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LOOKING FOR CLUES - Fingerprint powder covers an empty cash register, a battered cash box and the checkout counter at Chances Are, the Bascomb St. store operated by the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Auxiliary. Both levels of the popular thrift shop were broken into and robbed over the Easter long weekend. For more, see story below.

Photo by John Covers

Chances Are thrift store robbed on weekend

by Roger Varley

Chances Are, the thrift store run by the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Auxiliary on Bascomb Street, was hit by thieves over the Easter weekend.

Darryl Timms, vice-president of the auxiliary, said thieves gained access to the store by first disconnecting the hydro to disable the store's security system and then smashing the glass in the doors at both the upper level and the lower level. He said the thieves took the floats from the tills and then went into the office to cut the padlock on the safe and take the money that was inside. Timms said he could not give a precise account of the amount taken, but estimated it was in the neighbourhood of \$5,000.

On top of the cash stolen, Chances Are had to have the hydro reconnected and the glass replaced in the broken doors.

The robbery was discovered by two volunteers who came to the store at 7:30 a.m. Monday to help sort the weekend's donations of used clothing and other items. They called the police as soon as they saw the broken glass.

Const. Colin Granger of Durham Regional Police opined that the robbery was likely planned rather than a crime of opportunity. He said police have no leads at present and are asking the public to come forward with any information they might have.

Timms said Chances Are, which recently underwent renovations to turn it into a two-level store, has received "a huge amount of sympathy" as the community learned of the robbery. "A lot of people are in disbelief," he said.

He noted that Chances Are raises around \$250,000-\$300,000 a year for the hospital and even in 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic, it managed to raise \$110,000. He said the auxiliary has about 150 volunteers, mostly seniors,

working at various times at the hospital and another 118 working at Chances Are. He said the volunteers put in 37,500 man-hours in 2019.

Timms said there have already been offers of help, including an upgrade to the store's security system. Mayor Dave Barton said his family will be making a donation to the hospital foundation "so our Chances Are volunteers know we have their backs" and encouraged residents to do the same.

"People who steal from a charity make me ill," he wrote on Facebook. Others on local Facebook groups have also expressed their intention to support Chances Are with donations. Donations can be made through canadahelps.org on a page dedicated to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Foundation.

The store remained closed on Tuesday, but was scheduled to re-open yesterday (Wednesday).

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Meeting Schedule for April 2021

Monday, April 12
NO MEETING – REVISED MARCH
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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.

Closures

The following closures are now in effect for the duration of April:

- Although the Township Municipal Office is closed, water samples may continue to be dropped off – please ring bell for assistance.
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If you did not receive your 2021 Interim Tax Bill, please call the Tax Department at 905-852-9181.

Township of Uxbridge Update

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Seniors' program comes to an end

by Roger Varley

After eight weeks, Uxbridge's version of Seniors Centre Without Walls has come to an end. The final session, held last Wednesday, featured five-minute mysteries.

The program, made possible through a provincial grant, allowed participating seniors to either phone in or log into a Zoom call with their computers to take part in a variety of fun activities, including games such as Scattergories, trivia, five-minute mysteries and Would You Rather.

Aquatics manager Carolyn Clementson, who led the program, said about 20 people registered for the program, with about 10 regulars showing up for each session. Clementson said the program content was organized by Hunter Jarvis, acting recreation manager, and Alana Field, a college student.

Despite the seemingly low numbers, Clementson said feedback to the program was all positive.

Now that the program has ended, a new version of Communi-TEA is scheduled to begin on April 12 and end in June. In the original version, which was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic, seniors gathered for tea and munchies at the seniors' centre for a series of talks on a variety of topics. The number of people attending far exceeded the organizers' expectations. The new version will follow the format of Seniors Centre Without Walls, with participants either calling in or logging in on their computers. Each session will feature a different topic, guest speaker and activity. Like the first Communi-TEA program, this version is also made possible through a provincial government grant.



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Our two cents

Why DID they do it?

When we first learned of the news that the local thrift store Chances Are had been broken into and robbed (see story, page 1), our initial reaction was shock and disgust - who in their right mind could deliberately vandalize and steal from a store whose sole purpose is to raise funds that go directly to help our community hospital? No one is making money off this popular little (actually, not so little anymore, thanks to the second floor!) gently-used-items shop. A heap of volunteers selflessly sort, stock and staff Chances Are, and it certainly isn't prohibitively expensive. How dare that thug/those thugs?

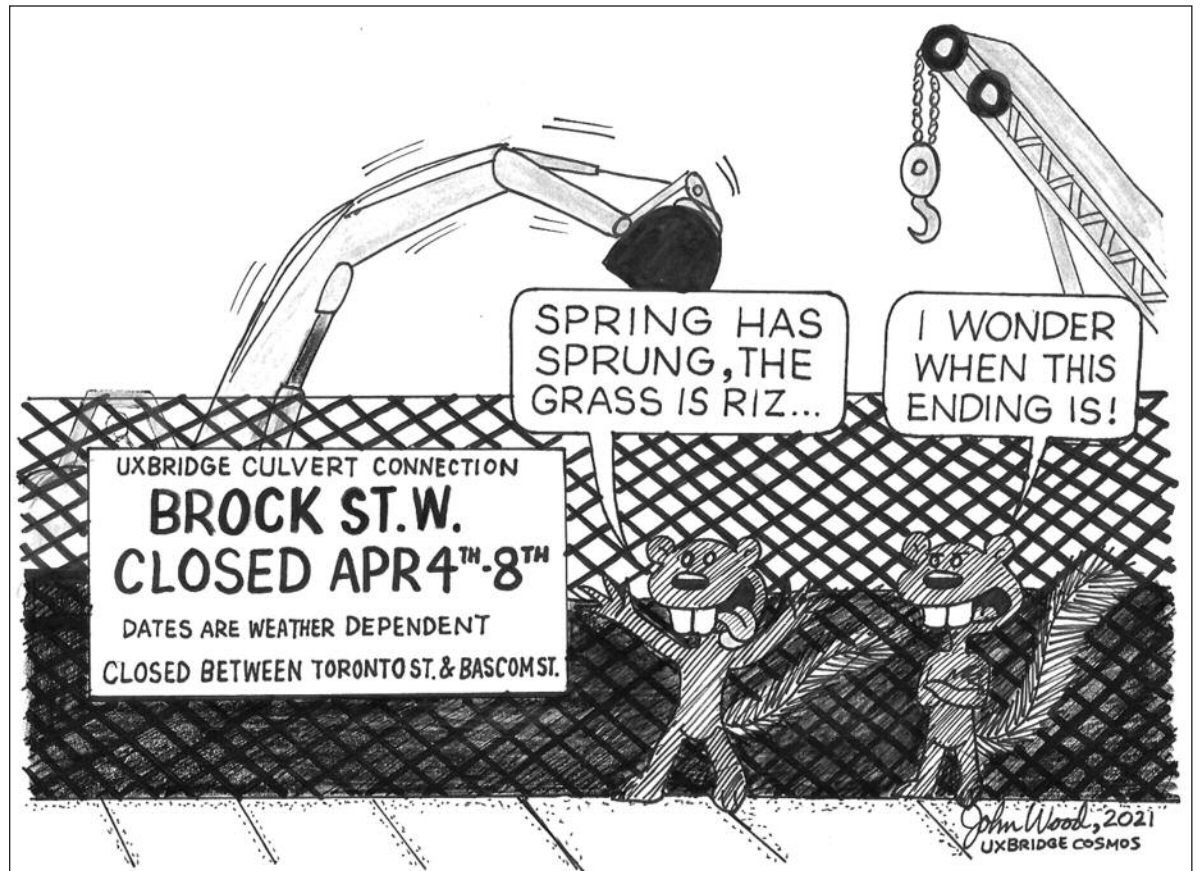
Our photographer, John Cavers, had just been over at the store taking pictures for the paper, and he reflected that perhaps the robbery had been an act of desperation. Perhaps whoever had done this has been severely and adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and maybe their mental state was so precarious that they felt their only option was to steal from someplace that likely lacked solid security.

We resisted John's suggestion at first, but we couldn't shake it. These are exceptional times, and not everyone is dealing with the situation the same way we are. Is the Chances Are robbery a case of someone needing money so badly and, finding no other resources available, turning to crime? Or is it a case of some hooligans, much like the ones who likely smashed windows at the Body Fit Health Club on Reach St. a few weeks ago? Bored out of their minds because, thank you pandemic, there is little else to keep their tiny brains amused.

We'd like to think that, especially right now, we're supporting and helping one another, but maybe we're not doing a good enough job. But there are some troubled souls running about out there, and it's not a stretch to assume that societal lockdown is playing a role in the violent actions some people are taking. As family, friends and neighbours who perhaps aren't suffering quite as badly, we might want to try and step up our game, be a little more aware of who in our tiny bubble might be "crossing over to the dark side" (to borrow from *Star Wars*) and try to distract them from doing something really stupid.

We are all, to varying extent, suffering right now. If you feel like you need help, please reach out, whether it's to someone you trust, or to one of the many resources we have in town and in the region. There is no shame in asking for help. We all need it every now and again.

And to those who robbed from Chances Are - the word of the day is *karma*. You may someday need the very service from which you stole...



Letters to the Editor

I would like to thank everyone for participating in the [recent Teen Burger] fundraiser. I would like you to know that we managed to sell 266 Teen Burgers, 20 double Teen Burgers, one Beyond Meat Teen Burger and one Beyond Meat double Teen Burger.

I would like to claim this event as the most successful one A&W Uxbridge has done since we have taken over.

In total, we managed to raise exactly \$576 from our guests. But, we will be matching the total amount of money raised, which makes the total to a whopping \$1,152. We have never been able to raise such a huge amount of money and I am excited to share this wonderful news with

you.

The community did come together and helped us raise so much money for the Uxbridge Hospital. I would like to thank you and our wonderful community which helped us raise such a big amount of money.

Looking forward to more such events. A&W will always stand by this beautiful community!

Sachin Sapra
Owner/Operator
A&W Restaurant
Uxbridge

We are well into the third wave of the coronavirus pandemic in Ontario and it may well be the worst yet. Hospital ICUs are becoming overcrowded, medical staff and systems

have been stressed for over a year, to the point of near collapse. People seem baffled by our failure to stop the spread of the virus and many blame medical authorities and government. Yet one can see, every hour of every day, people walking right passed hand sanitizing stations at the entrances to stores without bothering to use them. Inside the store, very few people appear to be giving any thought to the 2-meter distancing recommendations or directional arrows in the aisles. So the question we need to ask ourselves is: if the hand sanitizer is not put there for my use, who is it meant for? And on what basis have we decided the 2-meter distancing rule and traffic flow are no longer applicable?

After more than a year of practice, if we can't manage these little things, I dare say there is not much government or doctors can do.

David Richardson
Uxbridge

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Some radical thoughts on development

I'm probably out of my depth on the subject of development, but that's never stopped me from offering an opinion in the past and today will be no different.

I drove along Reach Street on Sunday and saw, for the first time, what is being done on the development site across the road from Foxbridge golf course. I found it heartbreaking. Stacks and stacks of cut lumber and a huge pile of what appeared to be sawdust from all the trees that have been taken down. The houses along Village Green Lane in the Coral Creek development now are clearly visible from Reach Street. I have been told that many homeowners on Village Green Lane are, understandably, upset.

On the same trip, I also noticed the property at 62 Mill Street, the site of another proposed development, is once again up for sale. This property has flipped owners several times since the now-defunct First Leaside owned it. The property on Reach Street has also flipped owners a few times since the original development proposal was made, as has the property now being developed at Brock Street East and Herrema Boulevard.

This appears to be a recurring pattern. Someone comes in with a proposal to rezone a parcel of land to allow development and, once the rezoning is approved, immediately sells it. And why not? After all, with the rezoning, the land suddenly increases in value. Instant profit. Then, owner after owner, a few revisions are made to the proposal and the land is flipped for more profit. The end result? When houses or whatever are finally constructed, the price of those homes are severely inflated to make sure the developer makes his profit. And who eventually pays for all of these profits? The homebuyer.

The average price of a home in Ontario in February was close to \$850,000, up by about 25 per cent from a year earlier. Apart from a few corporate CEOs, can you tell me of anyone whose salary has increased by 25 per cent in the last year?

On average, Canadians owe about \$1.17 for every dollar they earn. How is that sustainable? How long will people be able to afford to buy homes at inflated prices? It seems to me that a curb could be put on those increases if municipalities ruled that once land rezoned for development is sold by the original applicant, it reverts back to its original zoning.

This, I think, would put a crimp in the speculation that I believe is partially responsible for driving housing prices sky-high. Of course, municipalities do not have that power and the provincial government is unlikely to do anything about it because developers donate stacks of money to the political parties.

And it's the provincial government - namely Dalton McGuinty's government - that is responsible for what's happening on Reach, Brock and Mill Streets. It was McGuinty's government that came up with the edict that municipalities must practice "in-filling." That is, start filling up those empty spaces in a town with homes or condos. But, as we have seen right here in Uxbridge, when developers get hold of these empty spaces, they cram in as many units as possible to increase their profits.

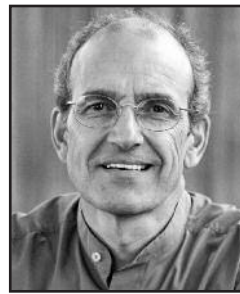
What's wrong with a few empty lots, anyway? They help to break up the tedium of house after house after house, they become small pockets of breathable space.

To my way of thinking, the development currently under construction at the south end of Cemetery Road blends in quite well with its surroundings. It does not overpower the area and does not overpower the existing homes on the road. On the other hand, the six-storey apartment building proposed for Brock and Herrema will sit on a parcel of land where one is hard-pressed to imagine even a single family home with a decent backyard. It will dominate and loom over not only the immediate neighbourhood but, essentially, the whole of the eastern urban area.

A visit to an Ontario government website revealed that the government is concerned about a "housing crisis" in Ontario. Among the remedies proposed are loosening the "red tape" of the approval process and even taking planning matters away from municipalities and handing them to Local Planning Appeal Tribunals (LPAT). If that comes to pass, it will be Christmas Day every day for developers.

One last thought: with all these developments going ahead, just when does Uxbridge run out of sewage capacity and when it does, can we expect to see a new sewage plant built in Uxbridge? And if that comes to pass, what happens then? Higher property taxes for all and more development.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Deal with the 'vaccine deserts'!

Earlier this week, a delivery van pulled up at my neighbour's house. The driver hopped out of his vehicle. He was fully masked and went to the door, kept his distance, and ensured that the package was delivered into the right hands. He then photographed the street address of his delivery and was walking back to his van when we exchanged greetings.

"Pardon me for asking, but have you received a COVID-19 vaccination yet?"

"I don't mind," he said, "but no, not yet."

"I'll bet you do dozens of deliveries a day and run the risk of either being infected or infecting others," I suggested. "Don't you think you should've had a shot by now?"

"Of course, but the company hasn't made it a priority."

He went on to blame the federal government. And I suggested he might consider pointing the finger at those who *really* make decisions about if, how and when he gets the vaccine - his employer and the Provincial Conservative government. He said that he and his co-workers had expressed their fears. But they were simply told to be patient. He looked at his watch, apologized for having to break off our conversation, and as he climbed back into his van, he said, "Thanks for your concern. Have a nice day."

"Stay safe," I said, but I feared my concern offered little comfort. The man looked to be in his 40s, probably a principal breadwinner for his household (or family), working 9-to-5 (and likely more because he was on the road all the time). The man was also African Canadian, so I guessed he lived in the city or one of Durham's more diverse communities, possibly a higher risk location, which experts say the Ministry of Health is missing in its age-based delivery of the vaccines.

Am I making this up? According to members of the science and modelling departments at the University of Toronto's Dala Lana School of Public Health, Ontarians who live in high-risk neighbourhoods around the GTHA are *not* getting vaccinated at the same rates as those in lower-risk areas. The data published in the *Toronto Star*, last Saturday, say about half those age 80 in locations with the highest infection risk have received the vaccine. But only about one-fifth of those 60 to 64 in high-risk areas have been vaccinated. Overall, the data show only eight per cent of all people in the highest risk neighbourhoods have received a shot. One of the public health modellers called those high-risk places "vaccine deserts."

My sense is that the delivery man I spoke to

the other day is the tip of an iceberg of neglect. All I hear Ministry officials worrying about are patios, restaurants, hair and nail salons. And, so help me, they seem mesmerized by the need to keep malls and big box stores open at any cost. And certainly those who serve the public over dining tables, in barber and manicure chairs and at malls and box stores deserve compensation for forced closings, sick-day pay, and a higher priority in the vaccine rollout than people such as myself - in my 70s and working from home.

But am I the only one recognizing that the greatest COVID-infection locations - so called "hot spots" - are workplaces where large groups of lower-paid essential service employees are working? On Tuesday, Toronto Public Health reported that food processing plants, offices, warehouses, shipping and distribution centres and construction sites have generated 378 outbreaks as of March 30, 2021. Further, they reported that those plants are responsible for nearly 70 per cent of all workplace outbreaks, as opposed to 19 per cent of infections at bars, restaurants, retail and grocery stores!

And speaking of large-scale operations, why did it take until mid-third-wave of the pandemic to close Ontario schools? The premier and the education minister insist the schools stay open for the kids' mental health and their continued learning. Fine. So, why not vaccinate the most vulnerable attending to their learning and mental health - Ontario teachers? The Ford administration should have determined - a long time ago - vaccine priority by postal code, not birth certificate, from long-term care homes, to workplaces with large staffs attending our daily needs, to the incubator of our most precious commodity - Ontario schools!

I take some heart in the provincial government's decision to appoint Dr. Homer Tien, the president and CEO of Ornge, to chair Ontario's COVID-19 distribution task force. I think Dr. Tien is a highly appropriate choice. But I understand that he would stay in his current position while working part-time on the vaccine rollout. With all due respect to the doctor and his credentials, the vaccine rollout is not a part-time problem. Why should it have a part-time administrator?

But then, maybe that's the mindset of the Ford government: a part-time solution for a full-time pandemic.

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by Justyne Edgell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Uxbridge has a new chiropractor in town who specializes in women’s health.

Dr. Sophia Ferguson was born and raised in Uxbridge. After attending school here, she went off to Western University for an undergraduate degree in kinesiology, then went on to New York Chiropractic College for her Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

“While I was at Western, I shadowed a chiropractor who specializes in pregnant women and babies,” says Ferguson. “I fell in love with what she did and knew it was exactly what I wanted to do.”

From then on, Ferguson says she was dedicated to learning all about women’s health with a goal of filling the gap she observed in women’s care.

“I quickly realized that people get more rehab for a sprained ankle than they do for having a C-section,” says Ferguson. “Many women don’t have a proper postpartum assessment and aren’t taught how to rehabilitate their

bodies after having a baby, or how to safely return to exercising and doing the things they love.”



Dr. Sophia Ferguson recently opened a chiropractic practice that specializes in women’s health. Submitted photo

With prenatal chiropractic care, Ferguson says she can help her patients with hip, joint, pelvis and lower back issues that are linked to the changes in a woman’s biomechanics as her uterus grows.

“Chiropractic care throughout pregnancy can relieve and even prevent the common discomforts experienced in pregnancy, help baby to be in an optimal position for birth, and enhance postpartum recovery,” claims Ferguson.

She is also passionate about paediatric care, seeing patients for difficulties breastfeeding, inconsolable crying, difficulty sleeping and irregular bowel movements. She notes that some newborn babies may have experienced a difficult birth, but with chiropractic care, she says she can greatly improve their quality of life.

Ferguson is also passionate about sports and training, and enjoys helping other women with their technique for exercises like squatting, benching and deadlifting. Because of this, she also likes incorporating exercise and strength training into her practice and rehabilitation.

Ferguson currently practices out of Uxbridge Osteopathy and is accepting new patients.

“Although my speciality is women’s health and pediatrics, everyone is welcome. I work with many other professionals in the community to make sure our clients receive the best care possible.”

Booking can be made online at uxbridgeosteopathy.ca or by calling 289-846-8022. Find Dr. Ferguson on social media at [@dr.sophiaferguson](https://www.instagram.com/dr.sophiaferguson) or barbellsbumpsandbabes.com

Focus on Finance with Tammy Scuralli, Edward Jones

How can you meet your short-term goals? Why do you invest? If you’re like most people, you’d probably say that, among other things, you want to retire comfortably. Obviously, that’s a worthy long-term goal that requires long-term investing. But as you journey through life, you’ll also have short-term goals, such as buying a house, car or saving for a wedding. How should you invest differently for long-term and short-term goals?

Let’s first look at how you might invest to achieve long-term goals. For these, the key investment ingredient is growth – quite simply, you want your money to grow as much as possible over time. Consequently, it is probably appropriate for a good percentage of your portfolio to be invested in what have traditionally been growth-oriented vehicles such as stocks and stock-based investments to fund your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or other investment accounts.

The flip side of growth is risk. Stocks and stock-based investments fluctuate in value. The strategy is that by putting time on your side – by holding your growth-oriented investments for years (or even decades) – you hope to overcome the inevitable short-term price drops.

In short, when investing for long-term goals, you’re seeking significant growth and, in doing so, you’ll have

to accept some degree of investment risk. But when you’re after short-term goals, the formula is somewhat different: You’re not seeking maximum growth potential as much as you want to be reasonably confident that a certain amount of money will be there for you at a certain time.

You may want to work with a financial professional to select the appropriate investments for your short-term goals. In general, you’ll want these investments to provide you with the following attributes:

Protection of principal: When you own stocks, you have no assurance that your principal will be preserved; there’s no agency, no government office, guaranteeing that you won’t lose money. And even some of the investments best suited for short-term goals won’t come with full guarantees. However, by and large, most short-term investments offer a certain amount of confidence that the principal will remain intact (generally, the risk is lower, but so is the return).

Liquidity: Some short-term investments have specific terms – i.e., two years, three years, five years, etc. – meaning you have an incentive to hold these investments until they mature. If you cash out early, you might pay some price, such as loss of value or loss of the income produced by these investments. Nonetheless, these types of investments are usually not difficult to sell before they mature or at maturity, and this liquidity can be helpful when you need the money to meet a short-term goal.

Stability of issuer: Although most investments suitable for short-term goals do provide a high degree of preservation of principal, some of the issuers of these investments are stronger and more stable than others – and these strong and stable issuers are the ones you should stick with.

Ultimately, most of your investment efforts will probably go toward long-term goals. But short-term goals are still important – and the right investment strategy can help you work toward them.

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DOODCHENKO, Joan Claire

Surrounded by her family at Douglas Crossing on April 3, 2021, following a 2-year battle with brain cancer. Joan was pre-deceased by her husband & soulmate Leo (Nov. 2020) and by son Michael (2007). She will be dearly missed by son Steve (Donna), daughter Kathy (Nelson), and daughter-in-law, Sherry. Joan was the incredibly proud grandma of Taylor (Keesha), Cameron (Nicole), Kayley and Amanda.



For more than 40 years, Joan was a familiar face behind the desks of doctors’ offices throughout Uxbridge. She was the charter president and a life member of the Kinette Club of Uxbridge and a devoted member of St. Paul’s Anglican Church for over 66 years. One of Joan’s proudest moments was being awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto at St. James Cathedral in 2019.

Joan will be greatly missed by her extended family, including Lorne Silvester, Doneen Silvester, Ken Silvester, Kim & Mike Heathcote, Debbie Silvester, John Dyczkowski, “grandkids” Ryan Davies and Myrna & Justin Amyotte, as well as dear friends John & Candy Davies, Judy Fountain and Len & Lynn Skidmore.

Special thanks to the Douglas Crossing family for their exceptional care and kindness throughout Joan’s journey, to Rev. Mark Kinghan for his support, and especially to Dr. Jennifer Wilson for her compassion and guidance. The family is very grateful to all.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, St. Paul’s Anglican Church (Uxbridge) or a charity important to you would be appreciated.

A Celebration of Life will be held for both Joan and Leo when the threat of COVID-19 has passed and it is safe for family and friends to gather together again. 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).



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The Nature Nut

column by Nancy Melcher

Small but mighty amphibians

They are a more reliable harbinger of spring than a robin. Fully grown, one could sit on a loonie coin. They have a dark X on their back, and sticky toe pads. Their skin colour varies from tan to grey. They only

weigh about three grams, the same as a hummingbird or a penny! They live for three to four years. Their breeding call, a single, loud, high-pitched “peep,” can be heard over a kilometre away. Have you guessed

what “they” are? Spring peepers! These tiny amphibians are a species of treefrog and are found throughout our area. They spend much of their life hanging out in leaf litter and on low branches of moist upland forests. In winter they hibernate under logs and loose sections of bark. Once the snow has melted, they emerge from hibernation ready to mate! They breed in small ponds, almost anywhere there is shallow water. Eggs are laid under aquatic vegetation, in small clumps or as single eggs. The tadpoles hatch one to two weeks later, and feed on algae and other mi-

croorganisms in the pond. It takes two to three months for them to reach maturity. With metamorphosis complete, they leave the pond and live in the nearby woods. These juveniles could fit on a dime! Adult spring peepers are primarily nocturnal hunters, and eat beetles, ants, flies and spiders. Of course, they’re also food themselves. Tadpoles may be eaten by diving beetles, leeches and dragonfly larvae, while snakes, skunks and larger frogs will prey upon adults. Although spring peepers are numerous in a variety of habitats, they need

woodland ponds to breed. Habitat destruction as well as pollution from road salt runoff and herbicides can lead to mortality and deformities. Traffic on roadways also takes its toll. In one study, over 75 per cent of the animals observed were road-killed. Now, while the weather warms, take an evening stroll past your neighbourhood pond and listen for sounds like sleighbells. It’s not Santa – it’s the tiny but mighty spring peeper! *Nancy Melcher is The Nature Nut. Send details of your sightings or questions about the natural world to: general@melcher.cx*

MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of the March monthly draw for the 2021 Trip of the Month Club

The ‘Furry Friends’ trip was won by Anastasia Takeda, ticket #028, sold by Ian Morrison.

2nd place, \$150, won by Joanna Thornton, ticket #303, sold by Cyndie Jacobs.

3rd place, \$100, won by Carol Wilson, ticket #327, sold by Ken Hendry.

Congratulations to our March draw winners, and best of luck to all our ticket holders for the 2021 Trip of the Month Club draw for April - ‘Jetting to Jamaica’! This package includes: round trip airfare, non-stop direct to Montego Bay, Jamaica, for two with airport transfers, 7 nights accommodation at the 5-star Ocean Springs Rose Hall Resort and Spa, all meals, drinks and snacks, all daily activities and nightly entertainment, all non-motorized water sports and all gratuities.

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Angela was the proud founder and event director for the Uxbridge Christmas Home Tour donating over \$160,000 to local charities. The Rotary Club now manages this successful event for the community. Maureen is the co-founder and sponsor of The Uxbridge Parkinson’s Support Group. “Community is important to us; we continue to support numerous charities within the Uxbridge area.”

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