the anti-Asian sentiment that has been on the rise since a certain world leader began calling it the China Virus.

Given that the cartoon appeared the same week as the spa shootings in Atlanta, Ga., that left six Asian women dead, we easily saw how our cartoon image could be alarming. And just because we at the *Cosmos* are certain that neither the artist nor the editor with whom he collaborated had absolutely no racist intent when creating the cartoon, it doesn't negate the fact that, no matter how innocently intended something may be, it doesn't mean it may not land on someone else's sensibilities with the same understanding. The same thing occurred last June, when the *Cosmos* published a cartoon meant to support the Black Lives Matter movement and foster love and acceptance. Instead it inspired a great deal of vitriol and not a lot of understanding for anyone's point of view.

We can promise that the *Cosmos*, in either its columns, articles or editorial cartoons, will *never* intentionally make a racist slur, joke, accusation or reference. We may, from time to time, very *unintentionally* cause grief, and if we do, may it be pointed out to us as graciously as this incident was. There were no harsh words, no slap-downs, just a meaningful conversation that brought understanding to all the parties involved. That sort of dialogue, we think, is what brings about true learning and acceptance, which is what's really meant when a person, or company, says they'll "try to do better."

We should all try very hard to be empathetic to other's experiences. Fully understanding them is not possible, however, because we all layer our *own* experiences on top of our best intentions. But this lack of understanding does not have to make us enemies. When innocent transgressions can be brought up, discussed, rectified and used for progress, we are all one step closer to real compassion for one another.

When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.

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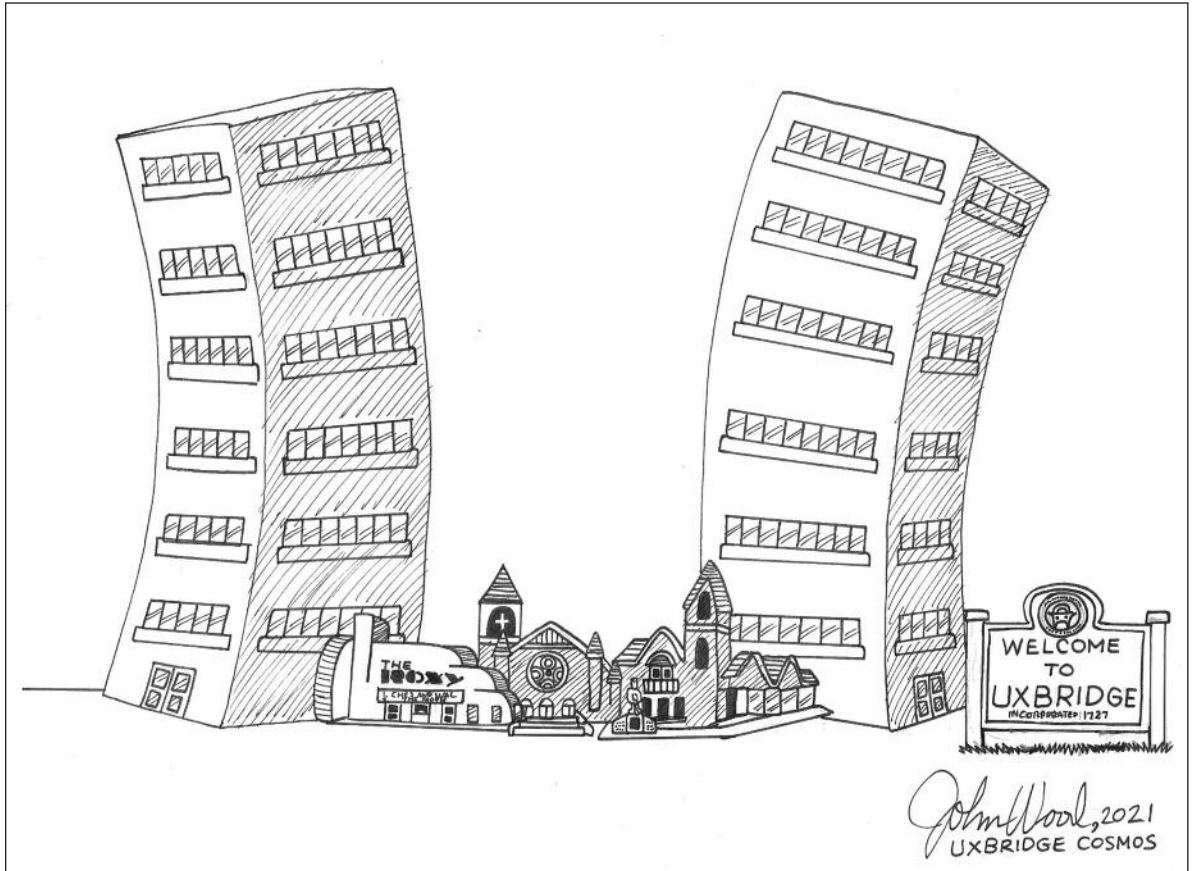
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Letters to the Editor

As relative newcomers to Uxbridge, we think it's appropriate to make some observations about the community.

We truly value this publication [the *Cosmos*]. The importance of your dissemination of municipal news, politics, events, and the topical subjects and comments by your columnists are appreciated and anticipated.

Uxbridge has so many attributes that make it a community to be envied. Geographically blessed, it's inhabited by a population of diverse talents and interests, with groups and facilities to create a physically and mentally positive environment.

It is our opinion that we are faced with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something significant with the downtown, and that, of course, is the much-debated culvert situation.

A central green space has been significant in town planning through the ages, and here's our opportunity. Most of us blanch at the expenses incurred thus far on the project. However, revenues generated by likely incongruous buildings and an asphalted parking lot don't qualify as determinant reasons in our minds. Proponents of "ring roads," arts venues, libraries, etc., tend to face criticism, some of it harsh, for their decisions in the near term. It's subsequent generations who sing their praises, and admire their foresight.

Based on the recent appreciation in value of local housing, the significant number of new condominium, apartment and housing developments (a whole other topic?), the tax base appears secure.

We challenge elected officials to respect the history and assure the quality of the future when making their decisions.

Marilyn and Jim Davis
Uxbridge

I would like to give a big thank you

to two of our members of the Uxbridge Senior Citizen's Club. George and Marion Christensen were a huge reason that our club ran smoothly, and they participated in every project possible. Their contributions to our club and other community events will be forever appreciated.

I wish you good luck and good health in your next adventures. You will be greatly missed.

Glenys Yorke
Uxbridge

Thank you for your March 18 cover picture bringing awareness to the proposed six-storey apartment building submitted by Evendale Developments Ltd. on the corner of Herrema and Brock Streets.

Hopefully, citizens living close to this incompatible structure and residing anywhere in Uxbridge will now be aware of the proposed [by-law] amendment. I am sure I speak for many readers who would prefer a much smaller building. The current proposal is totally incongruous with the look of this community.

While we cannot stop the development, we can attempt to alter the height and retain some sort of acceptable by-law amendment.

Let's keep Uxbridge a "small town" - that is the reason many people moved here. I urge residents to contact the Township Office and voice their displeasure of this structure.

Susan and Paul Adams
Low Blvd., Uxbridge

I have always wanted to live in Uxbridge and have admired this beautiful town since 1981, when I first drove through on the way to my now wife's family cottage. I finally realized my dream last year in May when, during the pandemic, we bought a home in Barton Farms. I smile to myself still as I drive into

town past the "Welcome to Uxbridge" sign every evening after working in Markham all day, my former home town.

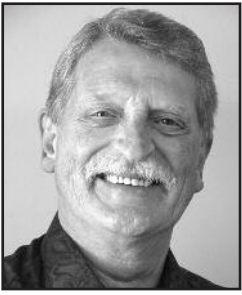
I used to love living in Markham, until the mayor and council began the business of building on what started to seem like any available space. Farmers' fields quickly disappeared, replaced by a sea of homes and townhomes, and eventually the condos came. The condos grew taller and taller until they renamed Warden Ave. and Hwy. 7 "Downtown Markham," forsaking the actual Markham Main Street in favour of towering steel and glass.

A trip from Ninth Line to Woodbine Ave. that used to take 20 minutes in the early years can now take up to an hour, depending on the gridlock of the hour on any given day.

The Markville Mall, once a great place to shop, turned into a shopping center one would find in Toronto's Yorkville rather than the little town of Markham. It now seems like Stouffville is going the way of Markham in an effort to become a big city, as evidenced by the condos on both sides of their main street and on the Ninth and Tenth lines. Progress, I guess, but sad to see just the same.

Last week I participated in the on-line info session held by Evendale Developments Ltd. Until a flyer was left on our doorstep, I had no idea a six storey condo was being proposed for the corner of Herrema and Brock Streets. Every morning I turn west onto Brock at that intersection, always looking east for traffic, of course, but also to take in the scenic farmland my neighborhood is privileged to border. I plan to participate in the public meeting with our local government on March 22, and I

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

'Off with his head!'

With temperatures rising to the mid-teens, clear blue skies and a welcome break from the high winds that have plagued us for a while now, Uxbridge residents were out in force on the weekend: walking, riding, gardening, anything just to enjoy the first real break from misery that we've had in a long time. It was akin to getting a vaccination for the soul.

I just hope that everyone behaved themselves because Monday rolled around and it was back to . . . I'm tempted to say reality, but one wonders what world the reality described below comes from. The only one I can think of is Lewis Carroll's *Wonderland* (from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*), where the Red Queen's only punishment for offenders was "off with his head!"

Uxbridge council, at its regular meeting, approved a change to the recently passed public nuisance by-law. It appears the original by-law failed to make note of the penalties that would be meted out to anyone running afoul of it by shouting on the street, flicking a cigarette butt onto the ground or loitering, just to name a few of the prohibited behaviours it covers. So, the by-law department came back with the necessary change.

And just what penalty does the by-law department think is reasonable for shouters, butt flickers and loiterers? How about a fine . . . up to a maximum of \$100,000!? That is not a typo: \$100,000.

Kristina Bergeron, chief by-law officer, said \$100,000 is the maximum fine allowed under the provincial Municipal Act and offered that "it is best practice in other municipalities."

Quite frankly, I become a little tired of our department heads frequently justifying things they do by telling us that it is what other municipalities do. Just because Oshawa has a by-law that prohibits anyone from climbing trees (yes, it really does), doesn't mean Uxbridge should follow suit. I'd have a little more respect for a few home-grown ideas, some original thinking.

Mayor Dave Barton defended the \$100,000 maximum by saying the township needed strong penalties to combat illegal grow-ops and other drug-related infractions. One problem with that excuse is that there are federal and provincial laws covering the ille-

gal cultivation of cannabis and other illicit drug dealing. Another problem is that there is not one single mention of cannabis, grow-ops or any drugs other than liquor in the entirety of the by-law.

The by-law's preamble notes that "the Municipal Act . . . shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate." In other words, the by-law department and Uxbridge council consider it entirely appropriate to threaten residents with fines up to \$100,000 for being a nuisance.

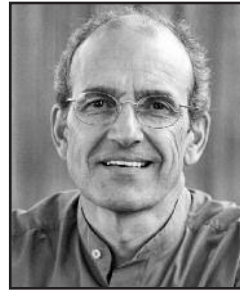
To put it in perspective, numerous people around the country have been fined for defying provincial health regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic, with some of the more blatant miscreants being hit with penalties as high as \$2,700. An Alberta pastor, who not only defied provincial regulations but also broke the conditions of his bail, has just been fined \$1,500. Those people put others at risk. What risk does loitering pose to warrant \$100,000?

Obviously, and as township staff and council members will quickly tell you, no one is going to be hit with a \$100,000 fine for spitting or making obscene hand gestures. If that is the case, why include that maximum in the by-law? By including such an asinine penalty in the wording, it holds both the by-law department and the township itself up to ridicule, rather like what I am doing with this column.

There was a time, back in the day, when one could be shipped off to Botany Bay for stealing a loaf of bread or hung for stealing a sheep. Eventually, of course, those in power recognized that not only did the penalties do nothing to stop hungry people from stealing, they were, in fact, just a mite excessive. One can only hope that our current councillors come to the realization - and that right quick - that they are not going to stop the littering, noise making or loitering even if they install the death penalty.

It seems to me that if council wants residents to act responsibly, they should set an example and quit passing such ridiculous by-laws and not attach ridiculous fines.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Getting priority jobs straight

It's one of those moments that's haunted me for years. It was a Second World War story about army medics preparing for the invasion of France in 1944. Just prior to D-Day, some U.S. Army medics apparently saw assault soldiers being issued a new piece of equipment. Incorporating two-inch-square steel plates, and sewn into a canvas vest, the device would apparently protect the wearer against shrapnel and some bullet penetration. Today, police officers call it "body-armour." At any rate, the story goes that a D-Day medic asked the officer handing these things out, "What's that?"

"Flak vest," the officer said.

"What about giving it to us medics?"

"They're for assault troops," the officer said.

"Besides, there'll be so many casualties, you can have your pick of vests from the dead."

Whether the story is true or not, I've been thinking about the ill-conceived logic of giving life-saving devices to armies of people, before giving them to some of those who need it most, the people on whom we depend for essential services every day. Of course, I'm referring to the current vaccine rollout. Shouldn't grocery cashiers, bank tellers, postal clerks, all PSWs (not just those personal support workers in long-term-care facilities), and ALL firefighters and police officers, for example, come before the average 60-year-old or 70-year-old who is not immunocompromised? And why are bus drivers and teachers so low on the priority ladder?

I think the federal and provincial governments have done a remarkable job getting vaccines to Indigenous communities quickly and efficiently. (If they could only use similar efficacy to deliver clean water, I'm sure that would ease a lot of minds among those living in remote locations across the North.) It seemed to me when both levels of government in Canada chose to assign military commanders the job of co-ordinating the vaccine rollout - Retired Gen. Rick Hillier and Maj.-Gen. Dany Fortin - that made a lot of sense. They're used to dealing with rapid deployment, large-scale logistical problem-solving and emergency decision-making. However, I don't understand why Ontario's CEO of vaccine rollout Gen. Hillier is leaving at the end of this month, just when vaccine rollout appears to need him most.

For the past few weeks, all we've heard is that the best vaccine is the first one that's offered. One of the major problems of the rollout, I think, is the communication. Everybody's supposed to apply for an appointment - initially

those 80 years old - online! Well, it doesn't take me to tell the authorities, not all 80-year-olds have either the hardware, the internet access, or the savvy to do that. Heck, many of us a lot younger will readily admit we don't have the savvy either. It seems to me that the province and municipality should try to use traditional means of communication. If you can't get the people to the jab, then get the jab to the people. Rotating pharmacy distribution at scattered locations across the province doesn't seem particularly comprehensive. If we can help seniors get to voting booths, PSWs into homes for care, or meals to shut-ins, certainly there must be tried-and-true means of getting needles and vaccine to patients.

For as long as this pandemic has chased us into our homes with self-isolation or lockdown, the Ontario government has repeatedly claimed its highest priority are the kids. That's all we've heard from the premier and education minister. "We've got to keep schools open! We've got to protect our most valuable." So then why can't the folks at Queen's Park see university, college, high-school and elementary school teachers on the list of those essential to meet that mandate? Does the Ford administration think they're all immune? If our children are our most valuable, it seems to me the province should be busting its tail to protect the adults instructing the students. Giving teachers higher priority on the vaccine timetable makes more sense.

My wife has suggested to me an even more appropriate model for dispensing vaccines than the body-armour one I offered at the beginning of today's column. We've all witnessed the travel scenario. You're sitting in your seat aboard a passenger jet (remember them?) And you receive the obligatory pre-flight instructions - read the safety-features card, note where emergency exits are located, buckle your seatbelt, how to find and put on your life jacket, and finally, how to deploy the oxygen masks.

"In the event of decompression, an oxygen mask will automatically appear in front of you. . . ." the commentary goes. But it concludes with, "If you're travelling with someone who requires assistance, secure your mask first, then help the other person."

Shouldn't front-liners in grocery stores, police stations, public transportation, as well as colleges, universities and schools get their shots now, so that they can keep their life-providing service flowing to us? If it works at 40,000 feet, it should probably work here on the ground.

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Six Uxbridge staff make Sunshine list

by Roger Varley

Six senior officers of the township of Uxbridge earned enough money in 2020 to be placed on the Ontario government's "Sunshine List." The list is published every year to show which members of the public service in the province earn more than \$100,000 a year.

Topping the list for Uxbridge is Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey, whose remuneration in 2020 was \$160,512. The second highest earner was treasurer Donna Condon, with a salary of \$141,496.

Public Works director Ben Kester, fire chief Phil Alexander, clerk Debbie Leroux and director of community services Amanda Ferraro all pulled in \$116,857.

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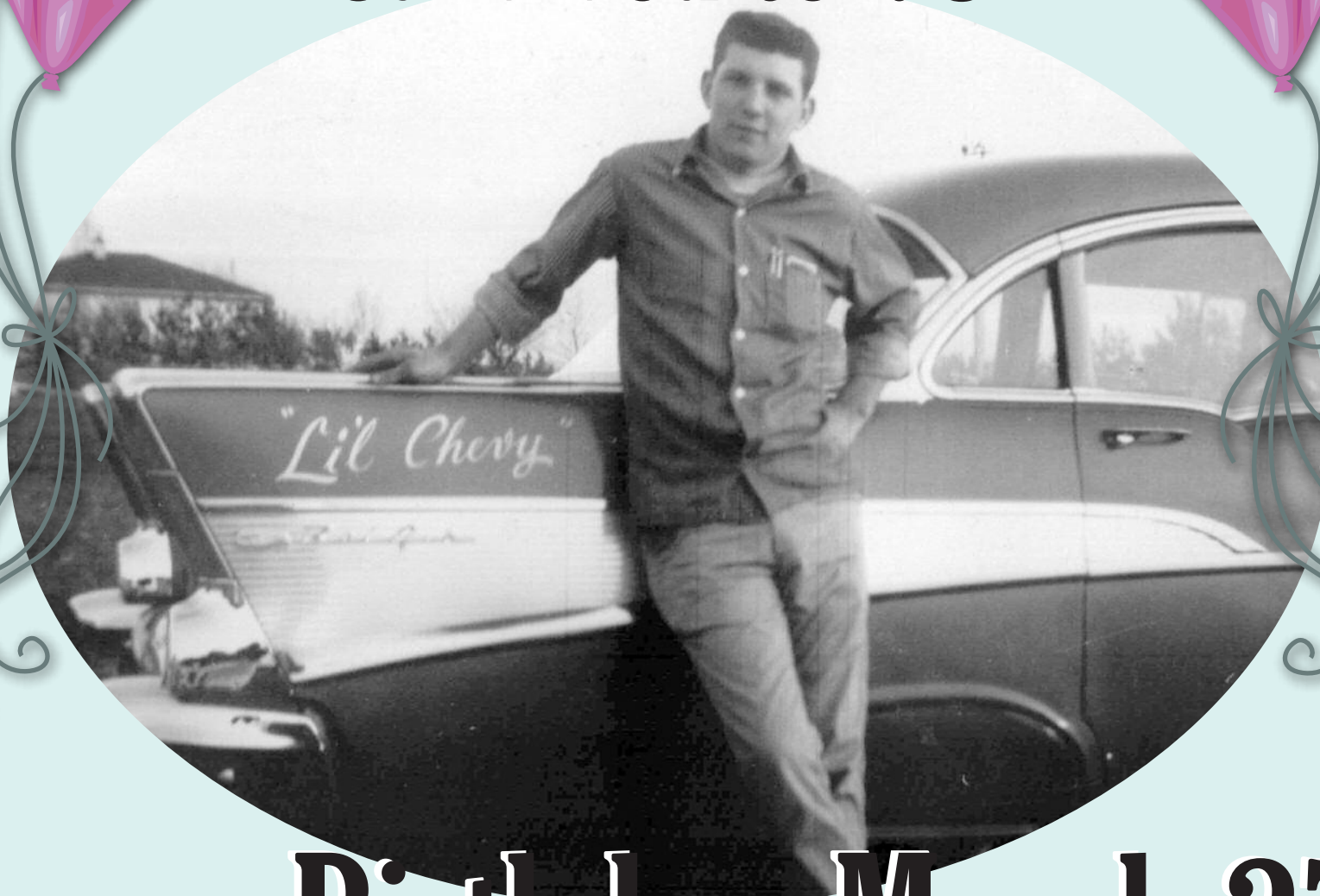
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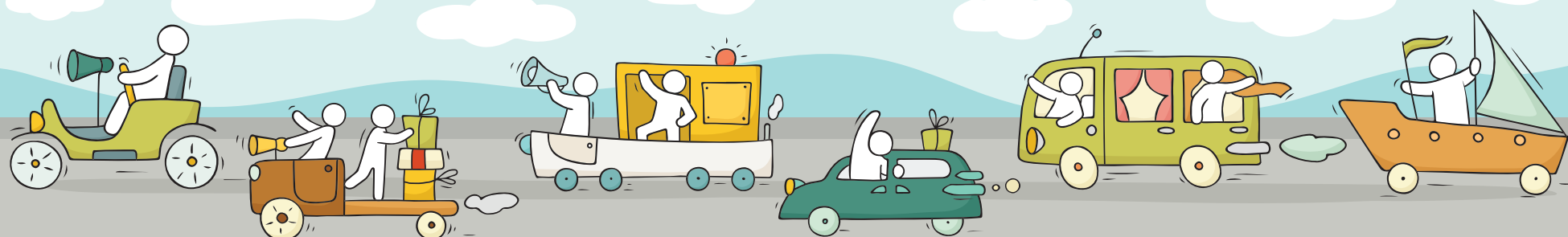
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Condos not welcome on Brock east corner

by Roger Varley

Every member of the public who spoke at a public meeting Monday night was opposed to a proposal by Evendale Developments Ltd., to build a six-storey condominium building at Brock Street and Herrema Boulevard. In addition to the verbal opposition, prior to the public meeting, the township received 17 letters from residents, all of which were also opposed to the project.

The statutory public meeting, chaired by Regional Councillor Gord Hight, who heads the planning committee, was the first step in Evendale's move to have Uxbridge's Official Plan amended to redesignate the property from "Residential Area" to "Residential Area Higher Density" and to allow a six-storey building, two floors higher than currently permitted. Evendale also wants the site of the proposed building to be rezoned to accommodate the change.

In an opening statement, Bryce Jordan, a consultant for Evendale, said the plan is to erect a six-storey, 86-unit condominium building to provide "affordable" housing for empty nesters and first-time home buyers. In answer to a question later in the proceedings, however, Evendale principal Blair Boston said it was too early to say how much the condo

units would sell for.

Jordan said the units would range from one bedroom to three bedrooms, with an average floor space of 980 square feet. He said underground and above-ground parking would allow for a total of 130 parking spaces, or 1.5 cars per apartment.

Jordan told the meeting that Uxbridge's Official Plan has a section that would allow the extra floors if certain criteria are met. Pointing out that Douglas Crossing in the south end of the town is higher than four storeys, he said that "more [multi-storey buildings] will happen over time. It makes sense to do more with less land."

Councillor Bruce Garrod noted he had communicated with some residents who are in favour of the project, but added that a "significant" number are "strongly opposed." He said traffic at the newly constructed intersection of Brock and Herrema is already busy and "this will just add to it."

Councillor Pam Beach was blunt in her assessment of the proposed building: "That's not the representation of Uxbridge I want to see coming into town."

Mayor Dave Barton and Councillor Willie Popp were both concerned

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Residents and councillors alike had many questions for the developer of a proposed six-storey condominium complex that, if rezoning applications are approved, could go up at the corner of Brock St. E. and Herrema Blvd.

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Unpopular condo, from page 8

about accessibility issues and wanted to know what measures were planned to make the building accessible. Jordan said he could not answer that. Popp responded that he found it "distressing" that no thought had been given to accessible parking or wheelchair access into bathrooms. Boston replied that Evendale is "considering the accessibility question."

Several residents spoke of the threat to the privacy of surrounding homes posed by a six-storey building, and expressed concerns over the fact that vehicle access to the building would be off Low Blvd. One resident pointed out that, as the plans are right now, the proposed building offers no open space, is not close to parks, community services or the commercial/retail sector and could pose flooding problems due to stormwater runoff.

Residents and Garrod were worried about the building cutting off sunlight to neighbouring proper-

ties but Jordan said there would be "little impact" from shadowing.

Sandy Ewen, a long-time Uxbridge resident and a former member of council, asked if the developer had considered low-density housing for the site. Jordan said the developer's intent is to provide for a range of housing. In answer to Ewen's question about the building blocking rural views, Jordan said "the height of the building has no real impact on blocking views."

"If you stand at street level, any building will block the view," he said.

Wynn Walters, in a letter sent to the mayor, the township clerk and the *Cosmos* after the meeting, said that he and a group of friends were initially generally supportive of high-density accommodation. However, he said he had changed his mind "after listening to the views of more than a dozen residents . . . and hearing the painfully weak answers from the developer." Walters said it became apparent that "this proposed development is designed less to satisfy a commu-

nity need than to maximize the profit of the developer."

Walters ended his letter with a dire warning.

"It is now my opinion that if council were to approve this proposal, there would be a backlash from the community, against the mayor and council, that would cause serious damage to their credibility and thus to their continuing effectiveness," he wrote.

At one point, there were more than 50 people taking part in the three-hour virtual meeting. A number of residents said the artist's renderings of the proposed building lacked any heritage characteristics and that it looked more like a hospital.

The developer's application will now proceed to the township planner, along with all documented and spoken comments. The planner will then make recommendations to Council.

Letters, from page 4

hope many others will as well, even if you live far from here, elsewhere in Uxbridge - please be concerned.

This condo building has no business being on the corner of Brock and Herrema! It doesn't suit the area, and if our Mayor Barton or any council members think it's ok, I suggest you take a drive to Markham and see how bending to developers will ruin what was once a great town.

John Egsgard
Uxbridge

Re: Our two cents, 'How slow can you go?', March 18

In my 50-plus years of driving in southern Ontario and Europe, and several years as an auto service advisor, I have observed several reasons

that cause the majority of automobile issues. The second issue is people driving too fast for the weather conditions in badly maintained vehicles. All season tires are truly only three season tires: they are not suitable for winter driving. And too many times I have seen people refuse serious repairs for their car or truck by declaring "I'm getting rid of it soon," or "I can't afford it now, I'll do it later," which of course they never do.

The first and more serious issue is not paying attention. Our cars and trucks are becoming rolling smartphones with all the distractions of going through several touchpad menus just to change the temperature for inside the car. Even a hands-free conversation can turn deadly in a moment. Our roads and highways were designed when cars were a lot less safe, with higher speed limits.

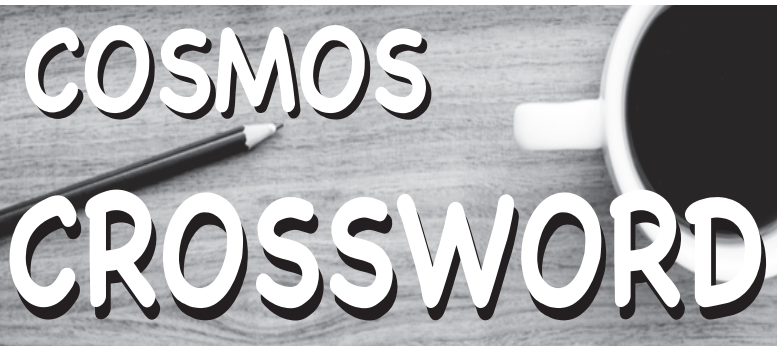
But with little distractions (and paying attention to the manual transmission) we got through the dangers of motoring.

David Bolender
Uxbridge

Re: Letters to the Editor, March 18

To blame our current MP Jennifer O'Connor for the low supply of available vaccine in Durham Region is inaccurate. The provincial government decides where the vaccine is distributed, and currently Toronto, Peel and York Regions have the highest cases of covid; therefore, the Ford government decided to provide the majority of doses to those three regions. O'Connor had no say as to how the distribution is decided.

Larry Emo
Uxbridge



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Across

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- 4. Place to dry out
- 9. Halloween Month, for short
- 12. Enclosure for return
- 13. Dispatch boat
- 14. Region of India
- 15. Retirement fund
- 16. Beat
- 17. Middle of the alphabet
- 18. Vision
- 20. Take a lunch ____
- 22. Snaky swimmers
- 24. Sticky stuff
- 25. Be mistaken
- 27. Creamy, for example
- 32. Mesh
- 33. Teacher's org. for short
- 34. Farm cry
- 35. Aerate
- 39. ____if it could (contraction)
- 40. Place to relax
- 41. Door sign
- 43. Hawaiian veranda
- 46. Ivan and Nicholas
- 49. Formerly
- 50. Baggy
- 54. Tattoo (sl.)
- 55. Hall and Oates, for example
- 56. Proprietor
- 57. Kind of deposit
- 58. "Omigod!"
- 59. Gather
- 60. Gym unit

Down

- 1. Egyptian fertility goddess
- 2. Eastern woman's clothing
- 3. Stingily
- 4. Making a clanking sound
- 5. Time before
- 6. Not her
- 7. Nile reptile
- 8. Yogi's pal (2 words)
- 9. Kind of arch
- 10. Robin Cook thriller
- 11. Undertaking
- 19. "____ Man"- cartoon character
- 21. Propel a boat
- 23. Plant with showy yellow flowers
- 24. Pottery finish
- 25. Id's associate
- 26. Dinosaur's last name
- 28. Floral necklace
- 29. Parrot
- 30. Drunkard
- 31. Coal bucket
- 36. Govt. property org.
- 37. Final words
- 38. ____al, from the outside
- 42. Exists
- 43. Put on board, as cargo
- 44. Fluish feeling
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- 53. Mermaid's home

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Former Co-op property taking a new shape

by Nancy Melcher

In 2017, there was great optimism that “The Hole” at the corner of Brock Street West and Victoria Drive would finally see construction and completion. The former Co-op site was to be the head office of First Leaside Securities Inc. *Cosmos* readers may remember that, in 2012, First Leaside suffered an ignominious demise amidst accusations of fraud. The former First Leaside property then became known around Uxbridge simply as “The Hole.”

Fast forward almost a decade, and there’s activity again at the 4 Victoria Drive site. Parts of the original concrete foundations were too badly deteriorated after years of exposure, so removal was necessary. New foundations were installed last autumn, including over 200 helical piles, and the new construction began. Helical piles are steel screw-in shafts that are wound into the ground much like screws into wood. Steel beams now pierce the skyline, raising curiosity about what will eventually grace this corner.

Brian Pigozzo, chief building officer for the township, said, “The zoning for the property is ‘general commercial,’ which includes offices, retail, commercial, clinics, eating establishments, etc. Although the zoning by-law notes a specific use, like a restaurant, it still may not be allowed because of parking and the design of the building.”

There are 59 parking spaces on this site but the development includes the additional parking to the west of the tracks.

Pigozzo added, “The original approval for developing this property dates back to approximately 2010. The building is being constructed in conjunction with the site to the west of the tracks. It will be a five-storey building that will be set back from the existing sidewalk between two to almost four metres.”

The main entrance to the building will be at the corner of Brock and Victoria. There is currently a sign on

the fencing that says, “Medical Office Coming Soon.”

The property owner is in discussion with the Township about the final exterior treatments and elevations. The drawings submitted with the development application show light coloured vertical panels broken up by windows and dark and light vertical features. This is a big improvement from “The Hole” and the construction fencing that has graced this corner for many years. It will be interesting to see what new businesses become established in this fresh new building.



An artistic rendering of the proposed building that is currently under construction at the corner of Brock St. W. and Victoria Dr. This building will occupy the space that has commonly become known throughout Uxbridge as “The Hole.”

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- Scouting & proactive plant monitoring
- Ensuring plant health
- Cleaning & disinfecting grow area, pots, tables, drains, walls, floors, tools etc.
- Maintenance and monitoring of systems
- Proactive plant monitoring
- Packaging and trimming

Qualifications:

- Cannabis or horticulture or agricultural experience
- High school diploma
- Versatile team player
- Work rotating shifts, weekends and holidays
- Operate office equipment
- Good verbal and written skills
- Capable of bending, lifting and being on your feet
- Use ladders and step stool
- Punctual
- Follow regulations and standard operating procedures

Please send resumes to:
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Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
to our amazing parents and best grandparents
Ken and Diane Jefferson

We love you so much!

Jeff, Linda, John, Lori, Linda, Rebekah, Ethan, Meghan, Kayla & Alexa

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.

April 3rd - HOLY SATURDAY - Prayer Vigil at 10am on Zoom (15-20 minutes)

April 4th - EASTER SUNDAY - 10am Service from the Sanctuary with special music and drama - on Zoom.

Contact the Church office for more details.

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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. 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.

Blessings to all. Love forever,
Jerry.

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Cozying up with a book has been one of the benefits over the past year. A blanket can define your reading place, making it warm and inviting, like a friend to share a good story with. With that in mind and thinking about ways to support St. Paul's Outreach programs, we

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Perspective with Brian Evans

What is really important in life?

Take a few moments to consider the actions of those in the world. Some run here and there, setting goals for holidays, bigger houses and fun toys. Some are busy making sure they are getting home on time with refreshments for the game. Some are preoccupied trying to plan for renovations or figuring out how they are going to get all the work done at home and the cottage this weekend. Some make commitments to their children to ensure they have more than when they were young. Not that any of these things are necessarily wrong, but what is important in life is pretty evident.

During this pandemic it's been nice to see families doing creative things together because, in most cases, there was nothing else to do! Maybe the family fun times together will be one of the things that re-shape the new normal when COVID life is over. Some have come to realize that the enjoyment once experienced by reaching for lofty and often expensive objectives can be replaced with impactful memories created through less costly fun times planned within their homes. It's heartwarming to watch on almost every nightly newscast the stories of families or young people who have found helpful ways to reach out to those around them who are in need. We are reminded that the home is a good place for families to learn together some of the significant and practical lessons of life. The family is one of the places where skills important to living productive and cooperative lives can be demonstrated. There is no better place than with your family to learn proper perspectives and important attitudes about money and to put them into practice.

The apostle Paul had a friend named Timothy who helped him so much in his work that Paul considered Timothy like a son. In one of his letters

to Timothy, Paul admonished him to remember that "the love of money was a root of evil things." He went on to say that the love of money actually distracted many from being motivated by what really matters in life. That is because the things that really matter in life do not have a connection to money. For example, things like love, joy, peace and friendship do not need money. They need personal commitments of truth, honesty, trust and respect.

There are a lot of books that can help to educate families about handling money and possessions. For millenniums, families have taught the next generations, through word and example, the best and most beneficial behaviours in handling financial and material possessions. There are many creative ways to help each family member establish good habits with money. It may be interesting to know that the Bible has over 2,300 references to this topic. The Author knew that money and material wealth would create quite a challenge to us all!

The next generations need to be prepared and taught to be good stewards of their resources. The lessons about financial responsibility, proper use of debt, the magic of saving and investing, understanding the concept of contentment and cooperation with others can be learned and best demonstrated at home. What about the important lesson that the purpose for money is not only for one's personal gratification but can provide for the needs of others too?

Money, if left unchecked, can become a master pushing a person to disregard and destroy relationships. Yet, by learning better attitudes about money, a person can be the master of it instead.

What is really important in life doesn't just happen on its own. It takes desire, determination and a bit of help at home.



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